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ALUMNI E-NEWS

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### **Caring for Pets and Their People**

Directed by Class of 2013 alumnus William Gilles, Wisconsin Companion Animal Resources, Education, and Social Services (WisCARES) provides veterinary care for pets in Dane County whose owners are experiencing homelessness or housing instability -- and much more. In partnership with the UW-Madison School of Social Work, WisCARES connects people with services like housing support, food pantries, and human health care and provides hands-on learning opportunities to SVM and Social Work students.

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## School News

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



### SVM Helps Fund Protective Vest for Campus K9

Thanks to the generous support of faculty, staff, and students at the UW School of Veterinary Medicine (SVM), as well as a very helpful friend, a campus police dog is fighting crime with the added shield of a new bullet- and knife-proof vest. The school collected donations to [purchase a vest for Odin](#), an 8-year-old German Shepherd who serves as a K9 with the [UW-Madison Police Department \(UWPD\)](#).

### SVM Researchers Begin Work on Zika Virus

#### Virus

Researchers from the UW School of Veterinary Medicine were the first to confirm transmission of the Zika virus in Colombia. Now they're on the front lines to stop it, working with a [broad UW-Madison research team](#) that includes expertise in infectious disease, pregnancy, and neurology. This important work has been highlighted by several media outlets ranging from the [Wisconsin State Journal](#) and the [Big Ten Network](#) to [National Geographic](#) and [National Public Radio](#).

### Grunow Gift, Morgridge Match Endow Professorship in Companion Animal Health

Animals have been a big part of Melita Grunow's life as far back as she can remember. A longtime friend of the school, Grunow's experience as a UW Veterinary Care client showed her firsthand just what SVM faculty and staff can do for her four-legged companions. So when the opportunity arose to [make an even greater impact](#), she seized it.

## Continuing Education

*Upcoming courses to help advance your career.*

#### April 9

Canine & Feline Nutrition

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#### April 12, 13, or 14

PDPW Dairy Hoof Care Workshop

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#### April 23-24

17th Annual Emergency and Critical Care Conference

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#### April 30-May 1

11th Annual Applied Animal Behavior Conference

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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](#)

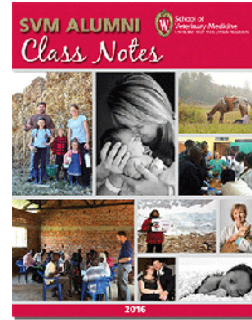


## Alumni Updates

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

**2016 Class Notes Now Online**

Read about the latest personal and professional milestones of your classmates in the digital version of our annual **SVM Alumni Class Notes** publication.



### Best of Madison 2016

Congratulations to the SVM alumni who earned veterinary-category recognition in the "Best of Madison" 2016 readers' poll. The awardees include Class of 2003 alumnus Jesse Sondel, owner of Sondel Family Veterinary Clinic; Susan Jeffrey, Class of 2006, and Brittany White, Class of 2003, from Truesdell Animal Care Hospital and Clinic; and Class of 2004 alumna Sarah Kalstrup, owner of True Veterinary Care.

### SVM Alumni in the News

Several of our graduates were recently featured in the media.

- Lane Hansen, Class of 2003, helped get military working dog Rocky **back on his feet** after he was injured on duty. Sgt. Rocky is **making great strides** in his recovery.
- Lesanna Lahner, Class of 2011, helped nurse **Tucker the turtle** back to health and hosted a symposium to discuss what scientists are calling "**the largest wildlife die-off ever recorded.**"
- **Sarah Diederich**, Class of 2013, and her husband, Dan, were named first runners-up at the 2016 Wisconsin Outstanding Young Farmer contest.
- **Pat Warpinski**, Class of 1991, was featured in a story about Kennel Cough and Canine Influenza in Northeast Wisconsin.
- **Barry Hartup**, Class of 1993, supported changes to a program assisting Whooping Crane migration.

### In Memoriam

The UW School of Veterinary Medicine regrets to announce the recent loss of a veterinary science alumnus. **Paul Nicoletti**, MS 1962, passed away on January 31, 2016. Nicoletti, 83, was a professor emeritus at the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine where he taught infectious diseases, epidemiology, public health, and food safety for 25 years.

## Ongoing Clinical Trials

### Dogs with Liver Disease Needed

UW Veterinary Care's Small Animal Internal Medicine Service is seeking dogs with liver disease to participate in two clinical trials. One study is investigating biomarkers as a way to predict levels of liver damage. The other study is examining the role of oxidative stress in liver disease, to test the usefulness of antioxidants as treatment.

Study participants receive special pricing for the cost of a liver biopsy, and dogs may benefit from antioxidant treatment.

[Learn More](#)

### Healthy Dogs Needed

Healthy animals are vital to the success of clinical studies because they provide valuable comparison data when developing new diagnostic and treatment options. UW Veterinary Care is seeking healthy dogs for the following trials:

[Laryngeal Paralysis Genome Study](#) ,

## Upcoming Events

### Join Us at the All Ways Forward Events

SVM faculty members will be highlighted at the following UW Foundation-hosted events:

#### April 14, 2016

Chicago - Navy Pier  
*featuring Sandra Newbury, director of the UW Shelter Medicine Program*

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#### June 23, 2016

Twin Cities - Minneapolis Convention Center  
*featuring SVM Zika virus experts*

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#### June 25, 2016

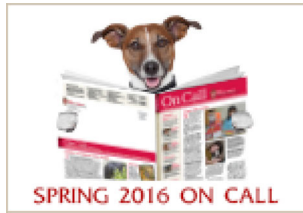
SVM Alumni Reunion

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