



ALUMNI E-NEWS

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

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What's Your Story?

UW School of Veterinary Medicine alumni have shaped animal and human health for over 35 years. In an effort to inspire current and future students and showcase your rich backgrounds and achievements, the school has created the Alumni Storytelling Project. Open to all SVM alumni, you are invited to recount your stories of attending the school, share career highlights, or offer words of wisdom and inspiration. These stories will then be added to digital screens in the school for all to view and potentially shared via the school's publications, website and social media channels.

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School News

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

In June, the American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education granted the UW School of Veterinary Medicine full accreditation status for the next seven years. [Accreditation by the AVMA Council on Education](#) represents the highest standard of achievement for veterinary medical education.



The summer issue of *On Call* has been published, [spotlighting two current UW School of Veterinary Medicine students](#) leading national veterinary medical organizations, a [behind-the-scenes look](#) at some of the hundreds of employees who keep UW Veterinary Care running and support exceptional animal care, an SVM [collaboration with UW Health](#) hosting human medicine anesthesiology residents in our animal hospital to observe and learn, [alumna Kate Meurs DVM'90](#), dean of North Carolina State University's College of Veterinary Medicine, and more.

Other recent news:

- **Shelby Williams**, UW Veterinary Care pharmacy manager, has been honored with the 2022 Outstanding Educator Award from the [Society of Veterinary Hospital Pharmacists](#).
- **Mostafa Zamanian**, assistant professor of pathobiological sciences, is the recipient of a UW–Madison Research Forward award to fund a project aimed at [discovering next-generation, broad-spectrum anti-parasitics](#) as new treatment options to counter emerging drug resistance.
- The Vaccine Against Canine Cancer Study, conducted by the UW School of Veterinary Medicine and two other canine oncology centers, has [completed full enrollment](#) with 800 dogs. [This five-year trial](#), testing a vaccine aimed at broadly preventing cancers in dogs, is the largest interventional canine clinical trial in the history of veterinary medicine.

Alumni Updates

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

In June, the school hosted an alumni reunion for the DVM [classes of 1987 through 2017](#) (in five-year increments). This was the school's first 35th class reunion. Thank you to the more than 180 people who attended.

Emily Binversie MS'16, DVM'18, PhD'21 is the recipient of the 2022 basic sciences [research manuscript award](#) from Phi Zeta, the international honor society of veterinary medicine. Her winning paper was "Analysis of copy number variation in dogs implicates genomic structural variation in the development of anterior cruciate ligament rupture," [published in PLOS One](#).



William Campbell MS'54, PhD'57, who with fellow scientists discovered the drug ivermectin and won a Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine, is one of [11 new alumni](#) to be inducted into Alumni Park this fall. An initiative of the Wisconsin Alumni Association, Alumni Park includes artful exhibits, scenic green spaces and featured alumni who exemplify the Wisconsin Idea.

Lee Morgan DVM'96 has marked his 20th anniversary at the helm of Georgetown Veterinary Hospital in Washington, D.C. "It is not uncommon to see U.S. Secret Service on his steps when beloved pets of Georgetown residents have appointments," notes [an article from The Georgetown](#) about Morgan's clinic and his role as Georgetown's "go-to vet."

Linda Sullivan DVM'87, professor emerita with the UW School of Veterinary Medicine, who

passed away in February, was recently honored in a [Madison Magazine article](#) showcasing her lifetime of achievements through classroom teaching, volunteer efforts and charitable initiatives.

In Memoriam

The UW School of Veterinary Medicine regrets to announce the loss an alumna.

Dawn Thrall DVM'03, wife of Kevin Thrall DVM'04, [passed away peacefully in May](#). Dawn was an avid runner and workout enthusiast, a passionate wife, a loving mother and a fierce friend . She had a love for animals that was clear through her work as a veterinarian, most recently at the Animal Emergency Clinic of Rockford. In her personal life, she was dedicated to the family hobby farm and beekeeping.



YOUR PERSPECTIVE

“Above all else, veterinarians should know they don't have to face this battle alone and can lean on others in their darkest moments. Veterinarians and their teams provide critical services to agriculture, companion animals, wildlife and research, and any support we can provide in return benefits us all in the long run.”

-Darlene Konkle DVM'93, MS'97, Wisconsin state veterinarian, [discusses the Veterinary Professional Assistance Program](#) and other initiatives to help veterinarians overcome the physical and mental challenges associated with the profession.

Upcoming Events

July 29

Wisconsin Alumni Reception at AVMA Convention

7-9 p.m.

Marriott Philadelphia Downtown, conference room 411

Please RSVP to [Kristi Thorson](#) by July 25.

October 15

2022 Feline Conference: Gut Reaction: Managing Feline GI and Liver Disease

Sheraton Madison Hotel (attend in-person or virtual)

8 a.m.-4 p.m.

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Genetics of Osteosarcoma

UW School of Veterinary Medicine researchers are seeking Irish Wolfhounds for a study of the genetics of osteosarcoma. The study's purpose is to identify genetic mutations associated with osteosarcoma in dogs and use this information to develop a genetic test for the condition. Two groups of Irish Wolfhounds are sought for the study: those 10 years or older with no history of osteosarcoma and those five years or younger diagnosed with osteosarcoma. Enrolled dogs will receive a free clinical exam at UW Veterinary Care. A medical history and DNA sample will be collected.

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DID YOU KNOW

The UW School of Veterinary Medicine building expansion and renovation project is nearing the halfway mark of construction on the addition. In a little more than a year, the new north building will be completed and we will begin moving into these facilities. [View a timelapse video of construction](#) from July 2021 to present through an on-site camera (scroll down to Building Progress).

