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Veterinarian Sees the Farm Crisis Daily

Lindley Reilly DVM'13 makes her way through the dairy crisis, one cow at a time. The food animal veterinarian is devoted to her profession, her farmers and her cows. Riding along the road in her pickup truck, going from farm to farm, she is part of what knits together the communities she serves. "You want to do right by these cows," Reilly told the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, which recently spotlighted her work as part of their Dairyland in Distress series.

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School News

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

Following a [\\$15 million gift from the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation](#) in September, the School of Veterinary Medicine surpassed the \$38 million in private gift support needed to allow the building expansion project to be bid in spring 2021. The school remains focused on continuing to raise an additional \$10 million in gift funds to fully outfit the building with the specialized equipment that our complex clinical cases, research laboratories, and teaching spaces require.

Congratulations to Professor **Nigel Cook**, named the 2019 Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association (WVMA) Veterinarian of the Year at the WVMA Excellence in Veterinary Medicine Awards Ceremony Nov. 3, and Associate Dean **Kristi V. Thorson**, presented with the 2019 Friend of Veterinary Medicine award. Alumnus **Eric Rooker DVM'13** of Dairy Doctors Veterinary Services was also given the Meritorious Service Award.

Faculty and staff from the UW-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences and Division of Extension are currently [surveying bovine veterinary practitioners](#) for a research study on current animal care practices for pre-weaned dairy calves in the United States. SVM alumni working in the area of bovine medicine are encouraged to [complete the survey](#).



Professor emeritus **Sheila McGuirk** was [awarded the Honorary Klussendorf Award](#), the highest recognition given to a dairy cattle showman in the United States.

Tony Goldberg, professor of pathobiological sciences, led a study that [identifies a newly discovered virus](#) infecting nearly a third of America's bald eagle population.

A team led by **Robert Lipinski**, professor of comparative biosciences, reports that a chemical commonly used in household and agricultural insecticides [interferes with the critical signaling pathway](#) dubbed by scientists as sonic hedgehog, resulting in stunted forebrain development and signature facial abnormalities.

Continuing Education

Upcoming courses to help advance your career.

November 19-21

Professional Dairy Producers Calf Care Connection
Chilton (11/19), Eau Claire (11/20), Fennimore (11/21)
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December 7-8

FRANK Communication Workshop
Health Sciences Learning Center, UW-Madison
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January 11

Cytologic Evaluation
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.

Share Your News

It's time to **submit your personal and professional successes** from the past year -- including career announcements, honors and awards, births of children and grandchildren, marriage, and other noteworthy accomplishments -- for the annual SVM Alumni Class Notes publication. The next issue will be mailed in early 2020. Please **submit updates** by Dec. 16.

Carolyn Belling DVM'18 has **joined VCA South Arundel**. She has a special interest in zoo medicine, surgery and radiology, and is pursuing a master's degree in conservation medicine.

Melissa Haag DVM'12 of Lodi Veterinary Clinic penned an article for the Vita Plus Starting Strong blog titled **Life on the Farm and Maintaining a Healthy Pregnancy...For the People**, sharing thoughts on how to accommodate a safe pregnancy.

Bruce Howard DVM'89 has been **named interim equine medical director** for the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC). Howard has served as KHRC chief racing veterinarian since 2016.

Katie Kuehl DVM'12 will participate in the Washington State Veterinary Medical Association **Power of Ten leadership program**, a year-long initiative to help recent graduates develop foundational skills in leadership, communication and business. In 2017, Kuehl joined Washington State University as the first remote clinical faculty member tasked with supervision of the clinical shelter medicine/primary care rotation through a partnership with Seattle Humane Society.



Emily Lockard DVM'19 is serving as an intern with the **New England Equine Practice** in Patterson, New York.

Stacy Swantz DVM'97 is the **newest member of the Lake Wissota Animal Hospital**. She has practiced in northwest Wisconsin since graduation from the SVM and is excited to return to her hometown of Chippewa Falls.

Ongoing Clinical Trials

Bladder Cancer Early Detection

The Small Animal Internal Medicine Service is helping the North Carolina State College of Veterinary Medicine to **screen dogs for bladder and prostate cancer**, called urothelial carcinoma or transitional cell carcinoma (UC/TCC). They are looking to determine if the CADET® BRAF Mutation Detection Assay can be used to diagnose UC/TCC before clinical signs develop.

Eligibility: Any healthy American Eskimo dog, beagle, Jack Russell terrier, Scottish terrier, Shetland sheepdog or West Highland white terrier at least 6 years of age with no sign of urinary tract infection.

[Learn about other clinical trials.](#)

Upcoming Events

December 9

Alumni Reception at AAEP Convention
Earls Kitchen + Bar
1600 Glenarm Place
Denver, Colorado
6-8 p.m.
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