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ALUMNI E-NEWS

March/April 2019



Understanding Obesity's Role in Cancer

In her lab at the UW School of Veterinary Medicine, Assistant Professor **Lisa Arendt DVM'02** studies how obesity contributes to increased risk for breast cancer and metastasis. Arendt's findings carry potential applications for targeted breast cancer therapies and for broader cancer treatment and prevention -- over two thirds of the U.S. population is considered to be overweight or obese. "If we understand how it affects one cancer, we may be able to understand more globally how it impacts other types of cancer," she told FOX 47 in a recent special report.

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School News

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

The [spring issue of On Call](#) is now on its way to you, spotlighting how clinical studies of novel cancer therapies in canine oncology patients have yielded more effective, less toxic cancer treatments for both pets and people. We also pay tribute to **Morrie Waud**, one of the School of Veterinary Medicine's greatest supporters and friends and an honorary member of the class of 2015.

Mark your calendar for April 9, the [Day of the Badger](#), and watch for more details soon. On this day of giving, all gifts to the SVM's [building expansion campaign](#) -- to alleviate the significant space challenges currently constraining our teaching, clinical and research programs -- will be matched, with gifts of any size making a difference. Then on April 10, the SVM will be at the [UW Day at the State Capitol](#), joined by alumni and friends, to ask elected officials for support of our building project in the 2019-21 capital budget. If you can't be in Madison, you can still make your voice heard; it's easy to [send an email to legislators](#) at our [Animals Need Heroes Too](#) website.



Continuing Education

Upcoming courses to help advance your career.

March 23-24

Wisconsin Exotic Animal Veterinary Conference
UW School of Veterinary Medicine
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April 6-7

Applied Animal Behavior
Crowne Plaza Madison
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April 25

Social Hour and CE: Neurology Research Updates
UW School of Veterinary Medicine
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May 1-3

Dairyland Initiative Workshops
Hyatt Regency Green Bay
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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.

Lesanna Lahner DVM'11 , chief veterinarian at the Minnesota Zoo, recently shared with Minnesota Public Radio a variety of odd, eerie and cool [animal X-rays from the zoo's files](#). [Take their quiz](#) to see if you can name the zoo animals based on their radiographs .

Kathleen MacArthur DVM'93 is [now medical director](#) at VCA Stirling Square Animal Hospital in Hollywood, Florida.

Susie Mackin DVM'97 has [joined Countryside Veterinary Hospital and Pet Center](#) in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Debbie Padilla-Kruk DVM'00 recently began working at [Tender Care Animal Hospital](#) in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin.

Jan Ramer DVM'95 is [living her dream at The Wilds](#), a private, nonprofit safari park and conservation center in Cumberland, Ohio, where she serves as director of conservation medicine, staff veterinarian and vice president.



Rolf Westly DVM'87 [retired in December](#). For 30 years he worked as a field veterinarian for the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's veterinary services in Eastern Washington.

In Memoriam

Lloyd Laueran MS'60, PhD'68 [passed away in February](#) in Olympia, Washington. As a doctor of veterinary medicine, he was first employed by Biological Specialties in Middleton, Wisconsin. He then taught microbiology and set up a lab at the University of Nairobi in Nairobi, Kenya. After returning to the United States, he worked at Colorado State University, the Alabama State Diagnostic Laboratory, Washington State University's Puyallup Research and Extension Center, and the Brucellosis Laboratory in Olympia.

Ongoing Clinical Trials

Feline Chronic Kidney Disease

The Small Animal Internal Medicine Service is recruiting cats for a [study of oxidative stress in early kidney disease](#). Cats of any age with stage 1 and stage 2 chronic kidney disease are eligible for the study. [View specific eligibility details](#). The goal is to understand whether very early intervention may be useful in these cats.

The study involves one visit to UW Veterinary Care. Cats receive baseline blood work, and additional blood and urine will be obtained to measure levels of isoprostanes, a byproduct of lipid oxidation. Some cats may be eligible for an optional one-month diet trial with a commercial renal diet, followed by a recheck. All laboratory tests and special diets are provided at no cost, and screening test results will be provided to your clinic .

[Learn about other clinical trials.](#)

Upcoming Events

April 7

School of Veterinary Medicine and UW Veterinary Care Open House
10 a.m.-3 p.m.

UW Veterinary Medicine Building

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June 22

SVM Alumni Reunion
UW Veterinary Medicine Building

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