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ALUMNI E-NEWS

January/February 2019



### Opening the Door to Pet Wellness

Two UW School of Veterinary Medicine outreach partnerships led by alumni **William Gilles DVM'13** and **Sandra Newbury DVM'03** provide veterinary medical care and other social services to underserved Wisconsin communities where veterinary clinics and other pet resources are limited or non-existent. The initiatives empower both pets and their people and thread new connections to the veterinary profession.

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### School News

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

In December, Governor-elect Tony Evers visited the UW School of Veterinary Medicine for a tour and to learn more about the SVM and its [building expansion project](#). Numerous state

senators and representatives have also toured our facilities, with additional visits scheduled. If you live in Wisconsin, [please assist us](#) by telling your local legislators of the important impact the SVM has on the state and its citizens, and by notifying the school of opportunities to speak with local veterinary medical and industry groups.

Research led by neuroscientist **Ian Duncan** shows that an overlooked source may be able to [replace the lost insulation of nerve cells](#) by creating a thin replacement coating of myelin. The study opens new opportunities to slow or reverse diseases like multiple sclerosis.

Less than two years after the first report of wild chimpanzees in Uganda dying as a result of a human "common cold" virus, a new study led by UW SVM Professor **Tony Goldberg**, an expert on emerging pathogens in animals, has [identified two other respiratory viruses of human origin](#) in chimpanzee groups in the same forest.

## Continuing Education

*Upcoming courses to help advance your career.*

### February 9-10

Emergency and Critical Care: A Parley on Pulmonary Problems  
*UW School of Veterinary Medicine*

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### February 12-13

PDPW Dairy Wellbeing Workshop  
*Tundra Lodge Resort*

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### March 12-13

PDPW Cornerstone Dairy Academy  
*Alliant Energy Center*

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### March 23-24

Wisconsin Exotic Animal Veterinary Conference  
*UW School of Veterinary Medicine*

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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.*

**Sarah Appleby DVM'18** and **Mandy Craven DVM'18** were recognized at the American Association of Equine Practitioners' (AAEP) 64th Annual Convention, respectively, with the [Northwestern Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association Equine Symposium Scholarship](#) and a [scholarship from Zoetis and the AAEP Foundation](#).

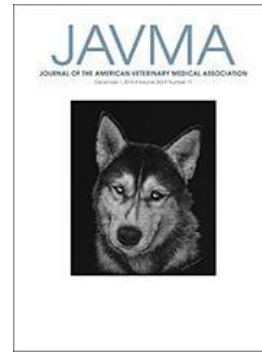
**Darlene Konkle DVM'93** , acting state veterinarian with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, spoke with media this fall about bovine tuberculosis being [found in a Dane County dairy herd](#) and a [growing number of cases](#) of chronic wasting disease on deer and elk farms and hunting ranches in the state.

The *Leader-Telegram* spotlighted the mix of traditional veterinary medicine and alternative therapies that **Margaret Meier Jones DVM'96** [offers for pets, horses and other large](#)

animals at the Animal Wellness Center of Buffalo Valley.

**Sarah Mills-Lloyd DVM'05**, the UW-Extension Oconto County agriculture agent, shared suggestions for **remodeling "retired" dairy facilities** for beef herds, noting that Wisconsin has more beef farms than dairy farms.

A portrait of a Siberian Husky by **Jennifer Rodriguez Gockowski DVM'05** was featured on the cover of the **December 1, 2018 issue** of the *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association*.



**Angela Ruppel DVM'03** and her team with the Purple Cat Mobile Veterinary Clinic are **traveling western Wisconsin** to offer low-cost spay, neuter and vaccine services in an effort to fight pet overpopulation.

**Meghan Schuh DVM'16** and Shelly Waller, a counselor and career advisor with the SVM's Personal and Wellness Support Services (PAWSS) program recently discussed the importance of **mental health and wellness in the veterinary medical profession**, as well as resources available to current practitioners and future veterinarians.

**Sara Sholts DVM'16** has **joined Hill-Dale Veterinary Care** of Baraboo.

**Linda Teeter DVM'98** is now **with Lakeview Animal Clinic** in Pewaukee.

The American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) recognized Country Hills Pet Hospital of Eden, Wisconsin -- owned by **Mark Thompson DVM'96** -- with the **AAHA-Accredited Practice of the Year Award**. This highly competitive award recognizes the outstanding achievements of accredited veterinary practice teams and celebrates ongoing advancements in veterinary medicine.



## Ongoing Clinical Trials

### Cats with Seizures

The Small Animal Neurology Service is enrolling feline patients with a history of seizures that are receiving end-of-life treatment at UW Veterinary Care. This study will investigate the clinical signs and physical changes to the brain that are caused by seizures in cats. Seizures in cats appear to be consistent with the most common type of epilepsy in humans, temporal lobe epilepsy (TLE). The aim of this study is to confirm that TLE occurs in cats, which will advance treatment options for cats with epilepsy. [More about this study](#).

[Learn about other clinical trials.](#)

## Upcoming Events



SAVE THE DATE  
**June 22, 2019**  
SVM Alumni Reunion  
*UW Veterinary Medicine Building*

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