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**School of  
Veterinary Medicine**  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

ALUMNI E-NEWS

September/October 2017



### **Caring for the Community as a Whole**

When is a veterinarian more than a veterinarian? When they show as much care for people as they do for animals. That definitely defines **Patrick Warpinski DVM'91**, owner and operator of The Animal House in Green Bay. Along with providing veterinary care, boarding, grooming, and training, The Animal House initiated a local partnership to provide low-cost pet care for individuals in need. The Warpinskis also donate to local YMCA summer camp programs and sponsor a miniature veterinary medical clinic in the Green Bay Children's Museum, among other charitable endeavors.

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### **School News**

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

### Renk Learning Center Revealed

On Aug. 11, the UW School of Veterinary Medicine (SVM) held the official opening of the Renk Learning Center, featuring remarks from Chancellor **Rebecca Blank**, past Regent President **Regina Millner** (right), former SVM Dean **Barney Easterday**, and **Richard Renk**, son of the late **Walter and Martha Renk**, whose major gift supported the project, along with generous donations from nearly 100 SVM alumni and friends and a significant contribution from the UW-Madison campus. Did you miss our Facebook Live tour of this new student-focused hub? [Watch the video online.](#)



### New Interns and Residents

The SVM and UW Veterinary Care [welcomed 29 new interns and residents this year](#) -- graduate veterinarians who come to learn from our exceptional specialists while providing top-notch clinical care and services.

### Support for Building Project

The Wisconsin Joint Finance Committee unanimously approved the Building Commission and Building Program omnibus motion, adding the lot 62 parking ramp to the Capital Budget. As Chancellor Blank [noted in a recent statement](#), the construction of this ramp "is a necessary step toward facilitating a badly needed expansion of the School of Veterinary Medicine." The university and SVM will continue to stress the need to include the [planned addition to the Veterinary Medicine Building](#) in the next state budget bill.

### Shelter Medicine Assists with Dog Illnesses

In September, the SVM's UW Shelter Medicine Program [worked closely with the Dane County Humane Society](#) to diagnose and stop the spread of a contagious respiratory illness among dogs. Expedited testing services by the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory helped to speed the reaction. The Shelter Medicine Program also this summer helped to [treat and test dogs at the Joplin Humane Society](#) in Missouri during an outbreak of canine distemper virus.

## Continuing Education

*Upcoming courses to help advance your career.*

### September 27-29

Dairyland Initiative Workshops  
Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport  
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### September 29-30

Equine Hoof Health with Ric Redden  
Madison Marriott West  
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### October 7-8

Clinician Scientist Training  
The Pyle Center  
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### October 24

Roles of Veterinary Professionals in Cases of Animal Abuse, Cruelty, or Neglect  
Crowne Plaza Hotel - Madison  
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### November 29

Intracranial Disease in Dogs and Cats  
Madison Marriott West  
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### Continuing Education via Distance Learning



Ric Redden, one of the world's foremost experts on laminitis and other equine hoof problems, will lead the September 29-30 CE course.

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.

### Summer Alumni Campaign

We had a wonderful response to the Summer Alumni Campaign and are happy to report that the campaign successfully raised just over \$139,800 in donations and pledges, with many alumni giving for the first time. When we factor in the **Morrie Waud Match**, which gives alumni and other SVM family the opportunity to double, triple or even quadruple their contribution to our building expansion campaign, your gifts generated more than \$318,000 in matching dollars, adding up to a total of \$458,000! You can still **take advantage of this generous matching opportunity**; gifts starting at just over \$8 a month qualify.



One of the donors from the campaign, **Ty Vannieuwenhoven DVM '89**, recently visited the SVM to share why he got into the habit of giving and why he thinks now is the perfect time to give. **Watch his video message** .

### SAVMA Annual Fall Auction

Coming to Madison for the Alumni Tailgate? Need plans for Friday night? Support veterinary students at your alma mater by attending the annual SAVMA Auction Sept. 29. Tickets are \$25 and include food, drinks, and auction items. Half of each ticket price is automatically entered in a 50/50 raffle, and all proceeds benefit SVM students by supporting the UW Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association (SAVMA). **Buy your tickets today** .

### Alumni News Roundup

- Three doctoral graduates of the Department of Veterinary Science -- **Tom Kennedy PhD '75**, **Bill Campbell PhD '57**, and **Gil Myers PhD '79** (pictured from left to right) -- gathered at the American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists Annual Meeting in July in Indianapolis.
- **Meghan Vermillion DVM'13** received first place in the AVMA/AVMF Young Investigator Awards competition for her work, "Modeling Congenital Zika Virus Infection in Immunocompetent Mice."
- **Keith Poulsen DVM'04, PhD'12** spoke with several media outlets earlier this month, including the **Wisconsin State Journal** and **Wisconsin Public Radio**, encouraging deer hunters in the state to test for chronic wasting disease (CWD) this year after **preliminary results from a Canadian study** reported that monkeys fed CWD-infected meat contracted the infectious neurological disease.
- **Matthew Aliota PhD'10** shared with HealthDay News how herd immunity may be contributing to a drop in Zika cases in the United States.
- **Scott Pooch DVM'87** became the first Missouri veterinarian to be accredited by the Food Armor® Foundation, which honors professionals who pass a test after continuing education on food safety and proper medication use through the Food Armor® program.
- **Stephanie Salituro DVM'17** announced her engagement and September marriage to Duane Aldrich.



## Ongoing Clinical Trials

### Dogs with Aspiration Pneumonia

The UW Veterinary Care Small Animal Internal Medicine service is recruiting dogs with aspiration (bacterial) pneumonia to determine if a measurable marker in the blood, C-Reactive Protein (CRP), helps to determine when to stop treating the patient with antibiotics.

Any dog with aspiration pneumonia may qualify for the study . Patients are treated as normal for aspiration pneumonia. Extra blood is taken for the special CRP testing. Patients return 7, 14 and 30 days after hospital discharge for rechecks, and clients complete several questionnaires regarding the pet's condition. There is no cost for the study follow-up exams. [More](#)

[Learn about other clinical trials](#)

[Read the Clinical Studies Newsletter - Summer 2017](#)

## Upcoming Events

### September 29, 2017

SAVMA Annual Fall Auction  
The Brink Lounge  
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

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### September 30, 2017

SVM Annual Tailgate & CE Event  
*Wisconsin vs. Northwestern*  
football game  
8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m

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### Morrie Waud Match



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