



MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



September 2023



Welcome Class of 2027!

It was a pleasure this past week to welcome the class of 2027 to the UW School of Veterinary Medicine as well as the incoming group of graduate students in our Comparative Biomedical Sciences program. It's always an exciting time on campus and at the school when a new class starts their journey. I wish each of you all the best in this amazing profession and wherever your studies and experiences at UW might lead you.

There are so many exciting things happening at the school, not least of which is the construction of our new North building and the remodel of our current building. We are all very much looking forward to moving into the new building sometime this academic year and we know that it will tremendously enhance all that the school does to benefit both animal and human health and your education.

Last weekend, I was privileged to attend the 10th anniversary of the founding of WisCARES. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped pull off this amazing event. I also want to acknowledge all the people who have worked at WisCARES to support and assist the thousands of animals and their owners who have benefitted from this program over the last 10 years. A special shout out goes to Ruthanne Chun, the driving force behind this effort.

I hope all of you have an outstanding fall and Go Badgers!



Mark D. Markel
Dean, UW School of Veterinary Medicine

UW Veterinary Care Updates from the Director

Please join me in welcoming the following new employees who joined our team in August:

- **Jennifer Ebersole** is joining the anesthesia team as a new veterinary nurse. Jennifer comes to UWVC from Emergency Veterinary Services in St. Charles, IL. She brings several years of technical experience to her new role with UWVC.
- **Natalie Froeming** is joining the anesthesia team as a new veterinary nurse. You may know Natalie as one of the folks who has completed their CVT internship with UWVC.
- **Grant Dettmering** is joining the client services team as a new client services specialist/neuro CCL. Grant has previous experience as a communications services specialist with St. Mary's as well as a lot of customer service experience. .
- **Danielle Waldvogel** is joining the ER this week as their new CCL. She will also be helping out in ER as a vet assistant one day per week. Danielle brings vet clinic reception and kennels experience to her new role with UWVC.
- **Kalyn Weiss** is joining oncology this week as a new veterinary nurse. Kalyn has worked at Texas A&M University School of Vet Med since 2018 and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to her new UWVC role.



I'm also proud to share the following client comment, which highlights the excellent care and customer service delivered by all members of our team. From the reception staff to the students, nurses, clinicians and everyone behind the scenes, we all play an important role in delivering compassionate care to our patients.

"I could not be happier with the care I received for my sick cat! The technician Sam was wonderful, engaged and patient. Dr. Lizabeth Lueck was a STAR! So kind, informative, and thorough. I finally feel like we have hope for a better quality of life for Kismet. I wish I had brought Kismet to your clinic sooner, and I will be sharing my experience with others on my FB cat group."

Thank you for all that you do!

Christopher Snyder, DVM, DAVDC
Director, **UW Veterinary Care**
Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs

WisCARES Celebrates 10 Years!



WisCARES staff celebrate the program's 10 year anniversary during a free public event held August 27th at the WisCARES clinic. From left: Haidi Rodriguez, Maria Verbrugge, Hilary Cox, Lyn Empey, Jennifer Wheeler Brooks, Bucky Badger, Tina Narvaez, Ruthanne Chun, and Kelly Schultz

School News

WisCARES Celebrates 10 Years of Serving the Community

More than 100 faculty, staff, students, community members and their pets showed up August 27th to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the WisCARES program (Wisconsin Companion Animal Resources, Education, and Social Services). WisCARES started in 2013 as a humble idea to provide subsidized veterinary care to houseless pet owners in Madison and has since grown into an innovative educational model that teaches cultural humility and competency to the next generation of veterinarians while simultaneously addressing the social crisis of homelessness and its attendant challenges.

Health Sciences Equity & Diversity Lunch & Learn set for September 7

The SVM is hosting "The SCOTUS Decision: What it means and how we move forward," on Thursday, September 7, from noon to 1 pm. During this virtual event, Nancy Lynch, UW vice chancellor for legal Affairs, and Derek Kindle, UW vice provost for enrollment management, will discuss the recent ruling by the Supreme Court and how it could impact recruitment, admissions, scholarships, and more. Race-neutral strategies will also be covered. The event is co-sponsored by UW School of Pharmacy, School of Nursing, School of Veterinary Medicine, and School of Medicine and Public Health and is open to all health sciences faculty, practicing professionals and others. Attend at <https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/95161159246?from=addon>.

Faculty and Staff News

Matt Reynolds (PBS) was awarded an NIH R01 grant entitled "Determining the impact of ultra-small SIV reservoirs on sustained ART-free remission."

M. Suresh (PBS), associate dean for research & graduate training, was awarded a NIH grant to investigate the role of diverse microbial exposure on mucosal T cell immunity to vaccines and respiratory viral pathogens.

Sathish Kumar (CBS) was Invited to give the NIH Award Lecture at the International Federation of Placenta Associations (IFPA) meeting in Rotorua, New Zealand (5th to 8th September 2023).

Freya Mowat, Callie Rodgers, Michele Salzman, Leah J. Russell, and Hannah K. Lillesand (DSS) published a study, "[Subjective vision assessment in companion dogs using dogVLQ demonstrates age-associated visual dysfunction](#)," in the journal *Frontiers in Veterinary Science*.



The Wisconsin Veterinary Summer Scholars and Dual Degree trainees (above) attended the American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges - AAVMC Veterinary Scholars Symposium in Puerto Rico last month. This annual meeting celebrates the important role of scientific research in veterinary medicine and provides a platform for our talented veterinary medical students to present their original research conducted through the esteemed Boehringer Ingelheim Veterinary Scholars Program.

Upcoming Events

September 15

All School Kickoff Picnic

5–7 p.m.
SVM Overhang

October 20th

Dean's Get Together

4:30--6 pm
SVM/Second Floor Lobby

November 11

Tailgate 2023

UW vs. Northwestern
Details TBD

November 17

Dean's Get Together/Breakfast with Sally

7:30 - 9 am
SVM Foyer

SVM in the News

Starr Cameron, clinical associate professor in small animal neurology, was featured in a [Washington Post](#) story about the signs and symptoms of dementia in cats and dogs and what people can do to support their pets.

Associate Dean **Lynn Maki** and SVM mental health counselor **Christina Frank** were guests on the [AAVMC Diversity & Inclusion On Air podcast](#) to discuss the prevalence of trauma in student backgrounds and the need for trauma-informed teaching.

The **SVM Shelter Medicine Program** was featured in [a story on MSN.com](#) about the their role in helping to slow the spread of distemper at an animal shelter in Austin, Texas.

