The Veterinary Medicine Library (VML) supports research, education, and clinical care everywhere North Carolina State University faculty and students go. This includes the NCSU Veterinary Health Complex, the Equine Health Center at Southern Pines, the North Carolina Zoological Park in Asheboro, and the Center for Marine Sciences & Technology in Morehead City. While we have an outstanding collection of electronic and print book and journals and media items covering veterinary medicine, human medicine, public health, toxicology, zoology, and animal welfare, there are many areas that would blossom with dedicated support.

One example is the **Bijou Reference Collection** developed with faculty through the generous support of a donor whose horse was cared for in the Equine and Farm Animal Veterinary Center where the collection is located. The Bijou collection combines more than 30 online and 50 print equine and large animal medical and surgical texts. In the first 10 months, the online books were used more than 13,000 times. The gift has been updated annually with new editions and titles.

Endowed collections allow VML librarians to identify and acquire scarce domestic and international materials at the time they become available and to address the unique processing demands of shipping and preservation. New and growing collecting areas crucial to NCSU’s local and global outreach are described below.

**Special Species Medicine and Husbandry**
Zoological health and husbandry for captive wild and non-domesticated companion animals—particularly birds, fish, reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates—are areas of emphasis. The geographic range and species diversity require special attention to obtain scarce literature and preserve images, proceedings, and other materials that have been narrowly distributed.

**One Health: Global Veterinary and Human Health Information**
Emerging infectious diseases of livestock and companion animals, Food safety, Environmental quality and toxicology, and Animal well-being are NCSU focus areas towards global health. Acquiring technical reports, epidemiological and toxicology sources, and documents on international veterinary and public health practice is essential for a library preparing students to engage in global animal and human health.

**Client Animal Health Information – Developing a Collection as a Communication Tool**
Veterinary students are learning how to use educational materials in communicating with clients. Videos and image-intensive publications provide a shared understanding of procedures and disease processes. A consumer-oriented companion animal health collection for the Outpatient Center of the Veterinary Health Complex would facilitate discussions about health decisions.

**Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation for Performance Animals**
Animal athletes require special care—and that means keeping up with human sports medicine and physical therapy literature as well as the veterinary materials in this new discipline.

To learn more about the VML collections, visit [http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/vetmed/](http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/vetmed/) or contact the VML Director, Kristine Alpi, at 919-513-6219 or Kristine_alpi@ncsu.edu.