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Message from the Dean | February 2017

Our Ongoing Commitment to You and Us

Given the current national and campus discourse on race, religion, and gender identity, I want to strongly emphasize that the UW School of Veterinary Medicine and the UW-Madison campus remain dedicated to creating a safe and inclusive environment.



We are committed to embracing people of all backgrounds no matter their race or ethnicity, religious expression or practice, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability status, or political affiliation. We understand and value the importance of diversity and how it enhances our profession, our lives, and our nation.

Last weekend, many of you likely learned that President Trump signed an executive order that affects entry into the United States for some immigrants, particularly those coming from Iran, Iraq, Syria, Somalia, Sudan, Libya, and Yemen. At this point, the school does not have exact information on how this will affect current UW-Madison students on F-1 and J-1 visas.

If you feel this order may impact you, we recommend that you not travel outside of the United States at this time. The offices of [International Student Services](#) and [International Faculty and Staff Services](#) are here on campus to help guide and inform you as best they can. In addition, Chancellor Blank has provided information about [campus efforts in response](#) to this executive order.

I, along with our campus leadership, recognize that this is a challenging and confusing time for many of you. But please know that we understand and support the concept that openly expressing the multiple aspects of our identities, as well as welcoming people with those identities from all over the world, enriches the learning and working environment here on campus and at the SVM.

[UW Veterinary Care Updates from the Director](#)



Only a couple of items of note this month. Welcome to William Neal, our new certified veterinary technician in the Dentistry and Oral Surgery Service.

And here is this month's praise from a delighted client:

" My dog and I had an outstanding experience! I really don't know that the doctor, students, or staff could have done anything better! We were treated with kindness and courtesy. All of my questions were clearly and completely answered. From the cheerful greeting when we walk into the building to the 'Have a safe trip home' comment as we were leaving, I felt valued! I really appreciate meeting with Dr. Layne! She has always impressed me with her knowledge and with her ability to clearly communicate the issues and the possible solutions to me, even though my last biology class was in high school! As in the past visits, I was also impressed with the 4th year students. I felt that they were vested in the examination and discussion. While they are still developing the appropriate knowledge and experience, they presented themselves well with very appropriate inter-personal relating skills. I strongly believe they are being well taught!"

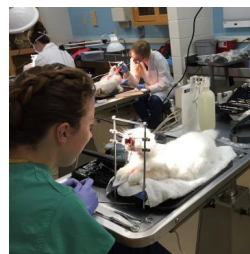
--Daniel, Green Bay, Wis.

Ruthanne Chun
Director, **UW Veterinary Care**
Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs

School News

The 25th Annual **Wisconsin Exotic Animal Veterinary Conference**, WEZAM's annual continuing education event, will take place on Feb. 11 and 12. New this year are a track specifically for technicians and a post-conference reception. All proceeds go to support student scholarships, learning experiences, and club activities. Registration is now open.

Mark your calendars! Our **biennial Open House** for the School of Veterinary Medicine and UW Veterinary Care is scheduled for Sunday, April 2. This is a wonderful opportunity to show the public all of the exceptional work happening at the school.



Student News

Welcome to our new students who have joined us from Ross University and St. George's University for their clinical year. They are Jamie Sabel, Jackie Sabel, Lizabeth Estevez, Tessa Green, and Robyn White.

Congratulations to Rachel O'Leary DVMx'19, who has earned an [Auxiliary to the AVMA Legacy Scholarship](#).

Ten of our students -- Claire Afflerbach, Laura Bunke, Jessica Carag, Sam Emmerich, Frances Goglio, Melanie Iverson, Nicole Kuha, Kameron Montana, Lauren Prince, and Ashley Van Batavia -- attended [Veterinary Student Day](#) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Jan. 22 and 23 to learn about potential careers with the federal government.



Faculty and Staff News

Welcome (again) to Neil Christensen, currently one of our clinical instructors (and formerly a resident), who has accepted a position as clinical assistant professor of radiation oncology in the Department of Surgical Sciences.

Congratulations to Eileen Pan, who worked for 16 years in our Business Services and Medical Records offices, for receiving emeritus status in recognition of her exemplary service to the SVM and the university.

M. Suresh has been named a [Vilas Associate](#) in recognition of the high quality and significance of his research. Well done!

Robb Hardie [has received a grant](#) from UW-Madison's Educational Innovation Small Grant Program to convert the Fundamentals of Surgery course into an improved blended format.

Upcoming Events

SVM Alumni Reception (North American Veterinary Community Conference)

Feb. 7, 2017

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Hilton Orlando - Lake Louise B

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Wisconsin Exotic Animal Veterinary Conference

Feb. 11-12, 2017

Veterinary Medicine Building

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For more SVM-related events, visit the school's [online calendar](#).

SVM in the News

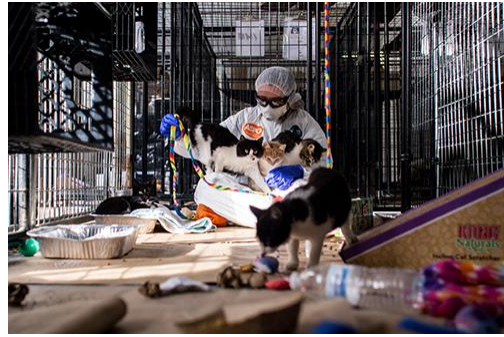
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[UW Scientists to Head Up New Midwest Center on Tick- and Mosquito-Borne Diseases](#)
The Capital Times

**UW Police Horse Veteran Vegas Euthanized
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