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ALUMNI E-NEWS

November/December 2018



## Giving Thanks for Veterinary Medicine

Caring for patients, making a difference for clients and the community, pursuing a lifelong dream -- we know you have many reasons to find meaning and gratitude in veterinary medicine. In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we asked alumni from a variety of professional paths to share why they're thankful to be working in this field. [See the responses.](#)

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## School News

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

The [winter issue of On Call](#) is now mailing and online, highlighting the many donors who support all that we do at the school; Ferguson, a rescued miniature donkey who is the first large animal to receive an amputation and prosthesis at UW Veterinary Care; the

Vaccination Against Canine Cancer Study, the largest clinical trial conducted to date in veterinary medicine; and much more.

UW SVM Professor **Hannah Carey**, who studies hibernating mammals as models for adaptation to extreme change, and postdoctoral fellow **Matthew Regan** co-chaired a symposium in October exploring [the potential for hibernation](#) and a related process, torpor, to aid human health in spaceflight and in treating traumatic medical events.

## Continuing Education

*Upcoming courses to help advance your career.*

### November 28

Spinal Disease in Dogs and Cats  
*Sheraton Madison*

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### December 8-9

Basic Small Animal Ultrasound  
*UW School of Veterinary Medicine*

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### March 12-13

PDPW Cornerstone Dairy Academy  
*Alliant Energy Center*

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### June 21-23

Computed Tomography Course  
*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](#).

[Additional course details and registration information](#)

## Alumni Updates

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

### Share Your Story

It is again time to share your latest news to include in the annual [SVM Alumni Class Notes](#) publication. The next edition will be mailed in early 2019. Please share recent professional and personal successes, such as career announcements, honors and awards, births of children and grandchildren, marriage, and other noteworthy accomplishments. [Use our online form to submit your updates](#) and any accompanying photos by December 14.

### Alumni News

- **Judith Batker DVM'95** was named the 2018 Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association (WVMA) [Veterinarian of the Year](#). Batker co-founded Country View Veterinary Service, located in Oregon, Wis., in 1999. In 2017, she left that practice and co-founded Country View Equine Clinic, also in Oregon.
- **Stefanie DeJardin DVM'10** has [joined Healthy Paws Veterinary Clinic](#) in Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin.
- **Tia Simms DVM'94** is practicing small animal medicine at [Horseshoe Lake Animal Hospital](#) in Collinsville, Illinois.



*Judith Batker*

- **Deborah Sweet DVM'96** is now with **Noah's Ark Veterinary Hospital** in Cary, North Carolina.

### In Memoriam

**Dale Sorenson MS'50, PhD'53** passed away peacefully in September. During World War II, Sorenson served in the Merchant Marine. After the war he worked with the United Nations Relief Agency to restore equine husbandry in Europe. He spent his career on the faculty of the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Minnesota. In addition to teaching, Sorenson was a leading researcher and authority on large animal carcinoma. He concluded his career supervising research grants for the National Institute of Food and Agriculture at the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

## Ongoing Clinical Trials

### Dogs with Skin Infections

The Dermatology Service at UW Veterinary Care is recruiting dogs with recurrent pyoderma (defined as three or more episodes of staphylococcal skin infection in the last six months) for a clinical trial investigating the effectiveness of a new staphylococcal vaccine product. This vaccine is intended to prevent recurrent skin infections, helping to alleviate the need for repeated courses of antibiotics.

The trial for each dog will last approximately 18 weeks, with visits to UW Veterinary Care every six weeks. Examinations, follow-up visits, diagnostic evaluations, cultures, blood and allergy tests, and medication costs are paid by the study. Patients are prescribed injections, skin sprays and shampoos for home use. [More about this study.](#)

[Learn about other clinical trials.](#)

Read the latest [small animal](#) and [large animal](#) clinical studies newsletters.



## Upcoming Events

### December 3, 2018

Alumni Reception at AAEP Convention  
*Marriott Marquis*  
780 Mission St.  
San Francisco, California  
6:00-8:00 p.m.

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### March 23-24, 2019

Wisconsin Exotic Animal Veterinary Conference  
*UW Veterinary Medicine Building*

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