

National Pet Day Celebrated at IVRI

National pet day was celebrated with full fervor and enthusiasm at ICAR- Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar, Bareilly, U.P. The event focused on improvement of welfare of our furry friends and transforming pet to a companion. In this regard, UG and PG students of IVRI participated in a competitive talk on “Role of Companion animals in modern life”. A total of 17 participants took part in the event which was attended by a full-house students and faculty. All the talks were informative, well structured, emotional and inspiring that captured the audience spell-bound. Various speakers highlighted the important role played by our furry companion. Their role as a family member is not limited only to joy and pleasure , but also augment our health and welfare. In the fast-paced modern life, people often lead a lonely life that leads to depression and adversely affect our mental health. A strong mind is the pre-requisite for a healthier life. In this connection, our companion animals provide us company full of joy, pleasure and positive energy that aid us maintain a better life with robust health. In addition, our companion animals also act as a guide and therapist to elderly and sick persons. Three best entries were adjudged as follows:

Shreya Sunil Kumar, III Year B.V.Sc& AH: Joint first

Divanshi Saini, II Year B.V.Sc&A.H, Joint first

Wilson Boro, , II Year B.V.Sc&A.H., Second Prize

Dr. Asit Das, Convener of the event argued that considering the role played by our furry companion in leading a healthy life it is our duty to take good care of them. It is a concern that number of homeless or kennel housed dogs are ever increasing. It is our responsibility to give them a chance to live a good family life. We should adopt such dogs and cats which will be a win-win for the human and his companion.

Dr. S.K. Saha the Students Welfare Officer (Boys) chaired the event. He emphasized that we should provide good nutrition, hygienic and comfortable living space, proper vaccination and healthcare and above all compassion and care to our furry companions.

Dr Anju Kala, Scientist, Animal Nutrition Division emphasized that companion animals not only have physical requirements in terms of food, shelter and healthcare, but also have emotional needs. The pet parents should take care of their emotional needs in addition to provision of physical requirements. A nature walk with the companion is benefitting not only the pet parent but also the furry companion. She urged students to carry the message of “do not shop, adopt..” to more and more pet lovers and potential pet parents.

Dr. Suman Talukdar, Scientist LPT stressed the need of public awareness regarding the positive role played by the companion animals in leading a healthy life. In this regard Students can play a big role by canvassing the positive role of our companion animals. Further the young brigade can spread the

message of “Compassion and care” to companion animals. This would come big way in improving the quality of life of our furry companions.

Finally, Dr Asit Das thanked Dr. Triveni Dutt, the Director ICAR-IVRI for providing encouragement and necessary facilities for conducting the event. Special thanks were also rendered to Dr. Rupasi Tiwari , Joint director (Extension Education)for conceptualizing, encouraging and guiding the event.







