

UW-SCAVMA Recognized Group/Club Descriptions

Animal Behavior Club

ABC has a goal of expanding student knowledge and understanding of animal behavior. According to JAVMA, some 30% of questions fielded by the average small animal practitioner are behavior-related, and we want to be ready for them! Our procedure is to learn a little at every monthly meeting, with brief presentations by students, faculty, and trainers. Equine, exotic, large animal as well as small animal behavior issues will be addressed.

Avian Club

Student Chapter of the Association of Avian Veterinarians

The Avian Club is dedicated to the study of wild and pet birds. We provide the opportunity for interested veterinary students to obtain further specialized study of birds. Activities include assisting with ophthalmology, pet bird breeding, and wild bird rehabilitation.

Bovine Club (a member of the Production Medicine Club)

Student Chapter of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners

The purpose of Bovine Club is to provide additional opportunities for all students, regardless of their level of previous experience with dairy and beef cattle, to enrich their veterinary education and experiences through seminars, tours, wet labs and other activities. Students also gain access to information from the American Association of Bovine Practitioners through Bovine Club. Bovine Club is one of three organizations (including P.I.G. and Small Ruminant Club) that meet together as the Production Medicine Club. Annual activities include palpation labs and the SAVMA Symposium palpation team, field necropsy lab, hoof trimming course, winter farm tours, vaccination and blood draw labs, lunch speakers, "Dairy Farming 101," FAPM research, Hoard's Dairyman Judging Contest, and outreach activities, including the Saturday Enrichment Program, Grandparents' University, Badger Dairy Camp, and World Dairy Expo. As a group, the Production Medicine Clubs hold a large animal practice fair, 3-on-3 basketball tournament, fall picnic and volleyball tournament, and the annual Farm Animal Wellness Seminar put on in conjunction with the Veterinary Ethics Club. We look forward to meeting you soon at a club meeting.

Christian Veterinary Mission Fellowship
Student Chapter of the Christian Veterinary Mission

CVMF is a club in which students, faculty, and staff come together to support each other, explore or pursue a relationship with God, and express their Christian faith through veterinary medicine. We hold weekly Bible studies, coordinate Operation Christmas child and hold functions outside of school which include prayer times, potlucks and many other activities. CVMF also works to build relationships with Christians in the profession. We participate in a regional conference to connect with other students and hear from Christian veterinarians who incorporate their faith into their practice as well as in international mission. We also organize group mission trips (every other year) and encourage students to pursue veterinary missions.

Companion Animal Club

The Companion Animal Club is an organization of veterinary students interested in the well-being of family pets – from dogs and cats to pocket pets and exotics. The club aims to increase awareness of proper care and treatment for our loyal companions. The CAC annually hosts the Dog Jog, a fund-raiser for the Dane County Humane Society, and assists in Pet Pals behavior and health evaluations, Bow Meow Bagels, and various other related events. Membership provides many opportunities for educational experiences, teamwork with other students, and most importantly, helping companion animals of the world.

Equine Club

Student Chapter of the American Association of Equine Practitioners

The Equine Club is dedicated to broadening the knowledge of veterinary students and providing opportunities for educational and social experiences with other future equine practitioners. This year we will be welcoming speakers from the equine industry and our own SVM clinics to supplement the school curriculum by focusing on current trends and new therapies in equine medicine and surgery and by holding wetlabs to give students hands-on experience with equine patients. We will also be representing the SVM at the Midwest Horse Fair, planning field trips, hosting an all-weekend dentistry seminar, and other exciting events. The Equine Club welcomes students with all levels of horse experience who have an interest in meeting other “horse-crazy” students!

Feline Club

Student Chapter of the American Association of Feline Practitioners

The objectives of the Feline Club are to promote the interest and increase the knowledge of veterinarians and veterinary students in the field of feline medicine and surgery, and to work toward improving the health and welfare of felines. Our club has established a Feline Behavior elective, sponsored “feline” speakers, collected pet food for distribution at a local food pantry, held a neuter wetlab, and produced and distributed a brochure on managing allergies in cats. We welcome you to join us!

Gay Straight Veterinary Alliance (GSVA)

The purpose of GSVA or Gay Straight Veterinary Alliance is to provide education and a supportive environment for LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered, Queer and Questioning) students, faculty, staff, and friends within the UW-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine.

Integrative Veterinary Medicine Club

Student Chapter of the American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association

The goals of IVMC are to provide an introduction and educational opportunities in holistic veterinary medicine to students. We sponsor speakers in topic such as animal behavior, acupuncture, herbal medicine, chiropractic, massage therapy, homeopathy, nutrition, and other complementary methods of healing. Past activities include a journal discussion group, panel discussion on ethics and participation in local and national workshops and conferences. We welcome all those with an open mind, diverse opinions, and the willingness to explore alternatives.

Student Chapter of the International Veterinary Academy of Pain Management

The International Veterinary Academy of Pain Management is a multi-disciplinary organization that seeks to promote the acquisition and dissemination of knowledge related to the biology and clinical treatment of pain in animals. Stakeholders in this process include a wide cross-section of individuals. The Academy seeks to: provide forums for communication among all interested parties of knowledge concerning the biology and treatment of animal pain, provide continuing education in the area of pain recognition and treatment, and establish a process whereby veterinarians with a special interest in the area of animal pain management can meet a set of prescribed objectives that will ultimately lead to certification as a specialist in the management of animal pain. Finally, the Academy seeks to promote humane, scientific investigation into the biology of animal pain and the assessment of the efficacy of defined treatment modalities.

Laboratory Animal Medicine Club

Student Chapter of the American Society of Laboratory Animal Practitioners

Our mission is to expose veterinary students to unique niches in veterinary medicine by exploring lab animal medicine as a career choice. The Laboratory Animal Medicine Club (LAMC) will introduce students to various aspects of lab animal medicine including, how to get into such a career, special training needed, what a lab animal veterinarian does on a daily basis, where career opportunities might be located and pros and cons of this career path. Our club will provide students with opportunities to meet with lab animal veterinarians to ask them questions regarding their career, as well as provide connections for vet students interested in job shadowing a lab animal vet. We will make efforts to provide field trip experiences to expose students to unique aspects of this field.

Pathology Club

Student Chapter of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists

The Pathology club was formed to stimulate interest in and help students improve their knowledge about both anatomical and clinical pathology through lectures, wetlabs, rounds, and case studies. For students interested in pursuing a career in Pathology, the club is also a resource with information and assistance for externships, internships, and other extracurricular opportunities. As a student chapter of the ACVP, the club gets a subscription to *Veterinary Pathology* and is eligible to receive funding in order to send members to the ACVP annual meeting. Come find out what we have planned and be a part of the grossest club at UW School of Vet Med!

Porcine Interest Group (a member of the Production Medicine Club)

Student Chapter of the American Association of Swine Practitioners

The Porcine Interest Group's (P.I.G. Club) main goal is to familiarize novice students and to supplement experienced students with current trends in swine medicine through the sponsorship of speakers and other hands-on events. Some of these events have included piglet processing field trips, swine reproduction labs, and tours of swine facilities. The P.I.G. Club's largest event is the annual "PIG Out," a year-end celebration attended by faculty, staff, and students each spring.

Public and Global Health Club

Public Health is defined as ‘The science and practice of protecting and improving the health of a community, as by preventative medicine, health education, control of communicable diseases, application of sanitary measures, and monitoring of environmental hazards’. As future veterinarians we will be on the front line of the fight against zoonotic diseases, food-borne diseases, animal-related environmental contamination and many other public health issues. It is important that veterinarians understand public health principles and are able to work with professionals from across different disciplines in order to understand and appreciate the links among human, animal, and ecosystem health, and the importance of and commitment to working together to address health challenges. A concept known as: One Health or One Medicine. As a club we work to introduce students to practicing professionals and careers in the field of public and global health and public practice, and discuss topics directly relevant to practicing veterinarians. The club takes an active role in promoting World Rabies Day, invites field researchers to share their experiences and career paths, educates students about the joint DVM/MPH program and Certificate in Global Health program, and last year for SAVMA Symposium held a wetlab in diagnostic sampling techniques for TSEs and prion diseases.

Rural Area Veterinary Services (RAVS)

Rural Area Veterinary Services (RAVS) is a non-profit organization that aims to assist individuals that are unable to obtain proper veterinary care for their animals. It is funded in part by the Humane Society of the United States. The primary target population is people in rural areas that lack adequate veterinary services. RAVS relies on veterinary students to volunteer for trips throughout the country and abroad in an effort to vaccinate and surgically sterilize as many animals as possible. This service is invaluable to participants, pets, and pet owners alike. Students gain real world practical experience in surgical techniques under the supervision of veterinarians while the people obtain needed veterinary care free of cost. RAVS club was formed in the spring of 2003 with the primary goal of the club to prepare students for trips by providing them with practical skills (such as surgical techniques, proper anesthesia monitoring, and suturing).

S.A.V.E. Club

Student Chapter – Alliance of Veterinarians for the Environment

S.A.V.E. exists to promote awareness and education of environmental issues among the student body of the School of Veterinary Medicine. We achieve this goal by hosting speakers and sponsoring hands-on activities. In past years, we have encouraged the reduction of paper use and placed recycling bins. In conjunction with the Avian Club, we have built and sold birdhouses, made and sold pottery, hosted camping outings, and held discussions about environmentally related career opportunities.

Shelter Animal Medicine Club

SAM has a recent history at the SVM, and exists to support the growing need for future veterinarians interested in shelter medicine. As the homeless pet population continues to grow, so does the need for dedicated individuals to provide care for thousands of dogs, cats, and other companion animals in need of adoptive families. Often this care takes place within the confines of tight budget and limited space. SAM supports this effort by providing veterinary students with opportunities for additional spay and neuter surgery skills beyond the classroom, bringing in outside speakers involved in shelter medicine work, hosting volunteer days at local area shelters, and recently, we have organized a continuing education course for students and veterinarians to broaden their shelter medicine knowledge and skills.

Small Ruminant Club (a member of the Production Medicine Club)

Student Chapter of the American Association of Small Ruminant Practitioners

The Small Ruminant Club is looking to broaden students' experience sheep, goats, llamas, alpacas, deer, and elk. Club activities include llama packing trips, sheep shearing, herd health visits, lambing and kidding season field trips, and featured speakers.

Student Chapter of the Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society

Wisconsin Chapter of SVECCS

Because emergency and critical care medicine has not been an area of focus for the VMTH, the Wisconsin Chapter of the Student Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society is dedicated to providing opportunities for veterinary students to learn what emergency medicine is all about. We organize the Small Animal Critical Care class each fall, provide veterinary CPR training each semester, host a top notch continuing education conference in emergency and critical care medicine in February, and provide exciting lectures from VMTH clinicians and independent emergency vets throughout the school year. We are intimately associated with the national SVECCS organization, and are pledged to send several veterinary students to the International Emergency and Critical Care Symposium every fall. If you plan on treating companion animals as a veterinarian, you will see emergencies, and you will have critical cases. We are here to help you learn what to do.

Veterinary Business Management Association

The purpose of the Veterinary Business Management Association (VBMA) to:

1. Increase student interest and awareness pertaining to basic business management, financial affairs, communication, accounting, and veterinary business.
2. Involve students in discussions led by knowledgeable business professionals.
3. Provide a forum for learning basic business skills and the principles of successful business management.

Veterinary Medical Outreach Organization (VMOO)

The Veterinary Medical Outreach Organization (VMOO) bridges the School of Veterinary Medicine and the community through educational outreach and enrichment programs. Through educational outreach, active members of VMOO act to raise the profile of the SVM and veterinary medical profession while improving communication skills necessary for client education and reinforcing veterinary medical knowledge gained in the DVM curriculum. VMOO members have the opportunity to participate in various educational outreach activities including, but not limited to, family science nights, Saturday enrichment programs, pre-vet student mentoring, summer camps, and library programs. Participants also have the possibility of helping create and implement new hands-on activities and modules. As veterinarians we will serve as teachers to our clients and the public. Join VMOO and you will discover a fun and rewarding way to hone in on your veterinary knowledge while giving back to the community. We hope to see you at our next meeting!

Veterinary Students as One in Culture and Ethnicity

VOICE, or Veterinary Students as One in Culture and Ethnicity, is part of a national movement to give veterinary students appreciation for people of all cultures and backgrounds. Among many different goals, VOICE strives to create a campus environment embracing diversity and promoting the success of all students, support recruitment of minority students, increase awareness to socio-cultural issues within the veterinary field, and promote the veterinary profession to the surrounding community.

Wildlife, Exotic, and Zoo Animal Medicine

Student Chapter of the American Association of Zoo Veterinarians

Student Chapter of the International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council

Second in size only to SCAVMA, the Wildlife, Exotic, and Zoo Animal Medicine Club (WEZAM) is a key player in supplementing the SVM Exotic curriculum. By sponsoring speakers, field trips, and hands-on wetlabs, we provide current information on a variety of topics, including pocket pets, wildlife rehabilitation, zoo vets, and much more!