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ALUMNI E-NEWS

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Honoring the Excellence of Alumni

The UW School of Veterinary Medicine's Alumni Advisory Board has launched an **alumni awards program** to recognize graduates who have made significant contributions to society, and whose accomplishments, affiliations and careers have honored the school's legacy of excellence. Nominations are now open in three categories -- Distinguished Service Award (DVM and non-DVM) and Young Alumni Award -- with the deadline for nominations extended to March 1.

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School News

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

Even before his story aired on the world's biggest stage during Super Bowl LIV, Scout was a viral hit, [receiving global attention](#) across social media and in hundreds of news stories. The 7-year-old golden retriever appeared in a 30-second [WeatherTech Super Bowl commercial](#) alongside UW School of Veterinary Medicine faculty and staff who have been part of his cancer journey. In gratitude for Scout's treatment, the inspirational and heartwarming ad urged viewers to donate to the SVM's cancer research efforts via weathertech.com/donate, with 100 percent of gifts going to the school. The commercial has been viewed 1.7 million times on YouTube and has generated thousands of gifts. The experience has elevated UW's faculty and staff, shared a cancer research message to a global audience, and lifted the entire veterinary medicine field.



Research News

- A phase one clinical trial to [test a potential new Ebola vaccine](#) created by Professor **Yoshihiro Kawaoka** and **Peter Halfmann**, a research associate professor in his lab, is now underway in Japan. Kawaoka and colleagues also described in a study published in *Nature Microbiology* the effects of baloxavir treatment on influenza virus samples collected from patients before and after treatment, finding it drives drug resistance.
- Measuring changes in the speed of electrical signals along nerves connecting the eyes to the brain [may accurately reflect recovery from myelin loss in multiple sclerosis](#), according to research led by Professor **Ian Duncan**. The findings could be used to evaluate new treatments for the disease.
- Professor **Jorge Osorio** was involved in the development of a new vaccine to prevent dengue that, in [results published in the New England Journal of Medicine](#), was shown to be 80 percent effective in preventing participants from getting dengue and 95 percent effective in preventing cases of severe dengue.

Continuing Education

Upcoming courses to help advance your career.

February 12-13

PDPW: Dairy Wellbeing Workshop
Tundra Lodge Resort Waterpark & Conference Center

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February 26-27

After the Audit: On-Farm Improvements to Enhance Dairy Cattle Welfare and Optimize Performance
Hilton Milwaukee City Center

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March 14

Canine Endocrine Diseases: All Glands on Deck
Madison Marriott West

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March 17

PDPW: Cornerstone Program
Alliant Energy Center

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April 4-5

Wisconsin Exotic Animal Veterinary Conference
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.

David Frisbie DVM'92, orthopedic researcher and professor at Colorado State University, was installed as [president of the American Association of Equine Practitioners](#) at the organization's 65th Annual Convention in December.

Becky Krull DVM'05 spoke with WBAY-TV in December about [in-home pet euthanasia services](#) and with *U.S. News & World Report* in January about how veterinarians need to be adept at interacting with both humans and animals. "I think loving animals is a given but what is often overlooked is that you must be a people person," Krull said. "There is a person affiliated with every patient I have and that person is paying the bill!"

In Memoriam

Mark Grundahl DVM'88, of Whitewater, Wisconsin, [passed away](#) at home in December. After working in the dairy industry and teaching in North Carolina and Georgia, Grundahl earned his doctorate of veterinary medicine. He worked in the veterinary medical field for 30 years. Grundahl enjoyed watching and attending Badger games and watching his daughter, Sarah, show horses. He continued to be active in the Jersey cattle industry, owning and showing cattle for most of his life.



Ongoing Clinical Trials

Dogs With Chronic GI Signs

The Small Animal Internal Medicine Service is [recruiting canine patients](#) with chronic vomiting, diarrhea, poor appetite and weight loss to investigate whether or not patients need to be fasted for a commonly recommended test (gastrointestinal panel) in dogs with these symptoms. Removing or reducing fasting requirements will result in decreased patient stress, as well as reduction of challenges for owners and clinicians.

Any adult medium-to-large breed dog experiencing the above-noted symptoms is eligible. All dogs must be current patients of UW Veterinary Care and be first evaluated by a veterinarian.

[Learn about other clinical trials.](#)

Upcoming Events

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June 27

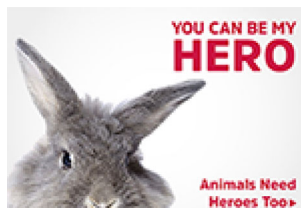
Alumni Reunion

SVM Classes of 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010 and 2015

UW Veterinary Medicine Building



[SVM Events Calendar](#)



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