

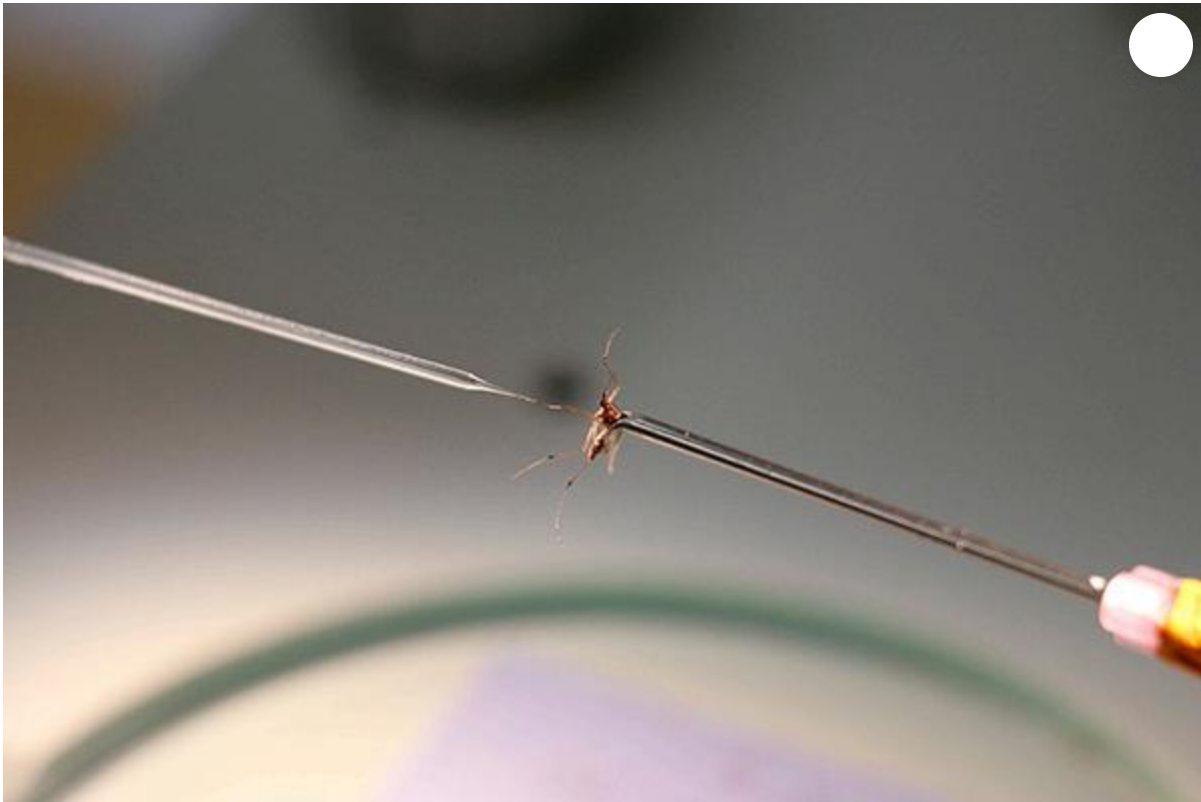
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### **A New Model for Zika Research**

Scientists at the UW School of Veterinary Medicine have developed one of the first mouse models for the study of Zika virus. The model will allow researchers to better understand how the virus causes disease and aid in the development of antiviral compounds and vaccines.

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### **School News**

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



### **UW Shelter Medicine, WVDL Find Canine Influenza Transmitted among Cats**

It may be called canine influenza, but Sandra Newbury, clinical assistant professor and director of the Shelter Medicine Program at the UW School of Veterinary Medicine, confirmed that the virus that sickened a large number of dogs in the Midwest last year has now **infected a group of cats in the region**. Newbury, DVM 2003, and Kathy Toohey-Kurth, virology section head at the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, tested cats at an animal shelter in Northwest Indiana and found them positive for the H3N2

canine influenza virus.

### **WisCARES, Mosquito Tracking Program Receive Baldwin Wisconsin Idea Grants**

The "WisCARES Social Service Provision and Field Experience Expansion" project led by Class of 2013 alumnus William Gilles, director of Wisconsin Companion Animal Resources, Education, and Social Services (WisCARES), and Class of 1991 alumna Ruthanne Chun, SVM associate dean for clinical affairs, was selected to receive a grant from the **Ira and Ineva Reilly Baldwin Wisconsin Idea Endowment**. Jorge Osorio, SVM professor of pathobiological sciences, will also co-lead a mosquito surveillance pilot project in Ecuador with support from a Baldwin mini-grant. [View other recent SVM research grants.](#)

### **Fund Supports Nine New Research Projects to Advance Companion Animal Health**

Thanks to grants from the school's **Companion Animal Fund**, faculty and residents at the SVM will launch nine new research projects aimed at improving animal health care. More than \$81,000 in grants were distributed to help SVM researchers explore new treatment and prevention strategies for different strains of feline herpesvirus, test pain management options in snakes, evaluate the use of radiotherapy in treating canine lymphoma, and more.

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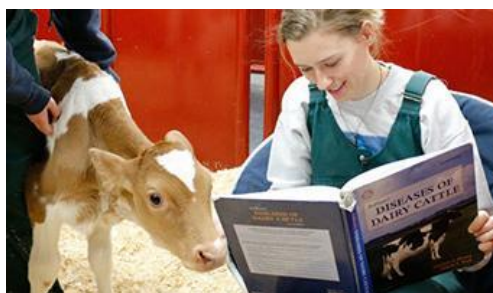
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## **Alumni Updates**

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

### **Celebrating the 30th Graduating Class**

Last week, the UW School of Veterinary Medicine recognized the graduating Class of 2016 -- our 30th class of new veterinarians! To honor this milestone and support those who are following in your footsteps, please consider making a **special gift toward student scholarships**. If you and the members of your class collectively give \$1,000 or more by July 31, we will award a scholarship in your class's name.



### **SVM Alumna Reflects on 23 Years of Protecting Companion Animals**

Wisconsin Animal Welfare Manager **Yvonne Bellay, MS 1987**, discussed her role with the state Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection in a Q&A with the Wisconsin State Journal. Bellay manages the state's dog sellers and shelters program as well as the humane officer training and certification program.

### **Class of 1993 Alumna Achieves Certification in Public Health**

The National Board of Public Health Examiners (NBPHE) has recognized Catherine Rockwell, Class of 1993, as Certified in Public Health (CPH) for her mastery of the core sciences of public health and strong commitment to staying on the cutting-edge of public health issues. Rockwell is currently a Commander in the U.S. Public Health Service and is detailed to the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service as a Public Health Veterinarian in the Office of Policy and Program Development.

## Ongoing Clinical Trials

### Laryngeal Paralysis Studies

UW Veterinary Care is seeking dogs for two clinical studies investigating laryngeal paralysis.

The first study, aimed at developing a genetic test for the condition, is in need of purebred Labrador Retrievers 11+ years old with no history of laryngeal paralysis. Participating dogs receive a free wellness exam. The second study needs dogs diagnosed with idiopathic laryngeal paralysis to examine the impact that surgical treatment has on activity levels. Participants receive a \$250 discount on hospitalization fees. [More](#).

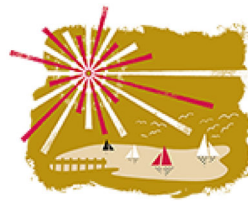
[Learn about other clinical trials](#)

## Upcoming Events

**June 23, 2016**

**All Ways Forward - Twin Cities**  
*featuring SVM experts on Zika virus and other infectious diseases*  
Minneapolis Convention Center

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**June 25, 2016**

**SVM Alumni Reunion**

*Celebrating graduates from the classes of 1991 \* 1996 \* 2001 \* 2006 \* 2011*  
Veterinary Medicine Building

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