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A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE FOR ADVANCEMENT

Dear alumni:

Thank you for taking the time to contribute to our second annual *Class Notes* and to let us know how much you enjoyed our first publication. *Class Notes* is just one way you can keep in touch with each other. If you're at the American Association for Equine Practitioners, North American Veterinary Conference, Western Veterinary Conference, or American Veterinary Medical Conference meetings, please join us at our alumni receptions. You don't even have to attend the meeting—all are welcome at the alumni receptions! I also invite you to come back to the SVM for our class reunions (held the Saturday after Father's Day weekend each June) and for our continuing education and tailgate each fall. These are all fun events that provide an opportunity to catch up and network with former classmates, faculty, staff, and other Wisconsin alumni. (And let's not forget the good food and drinks!)

Beyond our in-person opportunities, I hope you'll take advantage of LinkedIn, Facebook, our web page, our newsfeeds, and our alumni e-newsletter. If you're not getting the alumni e-newsletter but would like to, send me your email address to be added to the distribution list. We send it out every other month with news about clinical trials, continuing education opportunities, school news, etc. We want to be sure you're connected with one another and with your school.

Class Notes was created in response to requests from alumni. If you have thoughts about other ways the school can keep you connected, please let me or your alumni advisory board know.

Again, thank you for staying in touch. Happy reading!

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Class of 1988

John Been

I am still residing in the country, outside of Prairie du Sac, Wis., with my wife of 35 years, Ranjana. We are officially empty nesters as all three boys have headed out on careers of their own. I am currently doing part-time large animal relief work for some area clinics after selling my partnership in Plain, Wis., after 24 years there. I am loving the more relaxed lifestyle and working on getting better at all my hobbies. I was recently nominated as president-elect of the WVMA, so that will keep me in touch with all the activities and issues of the association for the next few years. I still keep trying to follow Dr. Easterday's good advice to always stop and smell those roses! Go Class of '88!

Cindy Culham

I have been in small animal practice in Stoughton, Wis., for the past 25 years. In May 2014, the Culham family was inducted into the Stoughton Hall of Fame for over 125 years of service to the community by four successive generations of veterinarians. My great grandfather, D.D. Culham, started his practice in Stoughton in 1889 when he was traveling through Stoughton and treated a sick horse. He thought it was a nice community and if the horse lived, he would stay, and if it died, he would move on. In 1916 he was joined by my grandfather, C.G. Culham, and then by my father, M.E. Culham, in 1943, and finally by me in 1988. It was an honor to share this special evening with my husband, our two children, family, and clients who recounted stories of Culham veterinarians from many years.

Peter Janssen

Since 1990, I have owned and been the solo practitioner of Janssen Clinic for Animals in Middleton, Wis. I also briefly taught Pharmacology at Globe



Peter Janssen, Class of 1988, takes a break from the slopes with his family, Peter William, Ava, Dana, and Audrey.

University to vet tech students. My claims to fame are being an AAHA accredited hospital, having six former assistants go to the UW and become vets, being honored as the 2006 WVTA Veterinarian of the Year, and practicing just down the road from the Capital Brewery—let me know if you want to join me down there next time you are in town! For fun, I am a ski patrol member at Tyrol Basin, the Scoutmaster for Troop 349 in Verona, and am restoring a 1972 MG. The family is grown with two daughters at UW-Madison and one son a junior in high school. Audrey, the best wife, is my office manager, both at home and at the clinic. And we have Duncan, a 5-year-old English Cocker, and the cat, Tinselluna, left behind by the girls.

Class of 1989

Jennifer (Rode) Bloss

I practice at Brook-Falls Veterinary Hospital & Exotic Care in Menomonee Falls, Wis., with fellow SVM alumni **Denise Follett**, Class of 1991, and **Nicole (Waliszewski) Mueller**, Class of 2006. We have the flair for the exotic! We see 50% exotics at our practice and have the only ABVP avian specialist in the state. We are hiring! Come join our team of way out exotic people!

Heidi (Mischler) Casale

After graduation I completed a small animal internship in West Los Angeles, Calif. I've been working at VCA Rossmoor El Dorado Animal Hospital in Los Alamitos, Calif., since 1991. I joined the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners with a companion animal certification in 1996. My husband and I have two children who are now teenagers. I haven't been able to get back to Wisconsin for any veterinary class reunions, but I do enjoy visiting my home state!

Joseph Kelley

I have been practicing in the town of Sauk Prairie, Wis., for 24 years and have owned Sauk Prairie Small Animal Hospital for 22 years. We are one of the crazy clinics that decided to get into boarding, grooming, dog daycare, and training, and we even own a dog park next door. I will have been married to my wife, Jodi, for 25 years next June and have two daughters. Morgan is attending UW-River Falls and Brenna is at UW-Eau Claire. I am active in World Vets and have made five trips in the last five years doing spay/neuter clinics around Latin America and the Caribbean because I just can't cut enough!

Class of 1990

John Hallett and Heidi (Johnson) Hallett

We opened Hallett Veterinary Hospital in Oconomowoc, Wis., in 1998 treating dogs and cats. We work with two other veterinarians, including **Leyla Wirth**, Class of 1999, and enjoy getting referrals for endoscopy, ultrasound, and laparoscopic surgery. We have two boys who are ages 15 and 19 and both are World Champion log rollers. Heidi still plays basketball and volleyball. I ski the Birkie every year, coach log rolling at the local YMCA, and just completed six years as Scoutmaster for our boys' troop. Heidi enjoys oil painting and has had several shows in Oconomowoc, and I (John) still make a little jewelry.



John and Heidi Hallett, Class of 1990, enjoy a break from hiking with their sons **Torrin** (left center) and **Tanner** (right center) while overlooking Harpers Ferry on the Appalachian Trail.

Kristine Hoyt

This year was the hardest year of my life. I suddenly lost my beloved husband of 20 years in an accident. That morning we had walked on the beach and said "I love you." I have no regrets, just many memories and lots of sadness. The support from my friends and especially my clients has been resounding. I never knew I was so loved. My fellow classmates, take those trips now. Live and love, for it can be gone in a heartbeat. I am so happy we did live each day as if it were our last.

Class of 1991

Connie Cannady

After taking a sabbatical from veterinary medicine to be home with my now teenage children, I recently started a mobile veterinary hospice and in-home euthanasia practice, WNC Lap of Love, in Hendersonville, N.C. I am also working on becoming certified through IVAS in veterinary acupuncture. It's good to be practicing again.

Denise Follett

I practice with two SVM alumni, **Jennifer (Rode) Bloss**, Class of 1989, and **Nicole (Waliszewski) Mueller**, Class of 2006, at Brook-Falls Veterinary Hospital & Exotic Care in Menomonee Falls, Wis. We have the flair for the exotic! We see 50% exotics at our practice and have the only ABVP avian specialist in the state. We are hiring! Come join our team of way out exotic people!

Class of 1992

Martha (Myers) Broda

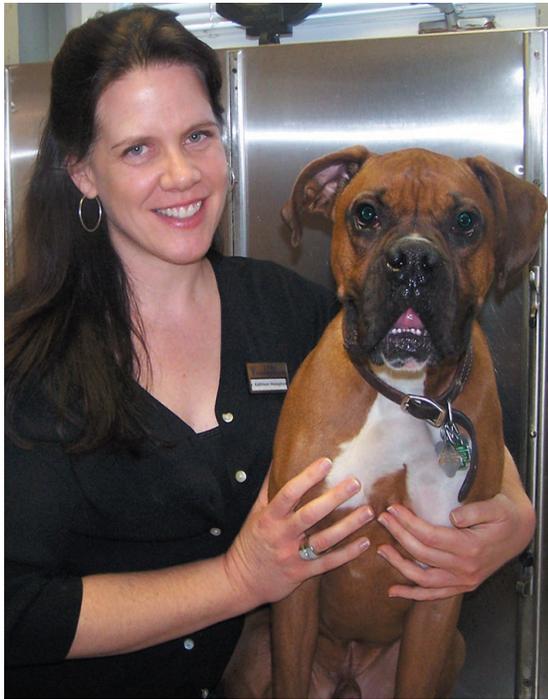
We moved to Washington state back in 1995. I finally broke down and became a small animal practice owner in Mt Vernon, Wash. Thank goodness my husband, Jerry, does the office managing tasks. That is one thing that I have absolutely no interest, knowledge, or time for. Jerry and I have been married now for 20 years. (Boy, I hope I don't have to fire him as office manager.) We have two kids, Joey, age 12, and Susie, age 10. Joey is a computer nerd. He has come into the clinic to clean out our computers, work on the networking, and help with antivirus. I know he thinks I am an idiot when it comes to computers (which I am). When he gives me a hard time about my lack of computer intelligence, I have to remind him that he doesn't know anything about spleens. Susie wants to be a dog trainer (I wonder why she doesn't want to be a vet. Hmmm...). We are still neighbors with Dr. Jeff Durkin, and I moved my mother up here from Georgia after my father passed away. I miss all of you!

Ellen (Hedberg) Richardson

I remained in Madison after graduation and worked for others for the first 10 years. In 2002 I opened my own small animal practice in Mazomanie, Wis., and around that same time met Ken, my husband-to-be. We got married in 2003, had our first son, Ian, in 2004, and second son, Isaac, in 2009, at the ripe old age of 46. I guess that makes me a late bloomer. Our youngest will graduate from high school when I am 64. Some days I think this keeps me young. Other days I feel 90. I enjoy continually evolving my practice to incorporate ideas of younger associates and things I learn through experience and continuing education. It took a while to get my feet under me in terms of learning how to manage people (that's really a skill they need to teach in school), and our clinic went through some difficult times with that and the economy, but I'm glad I stuck with it. Things are looking up, I work with a great bunch of dedicated professionals, and my job feels rewarding again. I feel that I got a great

education at the SVM and appreciate all of our mentors who put in the long hours to get the school started. Looking back on our time there, they did an incredible job. With running a clinic and running after young kids, I don't get out much, but if any of you are ever in the Madison area, look me up! I'd especially like to catch up with my old roommates, Patty, Natalie, and Roberta. We should have a roommate reunion sometime.

Class of 1994



Kathy Heneghan, Class of 1994, enjoys some time with one of her patients.

Kathleen Heneghan

Kathleen recently celebrated 20 years at the Elmwood-Grove Animal Hospital in River Grove, Ill. She took the job several months after spending a four-week externship there in August 1993. She was happy to return home to practice, and it certainly feels like family. (These days she's appalled to know that some of the staff were born after she started veterinary school, but no one can be "the new kid on the block" forever.) She received great mentoring, not only in veterinary practice, but also in organized veterinary medicine. She spent nearly 20 years as an active volunteer with the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association. Following her boss, Dr. Larry Fox's lead, she served as a committee member, executive board member, president in 2007, and then public education committee chair. She was lucky to work with some amazing colleagues she'd

never have met otherwise. She stepped down from an active role last summer and has been channeling those energies towards maintaining her clinic's (and mascot Harry Fox's) Facebook pages! Now she'll have more time to work on training her unruly Boxer, Pogue. Madison was a wonderful place to spend four years, and she grabs every opportunity she can to come back and visit.

Sandra Miller

In 1999, I opened Creature Comforts Veterinary Service in Burlington, Wis. We specialize in nutrition-based medicine, alternative medicine, and house calls for pets. The alternative medicine includes veterinary spinal manipulation, rehab, whole food supplements, essential oils, and flower essences. I have written two books on pet nutrition, both available on Amazon.com, as I am very passionate about how much of a role nutrition plays in overall health for ourselves and our pets. My husband and I celebrated 25 years of wedded bliss this summer by purchasing land in the mountains of golden Colorado. We will eventually move there, once my practice here is sold. We have both talked about living out west and decided to start making preparations for this new adventure. Both of our children are grown. Our son is an accountant and attending college to complete a master's in business and his CPA. Our daughter is a talented pastry chef and finishing a degree in business. She has a two-year-old son, which makes me a granny. Biggest joy of my life so far!

Erica Schorr-Evans

Our family moved back to Wisconsin from the metro west Boston area in July of 2013 when my husband, David Evans, accepted a position at UW-Madison. I obtained a certification in veterinary acupuncture through the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society (IVAS) that summer. I currently practice small animal and some exotic animal medicine at Sauk Prairie Small Animal Hospital in Prairie du Sac, Wis. I incorporate acupuncture into my conventional veterinary medical and surgical treatment plans to manage pain, stimulate appetite, treat neurologic conditions, and promote wellness in my patients. Our daughter, Abigail, is in 6th grade this year. She enjoys playing ice hockey and the cello.

Class of 1995

Sonja Covington

Sonja challenged her fellow Class of 1995 classmates to an ALS ice bucket challenge in memory of Dr. Eb Rosin, a clinical instructor at the SVM who died from complications from ALS in 1999. Sonja notes he was a wonderful teacher and her class loved learning from him. View the video challenge at the SVM's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/uwvetmed.

Craig Koeller

I am now working in San Antonio for the San Antonio Naval Medical Research Unit doing directed energy research, limb transplant research, and other medical treatment research. I was recently named to the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (ACLAM) Exam Committee after spending the last three years on the ACLAM Exam Resources Committee, the last year of which I was the chairperson.

Jim Wentzel

I am practicing in a VCA small animal practice in Murrieta in southern California. I am married to Karen with two kids, ages 10 and 12. Yes, I tried surfing in SoCal, drank too much salt water, and gave up my career of professional surfing early. Only thing that has changed is I'm 20 years older, like all of you.

Class of 1996

Kari Koszdin

I have lived in beautiful Seattle, Wash., since 1997. I completed a residency in laboratory animal medicine and became an American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine Diplomate in 2001. I am a veterinary medical officer at the VA Puget Sound Health Care system, plus I have consulted in laboratory animal medicine at several local non-profit institutions. The daughter I had while in veterinary school is now a junior in college and I also have another daughter who is a freshman in high school. My husband is a full professor in genome sciences at the University of Washington. My hobbies are real estate investing, fitness, reading, and playing the piano.

Kari Severson

Kari practices emergency medicine at the Wisconsin Veterinary Referral Center (WVRC) where she has worked since graduation. She also manages the emergency departments at the hospital locations in

Waukesha, Grafton, and Racine. She and Tom live in Lake Mills, Wis., with their kids Grace (age 14), Hunter (age 12), and Blaise (age 10).

Deborah Sweet

After 50 days last winter of temperatures below zero, our family made the bold and exciting decision to relocate to a milder climate. In July, we packed up our earthly possessions, two kids, our dog and cat, and headed to Holly Springs, N.C. We are located just outside Raleigh. We are thrilled with the warmer temperatures, year-round schools, and close proximity to the beach and the mountains. I am working at a small animal clinic in Pittsboro called Hope Crossing Animal Hospital. I am enjoying the challenges that come with practicing in a different region of the country, such as treating poisonous snake bites, seeing new and exciting varieties of ticks, as well as more fleas than I could possibly imagine! I wear my Wisconsin gear proudly every football Saturday, and thanks to the Big Ten Network, I am still able to watch my beloved Badgers!

Class of 1997

Laura McLain Madsen

Last year I published a children's fantasy novel called *The Corgi Chronicles*. In Welsh mythology, fairies ride on corgis, so the story is about my corgi, Pippin, and his fairy rider. Recently Pippin and I did a book signing at Barnes & Noble. Pippin had fun meeting everyone. The book is available at go.wisc.edu/lg4h58.



Laura McLain Madsen, Class of 1997, and her corgi, Pippin, take a break during a book signing for her new novel.

Craig Webb

In 2013, I received the Colorado State University (CSU) Zoetis Distinguished Veterinary Teacher Award and in 2014 I received the Colorado Veterinary Medical Association Outstanding Faculty Award. But, I am most famous for having married way above myself, to the beautiful and talented Tracy Webb, and as the father of three future Olympians, Trevor (age 15) and Domonique and Collette (age 12)! My Dad still lives in Madison, and besides CSU in Fort Collins, Colo., there's no place else I'd rather live or work. Go Badgers!



Craig Webb, Class of 1997, cares for one of his feline patients at Colorado State University.

Class of 1998

Kathy Burek Huntington

I stayed in Madison after school to finish my master's project on hantaviruses, which I started while in veterinary school. After a year, I decided I'd had enough of school and decided to try out small animal practice. I moved to Eagle River, Alaska. I worked there for a year then moved to Soldotna, Alaska., for another part-time job while I finished my master's degree. I lived in a one-room cabin, worked, and finished the thesis. Then I went on to Davis, Calif., for a pathology residency with an emphasis on wildlife. I was boarded in 1994 and moved back to Alaska to join my husband, who I had met in Barrow, Alaska, during the bowhead whale traditional hunt two years before. He was a surprise to find in Barrow since he'd gone to Princeton and then done a PhD at the Scott Polar Institute at Cambridge. I opened my own practice doing small animal surgical biopsies and doing whatever wildlife work I could find. I soon got very busy doing wildlife work, including live captures for Steller sea lions and various wildlife pathology diagnostics and research (and also having two boys). My boys are now 17 and 14, and I continue to do my wildlife pathology work in Eagle River. If you are ever in Alaska, come visit!

Colleen (Weinfurt) Jensen

In August some members of the Class of 1998 gathered for a reunion in Door County, Wis. This group tries to meet every other year to catch up. It started with our 10-year reunion in 2008. We've met in the Wisconsin Dells, Estes Park, Colo., and Door County. The next reunion is slated for 2016 in Montana. This reunion two members of the group were missing and not pictured (Michelle (Murray) Scibelli and Colleen Willms).



Pictured from left to right, front row: Colleen (Weinfurt) Jensen (Wis.), Jane Mittelsteadt (Mont.), Martha Gunlock (Texas); second row: Mike Feldt (Fla.), Jacob Odders (Wis.), Lori (Mullen) Thuecks (Wis.), Brian Hoefs (Wis.).

Kerry Kraemer

Kerry was elected in March 2014 as the 16th Precinct Committee person for the Lockport, Ill., Democratic Township Organization.

Class of 1999

Nicole Nemetz

After working in private practice in both Milwaukee and North Carolina for a couple of years, I completed a residency in lab animal medicine at UCLA, attained ACLAM diplomate status, and have worked at both Arizona State University and the University of Houston. For the past four years, I have been a clinical veterinarian at the University of Texas Health Science Center in sunny San Antonio, Texas, where I share my home with my Eclectus parrot, red-footed tortoise, and micro/mini pig named Hambone. I'd love to hear from any former classmates, wherever you may be.

William Rausch

After graduation I spent a year at The Animal Medical Center in New York City, followed by three years in a cardiology residency at North Carolina State University with some truly wonderful mentors. After that I moved west like Lewis and Clark before me to Portland, Ore. There I have worked as a cardiologist at

referral/emergency hospitals since 2004. I really enjoy teaching cardiology and work with VetLectures and the International Union of Veterinary Cyclists to put on outdoors-oriented continuing education events in beautiful places around the country. During free time, I play bass in a bluegrass band, ride road and mountain bikes throughout the west, and enjoy life in our 100-year-old house in Portland.



William Rausch, Class of 1999, takes a break with his wife, Gia, while lecturing and biking in the French Alps.

Kathy Woods

After graduation, my husband, Andy, and I moved to Hawaii for our second, three-year tour there. I practiced at a small animal clinic on Oahu for two years until we were transferred to San Diego. Andy was promoted to Captain and was the Force Medical Officer for the Navy SEALs for three years. We spent a total of five years in California, but I did not pass their state board exam, so I did not practice. So I bought a nine-year-old off-track thoroughbred to keep myself busy. Other than marrying Andy and going to vet school, it was the best thing I've ever done.

We moved from San Diego to Washington, DC in 2008, where we were stationed for six years. Andy was the head of the Navy's Undersea Medicine and Radiation Health Department during that time. I, of course, brought my horse, *and* the 38-year-old Arab-Appy we adopted in California before we left! After getting my Virginia license, I was blessed and fortunate to work for the Army at the Veterinary Treatment Facility at Arlington National Cemetery/Fort Myer for five years, treating privately owned animals of active-duty military, their dependents, military working dogs, and occasionally the Caisson horses that participated in full-honors burials and parades. It was a terrific experience, and I met many hard-working soldiers, tough-as-nails spouses, and the people who support their mission.

In 2013, we adopted a retiring Caisson Platoon horse, Mack. Mack pulled the Caisson for ten years in thousands of burial ceremonies at Arlington and is currently learning how to be a pleasure horse for Andy. It has been difficult for me at times finding work, or passing every state board in every new state we were transferred to, but I knew that may be the case when I went to vet school.

We recently moved to Panama City Beach, Fla., for Andy's last tour before he retires with 30 years in the Navy. Of course we brought the horses with us, along with our three standard poodles, Elsie, Grace, and Habbie, and our Hawaiian-hatched Sun Conure, Kolea. I am currently preparing to take the Florida state board exam with hopes of finding a job! We like Panama City Beach and are considering retiring here. I am so grateful to UW-Madison and the SVM for the opportunities I have been given.

Class of 2000

Diane Dommer



Diane Dommer

I have been married for eight years to my husband, John. He works as a hospice social worker with Heartland Hospice located in Fond du Lac, Wis. Hearing about end-of-life care and the dying process in humans has helped me with companion pet end-of-life care. We have two cats, MiniBug and Squeaky B, and two Boston Terriers, Mattie and

Gypsy. I have been with Cedar Grove Veterinary Services since graduating in 2000 and have been an owner for the past several years. This year I was appointed to the Veterinary Examining Board for the State of Wisconsin.

Kristie Ponce

After graduation I worked at the Brodhead Veterinary Medical Center for three years. I had done an externship there and was offered a job even before I graduated. After my mother-in-law passed away, we moved back to our hometown of Wisconsin Rapids to be closer to my father-in-law. I've been working part-time in small animal, multi-doctor practices since then, with some moonlighting at the Central Wisconsin Animal Emergency Center.

Mario and I are still married with two children, Jaden (born during my third year of vet school), and Gabriel. Working part-time has allowed me to school the boys at home, which I love. All four of us earned black belts in American Freestyle Karate. Jaden is actually a third degree now, and Gabe is a second degree. Both are interested in careers in the entertainment industry, Jaden as a martial arts stuntman and future gym owner and Gabe as a singer and possibly actor. We plan to take them to Los Angeles for a few months next summer to study under Travis Wong, who teaches cinematic martial arts and is an accomplished Hollywood stuntman. We'll see where that leads us!

So far veterinary medicine has been everything I expected it to be. I've had more successes than failures, thankfully, and no lawsuits or even threats of such. Whew! I still love VIN, still want to become an ABVP diplomate at some point, and still love emergency medicine. Mario is still our resident computer genius, now a senior programmer-analyst at Renaissance Learning. We still have two dogs and two cats. Oh, and I'm still short. Basically what I'm saying is that other than Jaden growing up and Gabe being born, not a lot has changed since I graduated!



Kristie Ponce, Class of 2000, and her family all hold black belts in American Freestyle Karate and clearly enjoy a good time together.

Class of 2002

Michael Hotchkiss

No big changes since last year's publication. I am owner of Janesville Veterinary Clinic in Janesville, Wis., a four-doctor practice with two locations. My wife and I recently purchased a few acres of land and will start working on plans for our dream home. We don't plan to break ground for a few years, so we have some time to plan. Sydney and Owen are growing too fast! Sydney is in third grade and Owen is in first grade.



Michael Hotchkiss, Class of 2002, along with his wife, two children, Sydney and Owen, and their cat are all smiles about veterinary medicine.

Erin Pierson Ribka

I've been very busy, opening a new practice—Gulf South Veterinary Dentistry & Oral Surgery. I started an Alternate Pathways training program in July 2013, under the supervision of Dr. Brook Niemiec. It's going to be a few years yet before I will be through the program and preparing for board certification. It's an exciting time though! I am continuing to work two days a week in general small animal practice while I get the dentistry practice off the ground; I am lucky to have a ton of personal and professional support as I embark on this next phase of my career. We are still in New Orleans with our little menagerie (the kids have added several reptiles and a few chickens to the collection in the past couple of years). All three kids are in French school and we managed to take them to visit friends in Provence for a couple of weeks this summer—an amazing family vacation! Look me up if you are in New Orleans!

Class of 2003



Kathryn Krueger, Class of 2003, treated a great horned owl with an ocular trauma. An enucleation was performed with an uneventful recovery, and the bird is now an education animal at a wildlife facility.

Jesse Sondel

I have had an eventful past few years. At home my daughter and son are getting older, and I'm getting more grey hairs. Time spent playing drums with my son and coaching my daughter's hockey team is what I look forward to. Professionally, Sondel Family Veterinary Clinic is going great. It is such a pleasure to provide state-of-the-art care and communication to clients and patients I care dearly for. It is a joy to still live and work in Madison.

Ayrika White-Mfoudi

I had my second son on May 23, 2014, Benjamin Loïc-Alexandre Mfoudi, who joins my four year old, Frédéric. I still practice emergency medicine in Baltimore, Md.

Ayrika White-Mfoudi, Class of 2003, and her family welcomed a new son, Benjamin, to their family this year.



Class of 2004

Tera Forbeck-Ramig

My family was blessed with a daughter, Angela Kathleen, on August 3, 2014. Unfortunately, she passed away on August 15, 2014 due to complications from open heart surgery required to correct a congenital heart defect. I still own a large animal veterinary clinic in Allentown, Pa., and have a soon-to-be three-year-old son, Andrew, at home. I have learned that potty-training a toddler boy is much harder than any aspect of my "real" job!



Tera Forbeck-Ramig, Class of 2004, with her husband, Ben, and their daughter, Angela Kathleen.

Kathy Mattick

I am working with Cats Exclusive Veterinary Center in the Seattle area. I have worked here for three and a half years and love the Pacific Northwest. I recently took a trip up to the beautiful San Juan Islands for hiking and kayaking with family.

Brian Scott

Brian and his wife, Michelle, recently became the new owners of the Iron Mountain Animal Hospital. Brian joined the practice in 2004 and purchased it this past August from Dr. Jim Nicolas and his wife, Mary Jean. A nice article about the transition is available at go.wisc.edu/jeys50.

Class of 2005

Ryan Bragg

Since graduation, I have been a bit of a nomadic gypsy. I did a small animal rotating internship at South Shore Animal Hospital outside of Boston. I moved to Denver to work as an ER doctor and be a ski bum following internship. While there I met a smoking-hot, smart, fiery, red-headed fellow veterinarian who for some strange reason liked me. I was able to con her into marrying me and bearing my children. After a few years in Denver, I moved to Fort Collins to do an emergency and critical care residency at Colorado State University. After finishing residency I spent a year as a FIB in Chicago prior to moving to Kansas City. We have been

in Kansas City for the past two years and hopefully will not be moving any time soon. I work as a criticalist at BluePearl Veterinary Partners.

My wife is currently doing an internal medicine residency at our practice. Outside of work we have two happy kids who keep us laughing and challenged while periodically driving us nuts. Besides the kids we entertain ourselves with house projects, watching sports and bad reality TV, buying sheep, and nude bobsledding (one of these is a lie).



Ryan Bragg, Class of 2005, has two children.

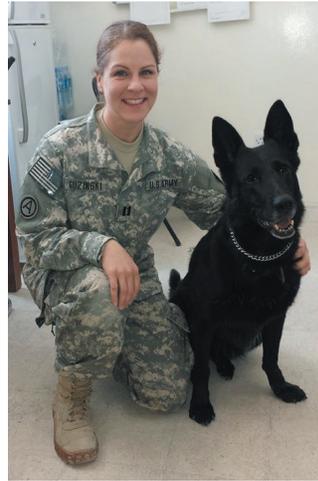
Melanie (Metz) Goble

Melanie recently returned from a month-long trip with Christian Veterinary Missions to Mongolia where she trained and mentored veterinarians. Upon her return, she was surprised by a professional transition and is now providing small animal relief work in Wisconsin. If you are interested in hiring Melanie for relief work or for a local presentation for large or small groups about her trip to Mongolia, please contact her at melaniegobledvm@gmail.com.

Class of 2006

Maggie Guzinski

In 2011, I joined the U.S. Army Reserves as a veterinary officer. In 2013 my unit was activated, and I am just finishing up a nine-month deployment in the country of Qatar in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Working with military working dogs and supporting food safety on military installations has been a fantastic experience! When I am not deployed, I work at VCA Aurora Animal Hospital in Aurora, Ill.



Maggie Guzinski, Class of 2006, with one of the dogs she cares for as a veterinary officer in the U.S. Army Reserves.

Nicole (Waliszewski) Mueller

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Class of 2007

Heather (Olson) Bissen

After graduation I worked for two years at Lake Geneva Animal Hospital, then for the following four years at Animal Campus Veterinary Clinic in Franklin, Wis. In October 2013, my husband and I purchased Hometown Animal Hospital from Dr. Paul Lindstrom, Class of 1989, and changed the name to Niagara Animal Hospital. We now live in Kingsford, Mich., and are loving the Northern Wis./Upper Peninsula area. We have two children, Lauren, age 5, who loves kindergarten, and Nolan, age 3, who tries his best to keep up with his big sister. My husband, John, worked at Northwestern Mutual when we lived in the Milwaukee area but took the jump to become the practice manager so we can manage our new animal hospital together. Every day we take our dog to work and are able to carpool, eat lunch, and work together, and are loving every minute of it.



Heather Bissen, Class of 2007, outside her practice, Niagara Animal Hospital.

Kelly Ethun

In July 2014, I was elected to membership in the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (ACLAM). In other words, I am ACLAM board certified.

Tracy Focht Olson

Bill and I were married right after graduation. I then moved away for a year to complete an internship in North Carolina. Since then we have moved to Green Bay, Wis., where I currently practice at Packerland Veterinary Center. We have two boys, Ben (age 4) and Nathan (age 1); two dogs, Cricket and Dexter; and two cats, Cheetoh and Xander.



Tracy Focht Olson, Class of 2007, with her husband, Bill, and two children, Ben and Nathan.

Holly "Jean" (Johnson) Grow

I am working for a laboratory that handles milk quality and mastitis outbreaks all over the U.S., sometimes overseas. We are expecting a new little girl Grow in December, so it is very enjoyable to be able to sit at a desk and call dairymen with helpful information and create contagious mastitis control plans for them. My husband got us transferred nearer to my family in 2008, so now we can visit and help out at the family ranch in Walla Walla, Wash., or my Aunt's farm near the Oregon coast. Our twin boys who were born at graduation are huge and tall and already in second grade. I cannot wait for them to be big enough to sample milk with me at dairies!

Megan King

I married Justin Kramer on September 27, 2014.

Kristy Langhoff

Kristy and family moved in January 2014 to Marshfield, Wis., where she currently practices small animal medicine and surgery.

Debra Olbrich

David and I were engaged last December on my parent's farm. Yes, a cow was intimately involved and the proposal was definitely unique! On our first date I had told him that I used to ultrasound cows prior to me getting into vet school, an image that stuck with him. A year and half later, David, a non-farm boy, took that theme and ran with it. He told me he wanted to try palpating one of the cows.

At our family Christmas on the farm, he went out to check on my brothers to see when they would be done with chores. At this point, one of my brothers came to the house to tell me David was going to palpate one of my prized pregnant cows. Immediately, I put on my barn jacket and boots to go see this first hand. I arrived in the box stall and he was already gloved up and ready to go. Little did I know that the ring box was under the double layer of gloves! My oldest brother was talking him through the process while I was taking pictures. I didn't realize that my other brother was filming the whole time! Well, David felt the calf and when he was done I made him wait to take off the sleeve for more pictures. Then I started to look through all of the photos and wasn't paying attention. This is when he took off the rectal sleeves, crossed the boxstall, and got down on one knee in the straw with the ring box open. Yes, this was inside of the cow at one point but covered. He had to tap me on the arm to get my attention, and that is when he asked me to marry him! This was truly unique and a perfect way to propose to me! We are getting married November 13.



Debra Olbrich, Class of 2007, with her fiancé, David, after his one-of-a-kind proposal.

Class of 2008

Jennifer Bennett

Jennifer lives in her hometown of Kelseyville in Northern California with her husband, Leo Valenzuela, whom she met on fourth-year externship at the U.S. Sheep Experiment Station in Dubois, Idaho, and their almost 3-year-old son, Liam. After five years in small animal private practice, Jennifer became the first medical director at the Lake County Animal Care & Control's new veterinary clinic, where a large effort has been under way to control the county's feral cat and pit bull population. Jennifer also maintains a mobile farm animal practice, Green Gates Veterinary Services, on the side and is an active veterinarian in her community at the local county fairs, rodeos, and 4-H events. She also does team penning and ranch sorting and trail/packing rides with her APHA horse, and she participates in demos and parades with her Norwegian Fjord horse. The family raises Olde English Miniature Babydoll Southdown sheep on their small ranch.

Matt Feirer

After graduation I spent four years in Fort Collins, Colo., pursuing a clinical pathology residency. My wife and I then moved to Beacon, N.Y., a small town on the Hudson River about an hour-and-a-half train ride north of New York City. We enjoy exploring the area with our two-year-old daughter. I obtained my ACVP board certification in 2014 and now work as a diagnostic clinical pathologist for a small lab, VetPath Services, in Stone Ridge, N.Y.

Sara Greenslit

In 2011 I became a certified veterinary acupuncturist from the Chi Institute in Reddick, Fla. I live in Madison, working at Northside Animal Hospital, where I practice allopathic and integrative medicine on small animals. This fall I have started to write for *Bark* magazine as their holistic veterinary medical consultant.

Melissa Kubai

I finished up my comparative ophthalmology residency combined with a master's degree at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in 2013. Post residency I became head of ophthalmology at Veterinary Specialty Center of Tucson in Tucson, Ariz. I became board certified in ophthalmology in 2014. I am currently residing with my two dogs, Heidi (hound mix) and Eyeris (Papillon), and two cats, Madrid and Linus. I enjoy outdoor hiking and continue to be active playing soccer.

Class of 2009

Heidi Hemmett

In the past year, I married my wife, Jalayne, who is active duty Air Force and stationed at Hanscom Air Force Base. We purchased a house in Metro-west Boston and have a Boston Terrier/Pug mix named Roxie. I recently joined a new small animal private practice in Woburn, Mass. We provide primary care, general soft tissue surgery and some orthopedic procedures, endoscopy, ultrasound, and emergency services. One of our receptionists is a local wildlife rehabilitator, so I see the occasional raccoon, squirrel, rabbit, and the rare abandoned baby weasel, bird, and opossum. I miss Madison and hope to make it back for a visit soon. I hope everyone else is doing well!

Suzanne McKichan

I am finishing my first year as a solo equine practitioner at Dells Equine Veterinary Service, and it has been a great experience so far. We also had our second child, a daughter, Rylee, on July 5. Between running a business, taking care of a baby, and keeping up with a two-year-old boy, Levi, I feel about as busy and tired as I was in vet school!

Renée Schott



Renée Schott, Class of 2009, works on a bird at Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Minnesota where she is a staff veterinarian.

After vet school, I moved to Chicago and did a year of exotics/emergency private practice before accepting my dream job and moving to St Paul, Minn., where I am currently a staff veterinarian at the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Minnesota. Additionally, I am involved in teaching courses at the University of Minnesota-College of Veterinary Medicine, do relief work at The Raptor Center in St Paul, am a course instructor for the International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council, and am on the National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association's board of directors. Last year, my partner, Jeremy Higgins, and I purchased our first house. We live in Roseville, Minn., with our dog, two cats, two ring-necked doves, and 12 chickens. Life is good!

Rich Sim

After what seems like forever doing post-graduate training, Rich Sim has achieved what he set out to do while in school, he is now a staff veterinarian in the zoo industry. He and his family moved to Birmingham, Ala., in August for an associate position at the Birmingham Zoo. He loves his new work. Also, on October 8, Rich and his wife, Carissa, welcomed their second child, Hazel, to the world. Their son, Reid, loves being a big brother.



Rich Sim, Class of 2009, welcomed his second child, Hazel, to his family this October.

Class of 2010

Jhondra Funk-Keenan

I am an associate veterinarian at the Bloomington Veterinary Hospital in Bloomington, Ind., where my position is a combined small animal general and emergency practice. My husband and I have two sons, Pierce and Sam, who are two and a half years old and six months old, respectively.

Kristin Setz-Williams

I have been married to Scott Williams for four years. We just welcomed our first child, a daughter named Eleanor "Nora" Marie on June 5. We recently bought a house in Sun Prairie, Wis., this May. I continue to work part-time at Back 2 Basics Veterinary Clinic in Cottage Grove, Wis., and one day a week at the SpayMe! Clinic in Madison.

Kristin Setz-Williams, Class of 2010, and her husband dressed their daughter, Eleanor "Nora" Maria, in a UW SVM T-shirt.



Kaitlin Young

Kaitlin Young and husband, Peter, welcomed a second son, Quincy, to their family in July.

Class of 2011

Erin Greuel

After completing an internship and working in general practice for two years in North Carolina, I moved back to Wisconsin in May. I'm currently working in Menomonee Falls at a great small animal clinic. My husband, Ryan, and I are loving being back in our home state!

Tara (Rabideaux) Johaneck

Since graduating, I have been working at Apple Valley Veterinary Clinic in Appleton, Wis. I got married shortly after graduation, and my husband and I built a house in West De Pere. We recently celebrated our three-year anniversary. I have been working at the same small animal practice since graduation, but our clinic has gone through a recent ownership change. The new owner has been updating much of what has not been updated in a very long time. We updated our software and computers, have gone paperless, updated our in-house bloodwork machines, purchased digital radiography, digital dental radiography, and a therapy laser unit. We have also switched prescription food lines as well as many of the medications we prescribe and administer. This all occurred within about a three-month time span. Although it was a struggle to adjust to all of the new changes in a short amount of time, I am really loving where this is taking the practice. We have a fun veterinary team, and we now have great materials to improve the way we practice.

Christine Molter

I am in the third year of a zoological medicine residency program through the University of California Davis, San Diego Zoo Global, and Sea World. I am currently stationed at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park. In May 2014, I traveled to Australia for a koala field project and presented research on sustained release buprenorphine in northern elephant seals at the International Association for Aquatic Animal Medicine (IAAAM) conference.

Class of 2012

J. Andrew Clark

I came to Louisville, Ky., for an internship and ended up staying. I'm working two jobs, one as a general practitioner at a clinic called Shelbyville Road Veterinary Clinic, but also as senior emergency clinician at Blue Pearl Veterinary Partners. For those who remember my son, Silas, who was born during our first year, he is now in kindergarten. My other son, Gideon, turns four in February.

J. Andrew Clark, Class of 2012, now has a kindergartener son, Silas, who was born during his first year of veterinary medical school.



outreach, she spends a lot of time answering detailed questions about poop.

Cecile Resop

Cecile spent last year doing an internship in Virginia, in the Greenbrier Veterinary Emergency and Internal Medicine internship program. She missed the deep snow and frigid winters of Wisconsin, however, and has begun working at the Milwaukee Emergency Center for Animals as one of the emergency veterinarians. In her spare time she is finishing a master's in public health and working on the family farm, with breaks to shoot arrows at hay bales.

David Gagnon

I'm living in Appleton, Wis., and working at Kaukauna Veterinary Clinic at the same job I started upon graduation. All three of the other doctors are UW grads from the Class of 1991, so it's been fun swapping stories about some of the same professors and classes. I've been traveling here and there, usually for continuing education. Most of my vacation time is spent going north during the winters (yes, north) for sled dog races. Last winter was brutal, and everyone's predicting a repeat, so I figure I may as well embrace the cold. I got a Brittany pup last year named Solomon. He's a crazy, energetic dog, but he's finally putting his energy to good use trying to find birds. Despite his daily lunacy and goofy antics, he makes a good roommate.

Allison Janz

Currently, I am working at Dodge Veterinary Clinic as an equine veterinarian at a mixed animal practice. I am enjoying the challenge working with everyone in southeastern Minnesota. On June 7, I married Derek Bock, whom I met after graduation at a party. We are living in quaint Dodge Center, Minn., with our three dogs, a laborador and two Dachshunds, and a guinea pig. We spend our free time riding our horses, going to rodeos, and showing dogs.



Allison Janz, Class of 2012, and her husband, Derek.

Sarah Koske

Sarah received a Master's of Public Health degree from UW-Madison in 2013 and is currently completing a CDC/CSTE Applied Epidemiology fellowship at the Wisconsin Division of Public Health in Madison. While she specializes in waterborne diseases and harmful algal bloom-related illness surveillance and

Class of 2013

Kendra Bauer

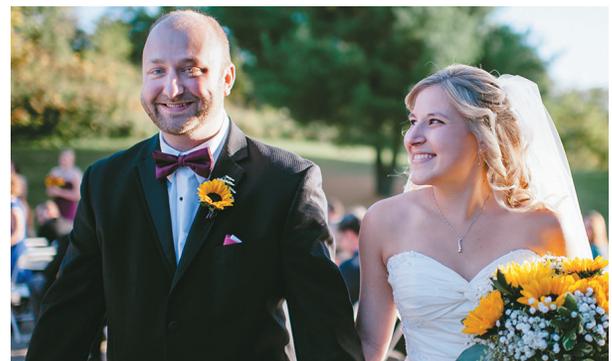
My husband and I moved to the Pacific Northwest where I am completing an internship at the Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium, and we are both spoiled by the beautiful weather and views of Mt. Rainier and the Puget Sound. By the time this note is published, we also plan to be the proud owners of an adorable mutt puppy.

Mary Camp

I have started a new job as an associate small animal veterinarian at the Eagle River Animal Hospital in Eagle River, Wis. I'm very happy to be back in my hometown.

Rachel (Wawrzyn) Loesch

Over the last year I've been working at the same small animal practice in Fairmont, W.Va., where I started at right out of veterinary school. I've learned so much, but I am ending my time there mid-November. My husband and I just celebrated our one-year wedding anniversary and will be moving out to Seattle, Wash., to start fresh and hopefully plant some roots! It's been an amazing year, and I just know next year will be even better!

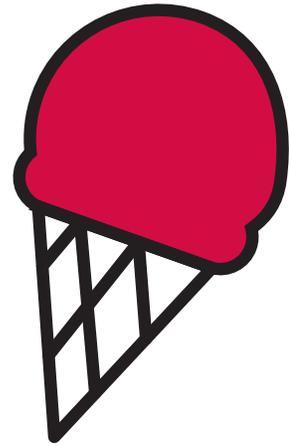


Rachel (Wawrzyn) Loesch, Class of 2013, and her husband recently celebrated their one-year wedding anniversary.

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