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ALUMNI E-NEWS

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### **Breaking New Ground for Groundbreaking Work**

The UW School of Veterinary Medicine (SVM) has been pushing the limits of clinical care, teaching and learning, and biomedical research for more than 33 years. But to continue our groundbreaking work, we need to break new ground. To make this a reality, we have officially launched the most important project the school will undertake over the next 30 years -- Animals Need Heroes Too -- a capital campaign to significantly expand the SVM and UW Veterinary Care.

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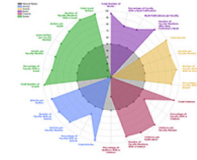
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## School News

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

### Comparative Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program Earns High Ranking

The SVM's Comparative Biomedical Sciences (CBMS) graduate program again ranked in the top 10 for the veterinary medical sciences discipline for its research performance in the 2015-16 academic year, according to the Academic Analytics Database.



### WVMA Names McGuirk 'Veterinarian of the Year,' Awards SVM 'Friend of Veterinary Medicine'

Sheila McGuirk, professor emerita of large animal internal medicine, was named the 2016 Veterinarian of the Year by the Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association (WVMA). She is the only veterinarian in the WVMA's history to receive the award twice. The SVM was also named the 2016 Friend of Veterinary Medicine, in recognition of "outstanding support for veterinary medicine and/or organized veterinary medicine."



#### On Call is Now a Magazine!

The Winter 2016-17 issue of the newly redesigned On Call is now available online. Read about the school's Animals Need Heroes Too campaign, SVM researchers' efforts to stop Zika, and lovable teaching Labrador Barley in the digital version of the publication.

#### SVM Researchers Win WARF Innovation Award

Jorge Osorio (MS'88, PhD'96) and Brock Bakke (MS'11, PhD'15) of the SVM's Department of Pathobiological Sciences earned top honors from the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation (WARF) for developing a potential Zika vaccine based on virus-like particles.

## Continuing Education

Upcoming courses to help advance your career.

### Jan. 21, 2017

Conference on Practice Management  
& Job/Externship Fair  
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### Jan. 28, 2017

Finessing Feline Dental Extractions  
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### Jan. 31 - Feb. 3, 2017

PDPW Dairy Human Resources  
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### Feb. 24, 2017

Surviving Anesthesia  
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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.

**Submit Your Updates for 2017 Class Notes**

The UW School of Veterinary Medicine wants to hear all about your recent personal and professional successes for **SVM Alumni Class Notes**. To be included, please **submit your news**, such as career announcements, honors and awards, marriage, births of children and grandchildren, etc., by **Dec. 16, 2016**.

### Alumni in the News

- **Linda Sullivan's (DVM'87)** ongoing efforts to cheer up pediatric hospital patients through the Pet Pals program were highlighted on WISC-TV News 3.
- For Wednesday Nite at the Lab, **Susannah Sample (MS'07, DVM'09, PhD'11)** shared preliminary results from a study of peripheral neuropathy in dogs thought to be similar to forms of Charcot Marie Tooth disease in people.
- **Scott Spaulding (DVM'91)** assumed the presidency of the Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association (WVMA) at the 101st WVMA Convention.
- **David Jeans (DVM'93)** received the WVMA's Presidential Award in recognition of his extraordinary assistance to the WVMA.
- **Tom Bach (DVM'94)** reflected on his career path from stockbroker to veterinarian to practice owner in Madison Magazine.



### Ongoing Clinical Trials

#### Studies in Equine Orthopedics

UW Veterinary Care is seeking horses of all breeds with superficial digital flexor tendon or suspensory ligament problems for clinical trials investigating:

- A new ultrasound technique to aid in the rehabilitation of tendons in the horse
- Genome-wide association with certain tendon injuries in the horse

Participants will receive an ultrasound examination of the affected tendon or ligament as well as the contralateral limb. A DNA sample (from nasal/oral swab or blood) will also be collected from each horse. [More](#)

Learn about other clinical trials:  
[Website](#) | [Clinical Studies Newsletter](#)

### Upcoming Events

#### Dec. 5, 2016

Alumni Reception at the American Association of Equine Practitioners Annual Convention  
Hyatt Regency Orlando - Coral Springs II  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

#### Feb. 7, 2017

Alumni Reception at the North American Veterinary Community Conference  
Hilton Orlando - Lake Louise B  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

#### Feb. 11-12, 2017

Wisconsin Exotic Animal Veterinary Conference  
Veterinary Medicine Building  
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