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During her years at Kansas State, Dr. Swanson taught courses in domestic animal behavior and welfare, advanced techniques in animal behavior, and contemporary issues. Dr. Swanson was a member of the graduate faculty and continues as an adviser to one masters and one doctoral student. Dr. Swanson was also the director of the department international program until taking the position as interim department head in August 2004. As the Director of Animal Welfare at Michigan State University, Dr. Swanson will coordinate outreach, teaching and research in the area of farm animal behavior and welfare. She holds faculty appointments in the Department of Animal Science in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and the Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences within the College of Veterinary Medicine.

In addition to her academic responsibilities, Dr. Swanson provides scientific service on numerous national committees including the Food Marketing Institute and National Council of Chain Restaurant Animal Welfare Advisory Council, Burger King Animal Well-Being Council, and McDonald's Animal Welfare Advisory Council, the United Egg Producers Scientific Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, Safeway Animal Welfare Committee, Humane Farm Animal Care Scientific Advisory Committee, the Federation of Animal Science Societies (FASS) Committee on Animal Care, and Co-Chairs the FASS Guide Revision Committee. She is the President of the International Society for Applied Ethology, and retains professional membership in the American Society of Animal Science, Sigma Xi, Gamma Sigma Delta, and is a diplomat in the College of Applied Animal Behavioral Sciences of the American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists.