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ALUMNI E-NEWS

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A Special Rapport with Animals

Kurt Hallgren (DVM '02) is one of four UW School of Veterinary Medicine (SVM) graduates featured in a series highlighting connections between UW-Madison and each of Wisconsin's 72 counties. As a child, Hallgren was fascinated with the animals at his family's sheep and beef cattle farm near Niagara, Wis. Following graduation, he worked in a couple other Wisconsin communities before returning to his home county to work at the Town and Country Veterinary Clinic in Marinette.

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School News

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

Easterday Earns Honorary Recognition Award

SVM founding dean **Bernard Easterday** (MS '58, PhD '61) will receive the Honorary Recognition Award, one of the highest distinctions bestowed by the University of Wisconsin-Madison College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs), on Oct. 13, 2016.



SVM Research Roundup

- UW Researchers have **found a key to nerve regeneration**. John Svaren, professor of comparative biosciences, says the new study suggests tactics that might trigger or accelerate natural regrowth and assist recovery after physical injury.
- Professor Tony Goldberg's lab has **identified a new virus** in association with a die-off of largemouth bass in northeastern Wisconsin.
- SVM researchers have taken a lead role in addressing the Zika virus epidemic. See how they're **helping to halt Zika's spread** in a video featuring Matthew Aliota (PhD '10), Thomas Friedrich, Ted Golos, and Jorge Osorio (MS '88, PhD '96).

Stock Up on Badger Gear and Help Support Current SVM Students

Twice a year the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association (SCAVMA) hosts a clothing sale to raise funds for student scholarships and events. During the fall sale, which runs Sept. 26-29, 2016, you can order apparel with the SVM logo and additional personalization options. To place an order, visit the **group's website**, select your items, and indicate your logo and text choices in the additional instructions box. Once all orders have been filled, SCAVMA will contact you to request payment. For more details, see the **ordering instructions** or contact **Shannon Gildersleeve**.

Continuing Education

Upcoming courses to help advance your career.

Sept. 28-30

The Dairyland Initiative Workshops

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PDPW: Calf Care Connections

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Oct. 25

Spinal Disease in Dogs & Cats

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Continuing Education via Distance Learning

On-demand courses on a wide variety of topics also are available through our **distance learning site**.

[Additional course details and registration information](#)

Alumni Updates

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

Celebrating the 30th Graduating Class

Thank you to all alumni who honored 30 years of graduating classes at the SVM by supporting student scholarships. A special congratulations to members of the Class of 1991, who collectively gave more than \$1,000 and funded a scholarship in their class's



name. Your contributions will make a difference in the lives of SVM students in the 2016-17 school year and beyond.

SVM Annual Tailgate & Continuing Event Photos Now Online

Boost your Badger spirit with images from the school's tailgate held prior to the Wisconsin vs. Akron football game on Sept.10. Event photos are posted on the [SVM's Facebook page](#).

SVM Alumni in the News

- [Ariel Cunningham \(DVM '12\)](#) has been caring for animals in need since her childhood, and now she is helping stray pets find homes as the manager of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Animal Shelter.
- [Nirole Varani \(DVM '06\)](#) has joined Veterinary Management Consultation Inc., a veterinary practice management consulting company based in Evergreen, Colo., as a full-time consultant.
- [Lyric Bartholomay \(PhD '04\)](#), associate professor of pathobiological sciences, and colleagues from Iowa State University, secured grant funding from the NIH and the Science Education Partnership Award (SEPA) Program to develop activities that teach kids about mosquito biology and public health.

In Memoriam

The UW School of Veterinary Medicine (SVM) regrets to announce the loss of an alumnus. [Mark W. Jackson, DVM '87](#), died peacefully on Saturday, Aug. 20, 2016. He was a practicing clinician who specialized in small animal internal medicine and was previously a faculty member at the University of Bristol, North Carolina State University, and the University of Glasgow. Mark went into general practice immediately after graduating from the SVM and returned two years later to complete an internal medicine residency. He also earned a doctorate in human clinical nutrition from UW-Madison. According to the wishes of Mark's family, the SVM has established The Mark Jackson Memorial Fund to support travel and other scholarships in memory of his love of teaching. [Gifts can be made online](#).

Ongoing Clinical Trials

Slow CT and Lung Mass Study

UW Veterinary Care's Radiation Oncology Service is seeking dogs with a lung mass from cancer or fungal infection for a new study.

Breathing creates distortion in a traditional CT scan, which makes it more difficult to identify lung tumors. This study compares a traditional diagnostic CT scan to slow CT scan and fluoroscopy to determine the best planning method for radiation therapy. Owners of dogs entered into this study will receive a \$150 credit to cover additional anesthesia costs. [More](#)

Learn about other clinical trials:

[Website](#) | [PDF](#)

Upcoming Events

Raise Your Paw: Annual SCAVMA Fall Auction

Sept. 30, 2016
6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Join SCAVMA at The Brink Lounge for an evening filled with dinner, drinks, live music, auctions, and a 50/50 raffle! Items include gift certificates to local restaurants, veterinary services, and animal grooming and training services; art pieces; sporting event tickets; vacation experiences; and more. Proceeds benefit the SVM's student organizations.

Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door and include dinner and drinks as well as entry in a 50/50 raffle to be drawn after the live auction. [More](#)

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