



ALUMNI E-NEWS

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Congratulations, 2021 Awardees

The UW School of Veterinary Medicine Alumni Advisory Board has presented 2021 alumni awards to four graduates -- **Myron Kebus MS'90, DVM'92**, **Katie Kuehl DVM'12**, **Bernard Easterday MS'58, DVM'61** and **Susan Hyland MS'73, PhD'78** -- whose accomplishments, affiliations and careers have honored the legacy of excellence at the school. The awardees' professional contributions range from enhancing fish health and farming to supporting shelter medicine and health equities to inspiring numerous generations of veterinarians.

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School News

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

Celebrating alumni: Thank you to all who joined us at our recent Alumni Palooza, which recognized graduates from the classes of 1990, 1991, 1995, 1996, 2000, 2001, 2005, 2006, 2010, 2011, 2015 and 2016, as well as recent graduates from the classes of 2020 and 2021. This super-sized alumni reunion and tailgate event featured an artwork display from alumnus **John Hallett DVM'90** highlighting his progress on the school's [Forward Together sculpture](#) and a ceremony recognizing recipients of the 2020 and 2021 SVM Alumni Awards presented by the school's Alumni Advisory Board. [View photos.](#)



18 months in: For those on the frontlines, the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic have been intense. This includes veterinary medical practitioners facing extraordinary demand. UW Veterinary Care clinicians recently [shared the effects of the pandemic](#), guidance to prepare for a hospital visit, and gratitude for clients, referring veterinarians and all who are delivering compassionate, lifesaving care under challenging circumstances.

Recent research updates:

- Professor **Thomas Friedrich** co-authored a [study showing that some vaccinated people infected with COVID-19](#) in Wisconsin in June and July had just as much virus in their nasal passages as newly infected unvaccinated people. As with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at a national level, the findings in Wisconsin of high viral load even in vaccinated people led Public Health Madison & Dane County to return to recommending face coverings indoors for vaccinated and unvaccinated people.
- **Lauren Trepanier**, the Melita Grunow Family Professor in Companion Animal Health, will [present a TEDx](#) talk titled How Environmental Toxins Impact Your Dog on the evening of Oct. 20, discussing her research into lymphoma and bladder cancer.

Alumni Updates

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

Marie Bucko DVM'21 shared several [tips for bringing pets on vacation](#), whether flying or traveling by car, in an interview with ABC News.

Douglas Kratt DVM'98, immediate past president of the American Veterinary Medical Association, [appeared on Steve Dale's Pet World](#) to discuss zoonoses, emergency response and tips for disaster preparation for pets.

Mary Thurber DVM'14, a clinical instructor of zoological medicine at the UW School of Veterinary Medicine, presented a Badger Talks LIVE presentation in July titled [A Day in the Life of a Zoo Vet](#).

Ann Zieser DVM'90 has [joined PetVivo Holdings, Inc.](#) as its new senior technical veterinarian. The emerging biomedical device company is focused on the commercialization of innovative medical therapeutics for pets.



YOUR PERSPECTIVE

“Everybody needs to be patient with their vet clinic.”

-Amanda Carriveau DVM'12 of Heart & Soul Pet Clinic in West Bend, Wisconsin, speaking with WTMJ-TV about veterinary clinics struggling with high demand amid staff shortages.

Ongoing Clinical Trials



Dogs With Brain Tumors

UW Veterinary Care is enrolling dogs with brain tumors in a study evaluating the use of PET-MRI to identify and diagnose cancers in dogs. Positron emission tomography (PET) imaging has been widely studied and used in humans to help identify tumors but is relatively new to veterinary medicine. Study findings may provide veterinary medicine the ability to determine the difference between certain brain tumor types and how aggressive tumors are.

Any dog four years of age or older diagnosed with a brain tumor on MRI within the past three months is eligible. Enrolled patients will undergo a PET-MRI scan under general anesthesia. A credit of \$100 will be applied to the client's UW Veterinary Care account upon study completion.

[More Studies](#)



DID YOU KNOW

Construction zone ahead! You can view the latest progress on the UW School of

Veterinary Medicine building expansion -- or imagine life as a crane operator -- through an on-site construction camera at animalsneedheroestoo.com (scroll down to Building Progress). This timelapse video, which compiles images taken every hour during the workday, shows work conducted from July 2021 to present.

