

UK Equine Program cont.



Supplies loaded in the back of Dr. Wahrmund's truck
photo courtesy Dr. Jackie Wahrmund

Our Animal Science and Equine Science laboratory is used for various different classes, including Animal Science 101 and Equine Anatomy. Many sessions conduct "wet labs," where students are able to participate in dissections. The lab room is filled with gloves, masks, and lab coats--all items that six months ago we would never have guessed could be saving lives today.

Last week, Dr. Wahrmund made the drive to campus, packed up her truck with this assortment of Personal Protective Equipment, and took it all to be donated to UK's hospital system.

"As soon as things started to get serious and we saw people on television wearing masks, I thought in the back of my head of how we have all this equipment here and people may need it soon," said Wahrmund. "But as soon as classes started happening from home, it was hard for me to find time to get to campus."

She continued, "I watch Governor Beshear every night at five like so many other Kentuckians. One night he said, 'what we really need right now is gloves,' so I made the trip the next day."

Once she got to campus, Wahrmund took inventory of the lab's supplies. She packed up 487 disposable lab coats, 250 masks, 66 boxes of gloves (6,600 gloves total), and dozens of packages of Clorox wipes.

"I worked with our Department Chair to find a contact at the UK Medical Center," Wahrmund said. "I ended up dropping the supplies off at their medical supply warehouse, and they were glad to see me."

Anne Meredith Wilferth, also a senior in the equine program, has been a teaching assistant under Dr. Wahrmund for two semesters, working in the lab on a weekly basis.

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