



ALUMNI E-NEWS

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

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Alumna's Experience on Olympic Veterinary Team

Lisa Borzynski DVM'93 has dedicated her career to the wellbeing of horses. This summer, she served as a veterinary delegate at the Tokyo Olympics' equestrian competitions. Though COVID-19 forced historical changes to the international event, Borzynski and her colleagues from the International Federation for Equestrian Sports enthusiastically cared for some of the world's best equine athletes.

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School News

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



Holiday cards available! The holidays are right around the corner, and what better way to spread joy than with a [holiday card from the UW School of Veterinary Medicine](#). Your recipients will enjoy beautiful, original artwork and you will be supporting our school, hospital and students in their honor. Featuring two designs from SVM Professor **Dörte Döpfer**, these cards make a great gift and generous donation. Funds raised support our efforts to improve the health and wellbeing of animals, provide compassionate care to patients, enhance educational opportunities for students, and support excellence and innovation that keep our school at the forefront of veterinary medicine. [Order by Dec. 13](#) to ensure pre-holiday delivery.

For your reading pleasure: The winter issue of *On Call* magazine is [now available online](#). Due to a global paper shortage affecting the printing industry, the paper magazine is delayed. We're working to have the print magazine to you as soon as possible; in the meantime, we hope you enjoy it online. We're thrilled to highlight the future made possible through our building expansion and renovation, spotlight collaborative work to uncover new insights into chronic wasting disease and other emerging threats to deer, pay homage to our donors by celebrating the impact of gifts, and more. [Read or download the magazine](#).



Call for Class Notes: Alumni news submissions are currently being accepted for the 2022 edition of [Class Notes](#). To be included in the publication, [share your updates](#) by Jan. 14. We want to hear about your recent personal and professional updates including career announcements, honors and awards, births of children and grandchildren, marriage, and other noteworthy accomplishments. [Submit your updates](#).

Share well wishes: **Kim Plummer**, a senior lecturer in the Department of Comparative Biosciences, is retiring in January after many years of distinguished teaching and service to the School of Veterinary Medicine. We know Kim was a terrific teacher and mentor to many of you as students at the SVM. If you would like to share well wishes on her retirement or a note of appreciation, please email any reflections to [Stephen Johnson](#) by Jan. 1, 2022. Colleagues hope to compile these messages and memories into a book to give to Kim as a surprise (so please keep this quiet).



Alumni Updates

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

Anna Baines DVM'16 is part of the latest Washington State Veterinary Medical Association [Power of Ten leadership class](#). This year-long leadership program is designed to help recent graduates develop foundational skills in leadership, communication and business. Baines is a small animal veterinarian turned research scientist with the University of Washington Center for One Health Research.

John Hallett DVM'90, a veterinarian and sculptor, has been [posting to social media](#) videos documenting his process in creating the [Forward Together bronze sculpture](#) for the UW School of Veterinary Medicine building expansion. His latest videos [outline the overall process](#) and



show how current veterinary medical students helped [serve as models for conducting surgery](#). The sculpture, scheduled for completion in 2023, will be located in a central courtyard between the current and new buildings. It aims to embody the spirit of education, research and community at the school.



YOUR PERSPECTIVE

“People like to think about stuff. People like to wrestle with ideas.”

-**Angie Treinen DVM'93**, who owns Madison-area Treinen Farm with her family, speaking with the [Wisconsin State Journal](#). For 2021, Treinen turned the farm's fall attraction – an enormous corn maze – into a physics lesson titled [Schrödinger's Cat and Other Thought Experiments](#). “It's a way to demonstrate some concepts in the subatomic world,” explained Treinen, who spent 40 hours designing the maze



Upcoming Events

December 6

AAEP Convention Alumni Reception

6-8 p.m.

Cumberland 1 Room, Omni Nashville Hotel (next to Music City Convention Center)

For more information, please contact [Kristi Thorson](#).

Ongoing Clinical Trials



Dogs With Atrial Fibrillation

UW Veterinary Care's Cardiology Service is recruiting dogs with atrial fibrillation (resulting in a rapid heart rate) to evaluate two common anti-arrhythmic medications, diltiazem and amiodarone. The goal is to determine if strict heart rate control can be achieved in dogs with atrial fibrillation with either of these medications or with a combination of the two drugs. This is important because it has been shown that dogs with atrial fibrillation live longer if their average daily heart rates are less than 125 beats per minute (termed strict heart rate control). Dogs with newly diagnosed atrial fibrillation will be considered for enrollment.

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DID YOU KNOW

Mark Markel, UW School of Veterinary Medicine dean, is now on Twitter! Follow along at [@UWVetMedDean](https://twitter.com/UWVetMedDean) to stay informed about school news, student and faculty highlights, research updates, and more. If you're on Twitter, feel free to reach out to Dean Markel to say hello or share your achievements.

