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ALUMNI E-NEWS

May/June 2017



Small Animals, Big Dreams

Margaret Meier Jones DVM'96 credits her experience at the UW School of Veterinary Medicine (SVM) with giving her the tools and self-confidence to open her own practice. After graduating from the SVM, Jones worked in Wisconsin Dells and in her hometown of Mondovi, Wis., before founding the Animal Wellness Center of Buffalo Valley in October 2001.

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School News

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

SVM Program Aims to Update Buildings So Dairy Cows Can Be Happy

University Communications highlighted Professor Nigel Cook and the key role the SVM's [Dairyland Initiative](#) plays in providing dairy producers in Wisconsin and around the world the information they need to improve cow comfort and well-being.

Natural Experiment, Dogged Investigation, Yield Clue to Devastating Neurological Disease

After a 29-year quest, Professor **Ian Duncan** has finally [pinpointed the cause](#) of a serious neurologic disease in a colony of rats. His new study, now online in the journal *Annals of Neurology*, has shown that the rat abnormality closely resembles a rare human mutation that results in severe neurologic dysfunction.

Video: 2017 Blue Coat Ceremony

In preparation for their Blue Coat Ceremony speech -- and their clinical year of study -- this year's student speakers **Ethan Andre DVMx'18** and **Jacob Lauer DVMx'18** sought sage advice from SVM faculty and staff, members of the Class of 2017, and even Maxine the donor cow. [Watch their video guide](#) to having a successful fourth-year experience.



Continuing Education

Upcoming courses to help advance your career.

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Computed Tomography Course
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Finessing Feline Dental Extractions
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Madison Marriott West
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Roles of Veterinary Professionals in Cases
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Crowne Plaza Hotel - Madison
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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.

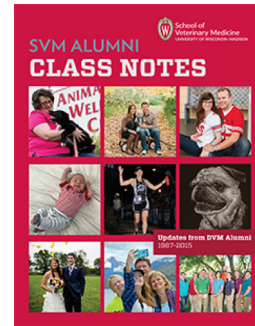
2017 Class Notes Now Online

Read about the latest personal and professional milestones of your classmates in the digital version of our annual [SVM Alumni Class Notes](#) publication.

Alumni in the News

- [Linda Sullivan DVM'87](#) answered the Wisconsin State Journal's "Just Ask Us" question: *Are pets therapeutic for their owners even without training?*

- **Ruthanne Chun DVM'91** highlighted a new program that's helping Wisconsin's police dogs stay happy and healthy.
- **Lynda Bernsteen DVM'93** was the subject of a feature article in her hometown newspaper that detailed how she's making an impact as a veterinary surgeon.
- Earlier this spring, **several SVM alumni** -- **Jennifer Lorenz DVM'09**, **Kristi Arnquist DVM'98**, **Katie Kuehl DVM'12**, and **Sarah Lautzenhiser DVM'96** -- were part of a team that helped with the dogs and horses seized from a property in northern Wisconsin.



Ongoing Clinical Trials

Tick-Borne Disease Study

UW Veterinary Care's Clinical Pathology Service is recruiting healthy dogs and dogs with neurologic conditions to screen for Powassan Virus.

Related to West Nile Virus, Powassan causes sporadic disease in people -- mainly due to inflammation of the brain following a bite by an infected tick. A closely related European virus, Tick-Borne Encephalitis virus, causes a similar disease in both dogs and humans. However, it is currently not known if Powassan poses a risk to North American dogs.

Blood collected for routine testing from healthy dogs will be used to search for this virus. Spinal fluid collected for testing in dogs with neurologic conditions may also be used to isolate the Powassan virus. [More](#)

[Learn about other clinical trials](#)

Upcoming Events



June 24, 2017

SVM Alumni Reunion
Celebrating graduates from the classes of 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007, and 2012

[More](#)

July 21, 2017

Alumni Reception at AVMA Convention
 JW Marriott - Room 105
 7 to 9 p.m.

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September 30, 2017

SVM Annual Tailgate
Wisconsin vs. Northwestern

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