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July/August 2016



Celebrating the 30th Graduating Class

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Its remarkable student body has made the UW School of Veterinary Medicine a leader in the field for three decades, and we are committed to providing encouragement and support for our dedicated students. To honor the milestone of our 30th class of new veterinarians and to help those following in your footsteps, please consider making a special gift toward student scholarships by July 31. If you have already donated, thank you!

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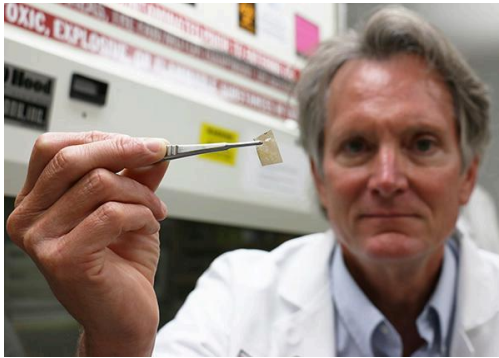
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The latest updates on research, faculty and staff, and other happenings at the school.



Start-up with SVM Connections Receives Wound Care Innovation Award

Imbed Biosciences Inc., a medical device start-up company co-founded by several scientists with connections to UW-Madison -- including two from the School of Veterinary Medicine (SVM) -- has **received an international award** for its contributions to the field of wound care.

Benign Bacteria Block Mosquitoes from Transmitting Zika, Chikungunya Viruses

SVM Researchers have confirmed that a benign bacterium called *Wolbachia pipientis* can **block transmission of Zika virus** in *Aedes aegypti*, the mosquito species responsible for passing the virus to humans. SVM Assistant Scientist Matthew Aliota, PhD'10, says the bacteria could present a "novel biological control mechanism," aiding efforts to stop the spread of Zika virus.

Kawaoka Receives Japan Academy Award, Presented by Emperor and Empress

It isn't every day that a UW-Madison researcher is presented an award by the Emperor and Empress of Japan, but the SVM's **Yoshihiro Kawaoka** has added that to his credentials.

Summer On Call Available Online

Read the latest updates from the UW School of Veterinary Medicine and UW Veterinary Care in the digital version of our newsletter, [On Call](#).

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Alumni Updates

The latest news about your classmates and items of special interest to alumni.



SVM Surgeon, Students Repair Unusual Defect to Make Cat's Adoption Possible

Wrapped in a coat of white fur with a black patch like a bandit's mask, Maeve is a sweet, slender, one-year-old domestic shorthair. And she's also tough as nails. On a long road to adoption, she had **help from many people** at the UW School of Veterinary Medicine -- including Clinical Instructor Sara Colopy, DVM'04, PhD'12.

Class of 1994 Alumna Shares Advice for New DVM Graduates

Michele Gaspar recently detailed her "**Rules of the Road**" for the members of the 2016 class of veterinarians during the transition from student to practitioner.

PHOTOS: 2016 Alumni Reunion

Group photos from the UW School of Veterinary Medicine's reunion for DVM alumni from the classes of 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006, and 2011 are available on the [SVM's Facebook Page](#).

Connect with the SVM and Fellow Alumni on LinkedIn, Badger Bridge

Seeking new hires for your practice, new career opportunities, or a place to connect with fellow alumni? Join the [SVM community group on LinkedIn](#) to share and find information related to your work. Connect with even more UW-Madison graduates via the Wisconsin Alumni Association's (WAA) professional network, [Badger Bridge](#).

In Memoriam

The UW School of Veterinary Medicine regrets to announce the loss of one of its canine teaching aides. Barley, the yellow Labrador companion of anatomy lecturer Kim Lord Plummer, recently passed away. Over the past 13 years, Barley helped Dr. Plummer teach SVM students and participants in the WAA's Grandparents University program. Dr. Plummer is setting up a student scholarship in his memory. Look for more information in a future issue of the e-news.



Ongoing Clinical Trials

Dogs with Laryngeal Paralysis Activity Study

UW Veterinary Care is conducting a study using continuous activity monitoring to assess improvement in activity and quality of life after arytenoid lateralization surgery for treatment of laryngeal paralysis. Any dog diagnosed with idiopathic laryngeal paralysis that does not have severe respiratory distress and is stable enough to be monitored for 14 days prior to arytenoid lateralization surgery is eligible for this study. Clients participating in the study will receive \$250 off hospitalization fees. [More](#)

Upcoming Events

August 8, 2016

Alumni Reception at AVMA Convention
[Casa Rio Restaurant](#) -- Rio Room
7 to 9 p.m.

RSVP to kristi.thorson@wisc.edu



September 10, 2016

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Veterinary Medicine Building
11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
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