

## Dept News & Updates! 10/27/2017

### NEWS & EVENTS

- The Aggie Livestock Judging Team competed last Saturday at the Big Fresno Fair Collegiate Judging contest held at CSU, Fresno. The team was recognized as high team in questions and 2<sup>nd</sup> high team overall. Alia Ames was high individual in swine judging and 5<sup>th</sup> overall, Jackson Sawyer was 5<sup>th</sup> high individual in swine and questions, and Bailey Cain was 3<sup>rd</sup> high individual in questions.



- Pedro Martinez (ANS), Bailey Cain (ANS), Megan Canel (ANS), Margaret Wolfe (ANS), Alia Ames (ANM), and Jackson Sawyer (ANS) at CSU, Fresno -

### RESEARCH

- Mary Bonaparte-Saller and Joy Mench published "Assessing the Dyadic Social Relationships of Female African (*Loxodonta africana*) and Asian (*Elephas maximus*) Zoo Elephants using Proximity, Tactile Contact, and Keeper Surveys" in Applied Animal Behaviour Science.
- Dietmar Kueltz and colleagues published "Skeletal stiffening in an amphibious fish out of water is a response to increased body weight" in the Journal of Experimental Biology.  
(<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/29046415>)

### OUTREACH & TRAVEL

- Joy Mench gave an invited "Hot Topics" talk, on measuring laying hen welfare, at the Annual Meeting of the United Egg Producers in Nashville, Tennessee.
- Alison Van Eenennaam presented on "Proposed Regulation of Gene Edited Animals in the US" at the Netherlands Commission on Genetic Modification (COGEM) in Rotterdam, and gave two presentations at the 2017 American Embryo Transfer Association (AETA) and Canadian Embryo Transfer Association (CETA/ACTE) Joint Convention in Orlando, FL. She also gave a lecture to a freshman writing seminar called "Science & Society: Stories of (Agri)Culture" at Cornell University, and attended a screening of Food Evolution in Ithaca, NY.
- Francine Bradley recently taught Game Fowl Health Assurance Continuing Education classes in Tulare and Ripon. She also taught a Poultry Health Inspector Training Class in Merced.
- Frank Mitloehner presented sustainability talks at the Western United Dairymen "dairy leaders program" in Modesto and also at the California ARPAS meeting in Coalinga.