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Forward Under 40: Matthew Aliota PhD'10

He's an expert on tropical mosquito-borne diseases, but Matthew Aliota also runs grand experiments in communicating his findings with the public. The UW School of Veterinary Medicine (SVM) research scientist, who was among the first scientists to discover the presence of Zika virus in Colombia, is one of the Wisconsin Alumni Association's 2017 Forward Under 40 honorees.

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School News

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

The SVM's Disease Detective

On Wisconsin magazine followed [Tony Goldberg](#), professor of pathobiological sciences, and his team on their hunt to identify new pathogens. **Bridget Baker MS'10, DVM'11** and

her colleagues from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources are among Goldberg's collaborators on a project confronting disease in Wisconsin's fish.

Research Shows Listeria May Pose Serious Miscarriage Threat in Early Pregnancy

According to SVM researchers studying how pathogens affect fetal development and change the outcome of pregnancy, the common **food-borne bacterium Listeria** may pose a greater risk of miscarriage in the early stages of pregnancy than appreciated.

A Special Opportunity for the SVM Family

Long-time SVM friend **Morrie Waud** has made a \$5 million matching gift commitment to the building expansions campaign, **Animals Need Heroes Too**. This gift, which is the largest single lifetime gift to the school, offers up to a **3-to-1 match** for gifts from members of the "SVM Family," which includes alumni and their immediate families. To date, we have secured \$17 million in gifts and pledges toward our 2017 goal of \$20 million. To learn more or make a gift or pledge, please contact Kristi Thorson at kristi.thorson@wisc.edu or 608-265-9692.



Continuing Education

Upcoming courses to help advance your career.

April 5-7

The Dairyland Initiative Workshops
Lambeau Field - Green Bay, Wis.

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April 8-9

12th Annual Applied Animal Behavior Conference
Alliant Energy Center - Madison, Wis.

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April 21

A Day in the Dermatology Clinic
Marriott West - Madison, Wis.

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April 22-23

Advanced Ultrasound
UW School of Veterinary Medicine

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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](#) .

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Alumni Updates

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

Remembering Barley: Your Stories

In our January/February issue, we honored veteran SVM teaching dog, Barley, and asked you to share memories of how he lent a helping paw during your time at the school. Here are a few [stories submitted by SVM alumni](#) and current students.

Alumni in the News

- **Jesse Sondel DVM'03** was named to InBusiness Madison's 2017 class of 40 Under 40 honorees.
- **Jennifer Douthwaite DVM'14** joined The Doctors to discuss acupuncture as a treatment option for senior pets.
- **Janice Valenzuela DVM'07 and Keith Poulsen DVM'04, PhD'12** published their findings on the antimicrobial resistance patterns of bovine *Salmonella enterica* isolates in the Journal of Dairy Science.



- **Jessica Quimby DVM'03** was honored with Colorado State University's 2017 Zoetis Research Award for her work analyzing therapies for sick cats.

In Memoriam

Winifred Morenz DVM'88 passed away surrounded by her loving family on Jan. 23, 2017, after a courageous battle with cancer. She founded Park Place Veterinary Hospital in North Swanzey, N.H., in 1990, which she grew to employ four veterinarians and a staff of 15 people. She leaves behind two daughters, one son, and a beloved husband.

Ongoing Clinical Trials

Canine Skin Infection Study

The Dermatology Service at UW Veterinary Care is looking for dogs with recurring Staph infections for a clinical study that will try to determine if a particular vaccine helps manage skin infections, thereby eliminating the need for repeated courses of antibiotics.

Participating dogs will be prescribed antibiotics to treat the skin infection and randomly assigned to receive the study vaccine or placebo. Following an \$80 initial exam, which includes skin swabs and blood tests to determine whether your dog qualifies for the study, there is no charge for follow-up exams. [More](#)

[Learn about other clinical trials](#)



Upcoming Events

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SVM Open House

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May 11, 2017

WisCARES Silent Art Auction

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June 24, 2017

SVM Alumni Reunion

Celebrating graduates from the classes of 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007, and 2012

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