About the College of Veterinary Medicine
The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine is ranked fifth in the nation among veterinary schools, according to the 2008 *U.S. News & World Report’s* “Best Graduate Schools.” The college includes more than 1,000 faculty, staff, and students in the Departments of Veterinary Biosciences, Veterinary Clinical Sciences, and Veterinary Preventive Medicine. The Veterinary Teaching Hospital is a comprehensive referral center for veterinary practitioners and is among the largest facilities of its kind in the world, with more than 35,000 large and small animal patients each year. In addition, the college operates a nationally recognized large animal ambulatory practice and teaching unit in Marysville, Ohio, and a Food Animal Health Research Program in Wooster at the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center.

College of Veterinary Medicine
by the Numbers

- 100 faculty
- 557 students
- 109 graduate students
- 28 students in the Veterinary Public Health program
- $12,873,900 in outside grant support awarded to faculty (215 projects; 56 faculty)
- 11,700 new clients and 22,000 new animals in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital
- 1,524 donors
- $2.8 million total donations

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On the cover (clockwise from top): Dee DiPiero, lead equine technician, holds Tuxedo, the barn cat; (bottom right): student Laurel Miller works with a client and his animal; (center): a cow undergoes a procedure; (bottom left): students Raven Gulick (right) and Victoria Ambrose perform an examination on Tate (“It’s Better Tate than Never”), a Welsh Corgi bred by Connie Rinehart, front desk client services in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital.
Welcome to our inaugural annual report, 2007 – Year in Review.

The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine is a vital component of one of the most comprehensive health sciences centers in America. This report reflects an era of change and growth in the college and showcases advances and accomplishments in all of our departments, our Veterinary Teaching Hospital, and among our students and alumni.

The past year has brought tremendous progress to our great college. We were recognized by the 2008 edition of U.S. News & World Report’s “Best Graduate Schools” with a ranking of fifth among veterinary colleges in North America. The AVMA accredited the college for seven years and recognized in their report many strengths in the college, as well as the need for improved and expanded facilities and a curriculum review. We have completed a feasibility study for a new small animal teaching hospital and renovations to the current hospital. With recognition from the university, we expect to complete the renovations over the next five years and begin the new hospital in 2013. We are also in the planning phase of a major fund-raising campaign.

Progress continues to be made on a new cafeteria space in our Veterinary Teaching Hospital, and we look forward to an expanded menu with warm food items and a comfortable space for eating and relaxing.

In an effort to keep our alumni updated with activities and events on a more frequent basis, we stopped publishing The Speculum in 2005 in favor of a monthly e-newsletter called Connect to Veterinary Medicine. If you would like to be added to the mailing list for this publication, please go to vet.osu.edu/connect and click “get subscribed.”

This year, we congratulated several faculty who moved on to new careers or retirement—and were thrilled to welcome outstanding new faculty to our ranks. See pages 16–20 for new faculty in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences.

I am pleased to announce that I have been invited by Columbus Mayor Michael Coleman to participate in a tour of cities in Israel in April 2008 to identify new business opportunities with Israeli life science companies and to develop partnerships with Columbus. The College of Veterinary Medicine is in a strong position to take advantage of the “One Medicine” concept and to promote translation of discoveries and clinical trials in the college for the benefit of both animals and people. Partnerships will be an important way to support continued growth of our college. This report highlights creative ways our faculty are developing new partnerships to keep our college moving forward.
Dr. Michael Lairmore, DVM, PhD, professor and chair of the Department of Veterinary Biosciences and associate director for Basic Sciences at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center, is the only faculty member of the university board certified in both veterinary pathology and veterinary microbiology. He has been continuously funded by extramural grants since 1990 from the National Institutes of Health and a variety of private agencies. In February 2002, Dr. Lairmore was appointed chair of the department following a national search, and in September 2003, he was named associate director of Basic Sciences for the Ohio State Comprehensive Cancer Center (OSUCCC), which consists of more than 200 investigators in 13 colleges across campus. As associate director of basic research and member of the senior leadership team for the OSUCCC, Dr. Lairmore facilitates the development of programmatic synergy in basic cancer discovery. He has authored or co-authored more than 145 scientific publications in high quality scientific journals. In 2004, he was awarded the Distinguished Scholar Award, one of only six such awards among some 5,000 faculty at Ohio State. In 2005 Dr. Lairmore was recognized as a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences. Dr. Lairmore has been appointed to numerous NIH Study Sections as an ad hoc reviewer, served on a variety of United States Public Health Service committees, and was a member of the Scientific and Technical Review Board for NCRR. Dr. Lairmore is widely recognized for research in comparative medicine and is a frequently invited speaker and organizer of national and international research meetings. Dr. Lairmore is the principal investigator of the National Cancer Institute-funded Program Project Grant in Retroviral Models of Lymphocyte Transformation and Disease. For the past three years, Dr. Lairmore has directed the College’s Summer Research Program for Veterinary Students, and he directs an NIH T-32 Training Grant to train veterinarians in mouse pathobiology.

“Our life’s work is to find out how life works”

Dr. Michael Lairmore, Chair

Department of Veterinary Biosciences Services

Renowned Graduate Program
Applied Pathology
Biochemical and Molecular Core
Clinical Laboratories Core
Histology/Immunohistochemistry Core
Imaging Core
Mouse Phenotyping Shared Resource
Tissue Bank
Graduate training funded in veterinary pathology

Both the Eli Lilly and Company Foundation, Inc., and IDEXX Corporation have agreed to provide gifts towards supporting graduate training in veterinary pathology to the Department of Veterinary Biosciences. This financial support will greatly assist efforts to train outstanding veterinary pathologists in anatomic and clinical pathology. In addition, Eli Lilly has also awarded the college a grant in the amount of $120,000 to fund fellowships in veterinary pathology over the next three years. Philanthropy and community service are long-standing traditions at Eli Lilly and Company. The Lilly Foundation is a tax-exempt private foundation that awards cash grants to support philanthropic initiatives that are aligned with the company’s business strategy and have a well-defined sense of purpose, a demonstrated commitment to maximizing available resources, and a reputation for meeting objectives and delivering quality programs and services. Recent reports project a deficiency of veterinary pathologists, which supports the need to train highly qualified veterinary pathologists, particularly in academic veterinary medicine. This need has been recognized since the inception of the veterinary pathology training program at Ohio State, which strives to incorporate elements of both residency training and graduate education into a unified program.

External review recognizes high quality of department

The Department of Veterinary Biosciences combines the disciplines of veterinary anatomy, immunology, microbiology, pathology, pharmacology, and physiology into a single academic unit. In December, the department hosted an external review as part of the university’s efforts to examine departments and units throughout campus. The review team’s responsibilities were to assess the department, including faculty, programs, students, leadership, and future plans. The team of reviewers was asked to provide an evaluation of the current status of the department and make recommendations. The report recognized the accomplishments of faculty, staff, and students, stating in part that “the College of Veterinary Medicine is a relatively small college within the university, and university administration must recognize that the college is a giant among its national and international peer institutions. In addition, the Department of Veterinary Biosciences is integral, in fact essential, to the academic standing of the college. The department is unquestionably recognized as among the very best programs of its type at both the national and international levels and is enriched by an environment of trust and respect that extends among the faculty, graduate and professional students, laboratory and technical staff, and the administrative and educational staff.” The report also indicated key areas that will continue to challenge the department, specifically in the areas of central support for graduate education, infrastructure improvements, and retention and recruitment of high quality faculty in a competitive environment.
FACULTY AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Dr. Rosol receives distinguished alumni award, council appointments

Dr. Tom Rosol, dean and Ruth Stanton Chair in Veterinary Medicine, received the 2007 Dr. Erwin Small Distinguished Alumni Award from the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The award acknowledges distinguished graduates who have excelled in their respective fields and have made significant contributions to the profession of veterinary medicine.

Dean Rosol also was appointed by Secretary of Agriculture Charles Conner to represent the American Colleges of Veterinary Medicine on the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board for three years. The board provides advice to the Secretary of Agriculture and land-grant colleges and universities on top priorities and policies for food and agricultural research, education, extension, and economics, and consults with appropriate agricultural committees of the U.S. Congress. In addition, Dr. Rosol was appointed to the National Advisory Research Resources Council of the National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Boris-Lawrie chosen as AAAS Fellow

Dr. Kathleen Boris-Lawrie, professor in the Department of Veterinary Biosciences and in Molecular Virology, Immunology, and Medical Genetics, was chosen as one of the 15 Ohio State faculty to be honored as a fellow by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) for her distinguished contributions to the field of molecular virology, particularly in defining post-transcriptional control protein and RNA elements that modulate retrovirus replication and cell growth. Members of the AAAS are elevated to the rank of fellow for their efforts in advancing science or fostering scientifically or socially distinguished applications. Dr. Boris-Lawrie's election brings the number of AAAS Fellows in the Department of Veterinary Biosciences to seven, including Drs. Charles Capen, Patrick Green, Michael Lairmore, Larry Mathes, Yasuko Rikihisa, and Tom Rosol.

“I am honored to be a member of this internationally recognized group of scientists,” said Dr. Boris-Lawrie. Drs. Green and Capen were named Fellows in 2006. Find both university announcements at: researchnews.osu.edu

Dr. Robert Hamlin recognized by Council of Graduate Students

The Council of Graduate Students annually recognizes a member of The Ohio State University community for his or her exceptional support of the graduate student population. This year, Dr. Robert Hamlin, professor in the Department of Veterinary Biosciences, received the Larry M. Llewellyn Award for Distinguished Service from the Council. The award was named for Mr. Llewellyn, who serves The Ohio State University as associate vice president for the Office of Human Resources.

Congratulations to our new board certified pathologists

In 2007, Drs. Christopher Premanandan and Katie Knostman passed the certifying examination of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists (ACVP).
The following list summarizes the accomplishments of faculty, staff, and students from the college who attended the Annual Meeting of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists and American Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology in Savannah, Ga., in November 2007.

**Young Investigator Award**  
Drs. Gillian Beamer (Experimental Pathology), Stacey Fossey (Experimental Pathology), and Tzu-Yin Lin (Toxicologic Pathology)  
Awards are given at the ACVP Annual Meeting to young investigators, primarily veterinarians in pathology training programs, with the highest quality abstracts and poster presentations on experimental or naturally occurring disease.

**Casey Scholarship**  
Dr. Matthew Buccellatto  
The Harold W. Casey Scholarship Award annually recognizes and rewards an outstanding individual training in pathology and striving to achieve ACVP certification.

**Graduate Student/Resident ACVP Travel Awards**  
Drs. Mary Carsillo and Stacey Fossey  
Recipients will be awarded a grant to help defray costs associated with attending the ACVP Annual Meeting. Submission of a poster or platform presentation at the Annual Meeting is required.

**American Society of Clinical Pathology/Young Investigator Award**  
Dr. Tzu-Yin Lin  
Awarded for oral presentation.

**Christopher T. Starost Memorial Oncology Scholarship**  
Dr. Stacey Fossey  
Scholarship to a candidate who has demonstrated outstanding written and verbal skills through a poster presentation at the ACVP Annual Meeting. The poster must deal with an aspect of oncological research that can be translated into human cancer pathogenesis, prevention, treatment, and/or diagnosis.

**CL Davis Foundation Award**  
Dr. Christopher Premanandan  
Award to recognize outstanding efforts by veterinary pathology residents or graduate students who exhibit advanced scholarship, diagnostic skills, or other forms of academic excellence in veterinary pathology or veterinary clinical pathology.

Numerous other faculty served as committee, session, or program chairs for the meeting or served in leadership positions in ACVP or ASVCP.

**ACVP Education Committee**  
Program Chair Dr. Michael D. Lairmore  
and Immediate Past Program Chair Dr. Mary Jo Burkhard

**ASVCP Program Committee**  
Dr. Judy Radin

**Plenary Session Chair**  
Dr. Judy Radin

**Mini-Symposium Co-Chairs**  
Drs. Maxey Wellman and Laura Rush, “Tissue Banking Best Practices”

**Concurrent Session Chairs**  
Drs. Michael Oglesbee, Judy Radin, and Steven Krakowka

**Immediate Past Presidents**  
Drs. Judy Radin (ASVCP) and Paul Stromberg (ACVP)

**ACVP Council**  
Dr. Maxey Wellman

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**Rikihisa’s work recognized and rewarded**  
Research in Dr. Yasuko Rikihisa’s lab led to a patent for the diagnosis of canine ehrlichiosis. The diagnostic products now generate income for more research in the College of Veterinary Medicine. The work currently is the largest single revenue stream from a patent at Ohio State. In addition, her lab just received four years of funding from the National Institutes of Health for comparative studies in human ehrlichiosis agent genomes. Dr. Rikihisa was also a finalist in the 2007 TopCAT Innovation Awards.

Dr. Yasuko Rikihisa
New chair leads Department of Veterinary Preventive Medicine

Department of Veterinary Preventive Medicine Chair Dr. William Saville served the department as interim chair when Dr. Ken Hoblet left the college in 2006 to become dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi State University. After a national search, Dr. Saville was ultimately selected to lead the department as chair, a position that officially began on June 1, 2007.

“Dr. Hoblet was a great leader in this department,” said Dr. Saville. “It’s an excellent department and I’m proud to be part of it. We have great faculty, and the department did not miss a beat during the transition.”

Dr. Saville is board certified in veterinary internal medicine and was a private practitioner prior to his academic career. Dr. Saville has won a Pfizer Animal Health Award for research excellence and the Dean’s Award for Creativity in Teaching. An expert on West Nile Virus, he has a well-funded extension program on the epidemiology of emerging diseases. He has developed multiple partnerships with the State of Ohio, including a novel veterinary surveillance program that partners with the State Department of Public Health (see Applied Field Epidemiology, page 9).

The department has built strong interdisciplinary relationships through Extension and with the College of Public Health for the new master’s degree in Veterinary Public Health, headed by Dr. Armando Hoet (see page 9). Along with the Department of Veterinary

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Biosciences, the college is an important player in the university-wide Public Health Preparedness for Infectious Diseases (PHPID) program (see page 30).

“We have a challenge today in public health and food safety,” said Dr. Saville. “We need to educate people on the important role veterinarians play in the public health arena and elevate our presence.”

The department is beginning a new partnership with the Department of Animal Sciences, led by Dr. Richard Meiring, clinical assistant professor in the Department of Veterinary Preventive Medicine. The Early Commitment Program for Students Interested in Food Animal Medicine will offer sophomore and junior students who are majoring in animal sciences the opportunity to gain an early commitment to the College of Veterinary Medicine and allow them to take additional specialty courses to increase their knowledge of environmental and herd issues that they simply cannot cover during their four-year DVM program.

“Very few of our students grow up on farms,” said Dr. Meiring, “unlike veterinary students from 20 or 30 years ago. This new program will allow them to take advanced course work they might otherwise shy away from for fear of a low grade. They can learn about important issues in herd management and other areas that make them better veterinarians and that they don’t have time to learn during the regular DVM program.

“We are also in the process of working with other departments in the college to develop a Center for Excellence in Food Animal Health, Production, and Well-Being,” he said (see page 29).

**PROGRAMS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**Veterinarian of the Year: Dr. Charlie Neer**

Charles A. Neer, clinical associate veterinarian in the Department of Veterinary Preventive Medicine, was named Veterinarian of the Year by the Ohio Veterinary Medical Association (OVMA). The award recognized Dr. Neer’s dedication and service to the veterinary profession, the OVMA, and animal welfare. He served the college for 25 years, providing professional students with courses on the business of practicing veterinary medicine. Dr. Neer’s research interests also include the benefits of human-animal relationships, zoonoses, animal control, and animal welfare. A 1963 graduate of the College of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Neer served as captain of the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps and owned a mixed animal practice in Bellevue, Ohio, prior to joining Ohio State as a faculty member in 1982. His community and state involvement also included supporting the College of Veterinary Medicine’s Pet Loss Hotline Support Program, serving on the board of the Veterinary Medicine Alumni Society, and working with the Capital Area Humane Society. He retired during the summer of 2007.

**Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections**

The College of Veterinary Medicine has a long-term partnership with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections, which operates 10 farms in Ohio. They raise and process their own animals to provide food to the 46,000 inmates in 32 institutions in the state. “We are their vets,” explains Dr. Fernando Silveira, assistant professor in the Department of Preventive Medicine. “We act as consultants, assist with strategic planning, and are able to engage in observational research, from conception to consumer—breeding to processing. This program is also a huge benefit to our students, who are able to gain a variety of experiences by working with the animals on these farms. Many members of the public are unaware of the important role veterinarians play in keeping the American food supply safe.”
William L. Ingalls, DVM, MS, was inducted into the Ohio Agriculture Hall of Fame on August 11, 2006, at the Awards Program held during the Ohio State Fair. Enshrinement in the Ohio Agriculture Hall of Fame is Ohio's highest recognition of an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the agricultural industry. Each year, four prominent agricultural leaders are honored and inducted into the Hall of Fame for their superior service, dedication, leadership, and plentiful contributions to agriculture. Dr. Ingalls is only the fourth veterinarian to be inducted. Dr. Ingalls initially became a faculty member of The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1947. He then moved into private industry where he served agriculture as vice president of the Columbus Serum Company from 1951–1974. He served as professor and Extension veterinarian (Swine) in the Department of Veterinary Preventive Medicine from 1974 until he officially retired in 1988. Since his retirement he has maintained an office in the department and has remained involved in teaching and Extension activities, coming in to work in the department nearly every day. During his career, Dr. Ingalls also worked in Ohio's state diagnostic laboratory in Reynoldsburg, served as assistant state pathologist with the Ohio Department of Agriculture laboratories, and worked as an associate animal pathologist at the Virginia Agriculture Experiment Station. In addition, Dr. Ingalls served as vice president of the AVMA from 1985 to 1987. He served as Health Commissioner in the Pickaway County General Health District from 1988 to 1993. He also served on the Policy Review Committee for the Joint Solid Waste Management District and the Peer Review Committee at the Ohio Department of Health. He has served on the board of directors at the American Association of Extension Veterinarians and as director of the Ohio Extension Professors Association. VPH-MPH Program The Veterinary Public Health specialization toward the Master of Public Health degree wrapped up its second year and recruited the largest class ever in 2007. With the realization that nearly 70 percent of emerging diseases are likely to be zoonotic (moving from an animal population to humans), this program was developed to prepare public health professionals to better protect the communities they serve. In addition to specialized instruction in the epidemiology of zoonotic diseases, students in the program receive training in food safety, biosecurity, and environmental health. “Right now, this is the only veterinary public health specialization in the country,” said Dr. Armando Hoet, assistant professor in the Department of Veterinary Preventive Medicine and program coordinator for the MPH-VPH. “We are particularly proud of our students, who have turned creative ideas into culminating projects leading to their degrees.” Student projects have ranged from writing an emergency preparedness plan to creating a news release explaining Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus. At a meeting at the Centers for Disease Control in April, Director Julie Gerberding noted that Ohio State was at the forefront of understanding the need for colleges of public health and veterinary medicine to come together for interdisciplinary research. Applied Field Epidemiology The monthly Applied Field Epidemiology meeting was started by Dr. Bill Saville in 1999. It serves as a forum to discuss health problems occurring statewide, which may lead to collaboration, research programs, and subsequent outreach. The program meets at noon on the second Wednesday of every month and brings together university faculty from all departments in the college and several more across campus, veterinary students, graduate students, and professional veterinarians from a number of state and federal agencies including the Ohio Department of Health, Ohio Department of Agriculture, USDA, Department of Natural Resources, USDA Vet Services, USDA Wildlife, and local health departments as well.
Ohio-Israel Agricultural Initiative

The College of Veterinary Medicine has played a vital role in the Negev Foundation’s Ohio-Israel Agricultural Initiative. The Negev Foundation, an organization based in Cleveland devoted to developing Israel’s southern Negev region, formed the initiative in 2002 in an effort to improve agricultural ties between Ohio and Israel. The initiative has put a large emphasis on conducting workshops in Ohio about aquaculture, dairy processing and breeding, and Kosher certification in order to educate farmers, scientists, academia, and field instructors. Ohio State was proud to host two Israeli experts on these topics.

Dr. Mohammad Abed el Khaliq, chief veterinary inspector of Israel’s largest and newest meat processing facility, visited the college as part of a tour of Ohio. Dr. Fernando Silveira, assistant professor in the Department of Veterinary Preventive Medicine, took Dr. Khaliq on a tour of a meat processing facility in Pickerington with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections. Dr. Khaliq spoke to students in the Veterinary Public Health specialty on “Meat Inspection in Israel, Working within Kosher and Halal Restrictions.” The second speaker, David Dror, a dairy breeder and genetic advisor from Israel, spoke on the science of breeding cattle.

International Visitor’s Council partners with Preventive Medicine

Dr. Richard Slemons, professor, Department of Veterinary Preventive Medicine, hosted 10 Armenian scientists in July in conjunction with the International Visitor’s Council of Columbus. The veterinarians and senior government officials were mostly interested in learning about protecting the Armenian poultry industry from avian influenza, and Dr. Slemons was able to provide the expertise they sought. With more than 30 years of experience working with a variety of poultry-specific viruses, Dr. Slemons is a much sought-after speaker who has received many awards for his research.
New chair leads Veterinary Clinical Sciences

The College of Veterinary Medicine welcomed Dr. Rustin Moore to the position of chair in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences in December 2006. Originally from West Virginia, Dr. Moore obtained his DVM and PhD from The Ohio State University in 1989 and 1994, respectively. Following his DVM, he completed a one-year internship in large animal medicine and surgery at the University of Georgia and an equine surgical residency at Ohio State. He became board certified by the American College of Veterinary Surgeons in 1994.

In October 1994, Dr. Moore began at the Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine as assistant professor of equine surgery, achieving associate professor with tenure status in 1997. In 2001, he became professor of veterinary surgery, while serving as service chief of the Equine Medicine and Surgery Section of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital and Clinics and director of the Equine Health Studies Program.

Some of Dr. Moore’s clinical interests include lameness, surgery, and colic and its associated complications. Dr. Moore has authored or co-authored 15 book chapters, approximately 100 peer-reviewed scientific articles, and more than 150 scientific abstracts. He has given numerous scientific and continuing education presentations at local, state, national, and international conferences. He frequently serves as an invited speaker at national and international equine veterinary clinical and research symposia.

He is a member of the American Association of Equine Practitioners, American Veterinary Medical Association, and the American College of Veterinary Surgeons, where he has served on numerous committees and in leadership positions. He is also a member of the Ohio Veterinary Medical Association and the Columbus Academy of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Moore enjoys assembling teams, building programs, and facilitating professional development for faculty, staff, and students.
Solving the puzzle of laminitis  

By Melissa Weber

A devastating disease made a household word by a famous horse, laminitis is an inflammatory and extremely painful condition affecting the soft tissues between the hoof and coffin bone (laminae). This condition, which eventually claimed the life of 2006 Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro, is a complex and poorly understood pathogenesis. Ohio State took another important step toward helping to solve the puzzle of laminitis in November when faculty members, residents, and students from the College of Veterinary Medicine participated in the Fourth International Conference on Laminitis and Diseases of the Foot. Attendees included veterinarians, farriers, horse owners, trainers, and caretakers.

“Due to the tragic demise of Barbaro, the awareness of this disease has reached a new apex,” said conference director James Orsini, DVM, Dipl. ACVS, of the University of Pennsylvania’s New Bolton Center. As reported on thehorse.com, Dr. Orsini termed the conference, which was a joint venture between the University of Pennsylvania, The Ohio State University, and the University of Florida, “the centerpiece of a multi-pronged campaign against laminitis.” This year marked the first time that Ohio State and Florida were co-sponsors of the event.

“It’s really part of my vision of this event to get synergy through the participation of many schools,” said Dr. Orsini. “Laminitis is too big a problem to solve on our own. We need to build collaborative partnerships and work together to better understand the disease. This is one of the few continuing education conferences open to everyone in the equine industry—from horse lovers to managers and researchers to trainers. Much of the credit for this event goes to Mr. and Mrs. John K. Castle.”

The conference continues to be supported financially through the generosity of the Castles in loving memory of their wonderful horse, Spot. Two awards are presented each year at the conference in Spot’s name. Rustin Moore, DVM, PhD, Dipl. ACVS, and professor and chair of the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences, who served as the program director for the conference, presented to Roy and Gretchen Jackson, owners of Barbaro, the Spot Castle Awareness Award for their role in bringing attention and awareness to the importance and impact of laminitis and the need for more research. Several other prestigious awards were given, including the Pfizer Scientific Award for outstanding laminitis research and scientific achievement.

The Pfizer award was presented to James Belknap, DVM, PhD, Dipl. ACVS, and associate professor of Veterinary Clinical Sciences from The Ohio State University Galbreath Equine Center. Dr. Chris Pollitt, another highly accomplished equine laminitis researcher and assistant director of the conference, and Lynn Johnson from Pfizer, presented the award to Dr. Belknap in recognition of his “scientific contributions to the collective understanding of the pathophysiology of laminitis.” In introducing Dr. Belknap, whose laminitis research is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation, Inc., and Morris Animal Foundation, Dr. Pollitt called this award the “Nobel Prize for Laminitis Research.”

“Ohio State has become an important player in explaining and treating this disease,” said Fran Jurga, editor, Hoofcare and Lameness Journal, and co-chair of the conference program. “I can’t say enough about the importance of Dr. Moore’s involvement and participation in this conference,” said Jurga.

“Many people said this was the best program ever,” added Dr. Orsini. “We had the largest number of participants and the largest...
number of attendees ever. We have had participants from Ohio State before, and Dr. Moore’s participation as program organizer made an important impact. Both the scientific and the practical tracks featured sessions on prevention, diagnosis, and treatment.

“I thought the conference was great,” said Trey Green, certified journeyman farrier, who works with equine clinicians at Ohio State. “I’ve been to conferences in the past that seemed to be mere soapboxes for the speakers. This one was very different. It was very informative and effectively involved farriers and veterinarians. I saw a lot of theories and techniques that I hadn’t really thought would work, but as I learned when I was apprenticing: Even if you learn what you don’t want to do, you are still learning.”

Dr. Belknap, who presented “More Pieces to the Laminitis Puzzle” during the scientific session, said his research was “based on our work involving inflammatory signaling in laminitis. Much of the work includes collaborations with some phenomenal investigators including Drs. Gerard Nuovo and Elliott Crouser from The Ohio State University Medical Center, Dr. Sam Black (University of Massachusetts), Dr. Jim Moore (University of Georgia), and Dr. Chris Pollitt (University of Queensland, Australia).” The Ohio State team (coached by Dr. Belknap and Trey Green) comprised Drs. Teresa Burns and Jarred Williams, residents in equine internal medicine and surgery, respectively, and Erika Wierman and Trina Westerman, veterinary students. “It was lots of fun,” said Jurga. “The students from Ohio State really knew their stuff!”

First-ever webinar “broadcasts” from Veterinary Hospital

Dr. Rustin Moore, chair, and Dr. Jim Belknap, professor in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences, were selected as speakers for the first-ever interactive webinar, “Understanding Laminitis,” sponsored by The Horse magazine and held on May 23 at the Ohio State Veterinary Teaching Hospital. According to Editor Kim Brown, “There were many positive comments from the nearly 600 live viewers (probably many more since several instructors at universities said they were going to have classes watch, and individual users could have as many horse owners around the computer as they wished). Nearly 1,200 people signed up from the United States and 22 foreign countries, and I think only technical difficulties kept the number of live viewers at the 50 percent range.” More on the story can be found at thehorse.com. Both the audio portion and the slides from the webinar can also be accessed there. Drs. Moore and Belknap continued to respond to some of the 300 questions asked during the live webinar for several weeks following the event, and those responses also were posted on the site.
Virtual computer simulations such as this dog head and cystoscopy—created through noninvasive means—could reduce or eliminate the use of animals for teaching regional anatomy and procedural surgical techniques.

Veterinary students learning surgical techniques through virtual simulations  By Susan Mantey, Ohio Supercomputer Center

The Alternatives Research & Development Foundation (ARDF) has awarded The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine and the Ohio Supercomputer Center (OSC) a grant to develop, integrate, and evaluate virtual computer simulations that teach regional anatomy and procedural surgical techniques.

"Nationwide, veterinary schools are continually seeking new training methods that reduce or eliminate the use of animals in biomedical education," said Mary Ann McLoughlin, DVM, associate professor in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences and principal investigator of the study. "Effective computer simulations have the potential to provide non-animal teaching alternatives while still enabling our students and residents to develop the surgical proficiency they need."

This is the second grant from ARDF for this project. The first grant, awarded in 2006, provided the initial funding for Dr. McLoughlin and Don Stredney, director of the Ohio Supercomputer Center’s Interface Lab and a research scientist for biomedical applications, to translate emerging simulation techniques from human medical education to the veterinarian surgical curriculum.

To date, Dr. McLoughlin and Stredney have created computer models of a dog’s head, pelvis, and spine using noninvasive imaging techniques such as computed tomography and magnetic resonance imaging. They have integrated the spine data with software that provides interactive drilling—adapted from human temporal bone simulations developed at OSC to train medical residents—to emulate laminectomies, a surgical procedure for dogs with intervertebral disc disease. In addition, simulations are being developed to emulate cystoscopy and a punch skin biopsy.

This teaching module duplicates the multisensory environment of the dissection lab. A binocular viewer replicates the view that a veterinarian would see through a microscope during surgery and a haptic, or force feedback device, creates the pressure and resistance felt during the surgery. The program also simulates the sounds of a bone drill.

“Our limiting factors in the first year were the lack of data sets relevant to the surgical curriculum," Stredney said, “and the need to embed the simulations as modules within the curriculum. We are very pleased that the ARDF award allows us to more directly address these issues and move forward on extending the use of simulations in the teaching curriculum.”

In addition to serving as strong alternatives to animal use, virtual simulations have the potential to be cost effective, allow students to repeat procedures until they master skills, and provide students the ability to study at their own pace and when it’s most convenient.

“In the near future, I think all levels of education will use computational modeling, especially in middle and high school,” Stredney said. “Instead of requiring students to dissect in biology class, there could be a standardized curriculum incorporating computational models and simulations that all schools use, thereby reducing the need for purchased, expensive, and dwindling physical specimens.”
Dr. Stephen DiBartola assumes new administrative role  By Alan Woods

Dr. Stephen DiBartola never envisioned himself as an administrator, until he spent a year compiling the requirements for the accreditation visit by the AVMA. Once it was all over and deemed a success, he felt pretty good about the process.

“I got a lot of positive feedback during accreditation, both from the administration and the faculty about how I handled it,” said Dr. DiBartola, who is also a professor in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences as well as diplomate in the ACVIM. His title of associate dean for Administration and Curriculum is a new position at the college.

One of his main responsibilities is to critically evaluate the current curriculum and determine if any aspects need to be updated. “The focus is on the flexibility of the curriculum so that it meets each student’s career path,” he said.

One change that Dr. DiBartola is working on, and hopes to have up and running in the fall of 2008, is a clinical competency outcomes assessment. The assessment, which is being mandated by the AVMA, requires that veterinary colleges have mechanisms in place for students to demonstrate their proficiency in core clinical skills prior to graduation.

“The idea is to protect the consumer, so that when they go to visit a health care professional they know they are seeing someone who is competent,” Dr. DiBartola said. The challenge is to figure out the basic, core tasks that any graduating veterinarian should be capable of performing before they go out into the real world, and ensure they are able to do them.

Several schools have looked into clinical competency outcomes and are in the process of implementing some form of procedure to track the skills required. In some programs, students are issued a booklet of clinical skills for which they are required to demonstrate their clinical competence. Technicians or faculty clinicians are asked to verify students' successful demonstration of these skills by signing the book at the appropriate spot. Ohio State may implement something similar to this, if faculty agree it’s the best method.

In his new administrative role, Dr. DiBartola also supervises the college’s continuing education program and will be working to implement a platform for online courses. He is also working with administration and faculty to develop an updated strategic plan for the college.

Study on bone cement research receives attention

Congratulations to Drs. Alicia Bertone, Martin Waselau, Valerie Samii, Steven Weisbrode, and Alan Litsky. Their study, published in the April 2007 edition of the American Journal of Veterinary Research, is gaining wider attention through a recent article in The Horse (thehorse.com/ViewArticle.aspx?id=9632). In addition, an article describing the study results will also appear in an upcoming Equine Health Report published by the National Institute for Animal Agriculture and funded by the USDA. Dr. Bertone was also a finalist in the 2006 TopCAT Innovation Awards.
Small Animal Care & Wellness Service
The Small Animal Care & Wellness Service provides high-quality student instruction and patient and client care in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital. The service comprises programs in Small Animal Emergency and Critical Care, Community Practice, Small Animal Rotating Internship, and the Honoring the Bond program. The Community Practice teaching team includes Dr. Jane Flores (Dentistry, Community Practice, and Wellness Care), Dr. Tony Buffington (Nutrition Support), and Traci Shreyer (Applied Animal Behavior), Community Practice technicians Dawn Eblin and Michelle Dumond, and interns.

Dr. Amy Butler
Assistant Professor – Clinical Small Animal Emergency and Critical Care
Dr. Butler obtained her DVM from Michigan State University in 2000. After completing a one-year Small Animal Internship at the University of Minnesota, she worked in several emergency practices in Michigan until 2004. She completed her residency training in Emergency and Critical Care at Colorado State University and was awarded a Master of Science in 2007. As well as excellent academic and private practice backgrounds, she is a gifted teacher. The winner of a research day award at CSU, she has several publications pending from her research there. Dr. Butler’s thesis focused on minimally invasive cardiac output monitoring in critically ill dogs, and she has a strong interest in cardiopulmonary physiology, monitoring, and oxygen delivery.

Dr. Ed Cooper
Assistant Professor – Clinical Small Animal Emergency and Critical Care
Dr. Cooper obtained his VMD from the University of Pennsylvania in 2002. After a one-year Small Animal Internship at Michigan State University, he attended the University of Pennsylvania where he completed a one-year fellowship in emergency medicine. In 2004, he came to Ohio State for residency training in Emergency and Critical Care and was awarded a Master of Science in 2007. Dr. Cooper won a research day award and has several publications in print, with more pending from his research. His thesis focused on minimally invasive cardiac output monitoring in canine model of hypovolemic shock, and he has a strong interest in cardiopulmonary physiology, monitoring, and oxygen delivery.

Dr. Jane Flores
Assistant Professor – Clinical Community Practice
Dr. Flores obtained her DVM degree from Ohio State in 1997. She completed a one-year small animal internship in general practice, also at Ohio State. Dr. Flores has worked for the past 10 years in the Columbus area in a number of prominent small animal practices including Northwest Animal Hospital and Animal Care Clinics. Dr. Flores joins the teaching team in the Care & Wellness Section to provide compassionate care to our community practice patients. With a special interest in practice management, she is working on a plan to increase the caseload and improve the learning experience for our DVM students during the Community Practice Clinics rotation. Dr. Flores is also a member of the Scioto Valley Brass and Percussion Company.

Dr. Julie Mahaney
Clinical Instructor
Dr. Julie Mahaney obtained a Bachelor of Animal Science from Cornell University and received her DVM from the University of Wisconsin-Madison as well as a Master of Science in Animal Science and Nutrition. She completed a one-year Small Animal Internship at Ohio State in 2007. Her diverse background includes working as a research lab manager, a veterinary assistant in a feline practice, and as a library manager. During her veterinary training, she actively participated in the Remote Area Veterinary Services program, setting up clinics in Guatemala and North and South Dakota. She received numerous awards for her teamwork and contributions to the profession during her training. Dr. Mahaney has a strong interest in clinical nutrition and will be assisting in development of an obesity management and physical rehabilitation section in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

Internal Medicine
The Internal Medicine program includes Drs. Dennis Chew, Steve DiBartola, Sue Johnson, Bob Sherding, and four residents.

Dr. Aimee Kidder
Clinical Instructor
Small Animal Internal Medicine
Dr. Kidder came to Ohio State from Fifth Avenue Veterinary Specialists, a prominent referral practice in New York City. After receiving her DVM from Louisiana State University in 2001, Dr. Kidder completed an internship at Purdue University, followed by a three-year internal medicine residency at Kansas.
Small Animal Surgery
The service is currently staffed by two general surgeons, Drs. Mary McCoughlin and Steve Birchard, and two orthopedic surgeons, Drs. Jon Dyce (Service Head) and Ken Johnson. Additionally, we are in the process of recruiting three additional faculty members to replace those who have recently retired or departed.
Six residents, enrolled in ACVS training programs, assist the faculty. The Small Animal Surgery service offers comprehensive surgical care for soft tissue, orthopedic, and neurosurgical patients. Our surgeons work particularly closely with their specialist colleagues in ophthalmology, oncology, internal medicine, and diagnostic imaging to ensure the delivery of high quality emergency and elective surgical care.

Dr. Laura Nelson
Clinical Instructor
Small Animal Surgery
Dr. Nelson received her DVM in 2003 at Ohio State and completed an internship at Michigan State University. Dr. Nelson completed a residency in Small Animal Surgery at The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 2007. Dr. Nelson’s surgical interests include MRI diagnosis of neurological disease, the surgical management of spinal compressive disorders, and oncologic and reconstructive surgery. Dr. Nelson’s clinical research includes publications relating to the characterization of surface wear in total hip arthroplasty, and a recent exhaustive review of ventral luxation in canine total hip replacement. In 2007, Dr. Nelson successfully defended her master’s thesis entitled, “The Cardiorespiratory and Anesthetic Effects of Clinical and Supraclinical Doses of Alfaxalone in CycloDEXTRAN in Cats and Dogs.”

Radiology
The Radiology Service maintains an active film referral service that assists veterinarians from Ohio, the surrounding states, and across the United States with their imaging questions. Drs. W. Tod Drost, Eric Green, Lisa Zekas, and Valerie Samii are recognized experts in their fields, which include diagnostic radiology, ultrasonography, nuclear medicine, computed tomography, magnetic resonance imaging, and radiation oncology. Collectively, they provide excellent educational opportunities for our veterinary students and provide exceptional clinical training of interns and residents preparing for specialty practice or academic careers.

Dr. Rita Echandi
Assistant Professor
Veterinary Radiology
Dr. Echandi received her DVM from The Ohio State University in 2003. She completed a small animal medicine and surgery internship at VCA South Shore Animal Hospital in South Weymouth, Mass., followed by a radiology residency at the University of Tennessee. Dr. Echandi has recently become board certified by the American College of Veterinary Radiology. Dr. Echandi has a special interest in computed tomography and nuclear medicine. Her resident research project incorporated these two modalities for evaluation of portal vascular anatomy in normal dogs.

Small Animal Oncology and Hematology
The Oncology and Hematology Service within the Small Animal Medicine Section of the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences includes three faculty members, Drs. Guillermo Couto, William Kisseberth, and Cheryl London; three residents enrolled in ACVIM oncology residency training programs; and three registered veterinary technicians. The Oncology and Hematology Service offers comprehensive care for patients with cancer and blood diseases. Our oncologists work particularly closely with their specialist colleagues in soft tissue and orthopedic surgery, radiation oncology, and diagnostic imaging to provide high quality, state-of-the-art cancer care. Faculty members are recognized experts in the fields of diagnosis and treatment of hematologic and oncologic disorders. Comprehensive treatment strategies include chemotherapy, radiation therapy, and surgery. A clinical trials coordinator facilitates management of patients undergoing novel treatment approaches.

Dr. Ana Lara-García
Clinical Instructor
Small Animal Oncology and Hematology
Dr. Lara-García graduated from the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (Spain) where she received her DVM and her PhD degrees. She completed a residency in Small Animal Oncology at The Ohio State University in 2007, successfully defending her master’s thesis entitled, “Postoperative Hemostatic Complications in Retired Racing Greyhounds,” in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences.

Food and Fiber Animal Medicine
The Food and Fiber Animal Medicine and Surgery Section in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences includes Drs. Jeff Lкратz, Dr. Michael Rings, Emeritus Dr. Bruce Hull, three
residents, an intern, and three animal health technicians. Our faculty include food animal surgeons, internists, and a theriogenologist. These veterinary health care professionals provide state-of-the-art medical care for food and fiber animals belonging to members of our local community as well as for those referred by veterinarians practicing throughout Ohio and the surrounding states. Expertise includes internal medicine, surgery, theriogenology, production animal medicine, and camelid medicine and surgery.

Dr. Andy Niehaus
Assistant Professor – Clinical Instructor
Food and Fiber Surgery

Dr. Niehaus was born outside of Wheeling, W. Va., where he was raised on a beef farm raising Angus cattle with his family. He attended West Virginia University where he obtained a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering. He became a Buckeye in 1999 when he enrolled in The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Following graduation with his DVM in 2003, he remained at Ohio State and completed an internship followed by a residency in farm animal surgery. As a resident, he was awarded the Clinical Teaching Excellence Award for each of his three years. He also obtained his master’s degree in Veterinary Clinical Sciences from Ohio State. Dr. Niehaus is committed to providing leading-edge patient management and exceptional client care and consultation and referral services to private practitioners while providing excellence in teaching.

Dr. Pamela Walker
Clinical Assistant Professor (part time)
Food and Fiber Internal Medicine

Dr. Pamela Walker received her DVM from Kansas State University. After completing an internship at Washington State University and working in Wisconsin, she completed her residency in Food Animal Medicine and Surgery at the University of Illinois. Under the guidance of Dr. Peter Constable, she completed a Master of Science that focused on fluid therapy in dehydrated ruminants. Since then, Dr. Walker has been on the faculty at the University of Illinois, Washington State University, and Michigan State University. During this time, she became boarded in Large Animal Internal Medicine. For the past five years, Dr. Walker has been employed by Alpaca Jack’s Suri Farm in Findlay, Ohio, where she will continue to provide medical and reproductive care for more than 400 alpacas. Dr. Walker has a special interest in neonatal care of camelids and works part time in the Food and Fiber Animal Service at Ohio State.

Dr. Yvonne Elce
Assistant Professor – Clinical, Equine Surgery

Dr. Elce comes to Ohio State from the North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine, where she was assistant professor of Equine Surgery. Before her time at NCSU, Dr. Elce was an equine surgeon at the University of Pennsylvania. After graduating from the Ontario Veterinary College, she completed an internship at Washington State University under Dr. Robert (Bob) Schneider, formerly a faculty member at Ohio State. Dr. Elce then completed her surgical residency at University of Pennsylvania under a talented group including another Ohio State alumnus, Dr. Dean Richardson (most recently known as Barbaro’s surgeon). Dr. Elce also has a strong interest in equine orthopedics. Her research interests include biomechanical studies on various methods of internal fixation and a novel external fixator.

Dr. Britta Leise
Clinical Instructor
Equine Emergency Surgery and Critical Care

Dr. Leise joined Ohio State from the Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine’s Equine Health Studies Program. She attended veterinary school at LSU, completed a large animal internship at the University of Georgia, and returned to LSU for her equine surgery residency. Dr. Leise worked under Dr. Rustin Moore at LSU. She was highly regarded by the faculty at LSU due to both her clinical acumen and also her ability to effectively manage critical cases while maintaining excellent communication and rapport with the owners. She is also working on completing her PhD on equine laminitis under the guidance of Dr. Jim Belknap.

Dr. Liz Santschi
Associate Professor – Clinical, Equine Surgery

Dr. Santschi came to Ohio State from the University of Wisconsin, where she served as chief of Large Animal Surgery. She has also been a faculty member at the University of Minnesota and a staff surgeon at Peterson and Smith in Ocala, Fla. Dr. Santschi trained there under Dr. Donnie Slone, primarily working with thoroughbred breeding farms and racing clients. Her special interests include issues affecting the stud farm, including colic, urogenital surgery, and high-risk pregnancy. She also has a special interest in musculoskeletal disorders of the juvenile equine athlete, and
Dr. Santschi has written many publications on osteochondrosis, septic arthritis, and conformational deviations. Because clinical cases are her primary focus, Dr. Santschi has been active in applied clinical research aimed at finding practical, cost-effective solutions to difficult clinical problems. She has worked on the management of colic in pregnant mares, the development of regional intravenous perfusion as an effective modality for antibiotic therapy in horses, and the discovery of the gene that is responsible for Overo Lethal White Syndrome, a uniformly fatal disease of American Paint horses.

Dr. Phoebe Smith
Assistant Professor – Clinical, Equine Internal Medicine

Dr. Smith came to Ohio State after practicing several years as an internist with the world-renowned equine referral hospital, Alamo Pintado Equine Medical Center in California. Phoebe is a Kentucky native who completed her DVM at Auburn University. Her post-DVM training includes an internship at Alamo Pintado and an equine internal medicine residency at the University of California, Davis. Dr. Smith’s clinical interests span a broad range from infectious disease to neonatal care to neurology. As a clinical emphasis faculty member, she will spend the majority of her time on the clinic floor at the Galbreath Equine Center providing excellent patient management and exceptional client and referring veterinarian communication and service while educating students, interns, and residents.

Dr. Ramiro Toribio
Assistant Professor
Equine Internal Medicine

Dr. Toribio, a graduate of Universidad Nacional de Rio Cuarto in Argentina, first came to Ohio State in 1996 after spending several years in private practice. In addition to providing clinical service at Ohio State during that time, Dr. Toribio obtained board certification by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine, a PhD, and has received funding as principal investigator for two grants worth over $1 million from the National Institutes of Health, as well as numerous other grants for investigating equine diseases. He has an international reputation of excellence in equine endocrinology and in equine endotoxemia, and has written numerous book chapters and articles on both clinical and research aspects of these topics. Dr. Toribio is frequently invited to speak on equine medicine topics at national and international conferences.

Dr. Cheryl London, associate professor in the Departments of Veterinary Biosciences and Clinical Sciences, has been asked by the Morris Animal Foundation (MAF) to assist in spreading awareness about the “Curing Canine Cancer” campaign. She appeared on WCMH-TV in Columbus with Skyler, a dog owned by James Cancer Hospital employee Cheryl Kefauver. Skyler is currently enrolled in a study of osteosarcoma, sponsored in part by the National Cancer Institute. Dr. London was also honored with a $20,000 grant from Women and Philanthropy, a new program created by The Ohio State University Foundation to encourage and celebrate the important contributions of women in charitable giving at the university. This was the first year grants have been awarded, and only three people received them at the university.
**2007 Resident and Intern Certificates**

The 2007 VCS/VTH Annual Resident and Intern Certificate Presentations and Reception were held at the Franklin Park Conservatory in June. Residents completing their programs received a certificate, a CD of a video prepared by Marian Beck and Robin Bennett, and a new CD by The Ohio State University Marching Band, along with a College of Veterinary Medicine Alumni Society pin. Interns completing their program received a certificate and the two CDs. Award recipients received a wooden carved plaque and a cash award.

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| Dr. Mary Ann Williams Leadership Award from The Ohio State University Association of Faculty & Professional Women (AFPW). Dr. Samii was nominated for her efforts in leading the college’s Quality of Life Committee as well as her contributions toward supporting women and work-life initiatives in the College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Samii was recognized during the AFPW end-of-year meeting and luncheon. The award was named for Mary Ann Williams, Ohio State faculty member who wrote a tribute to women’s leadership in 1991, shortly before her death.

**Special Awards**

- **Resident Recognition Awards**
  - Drs. Ed Cooper and Nate Nelson Presented by Dr. Rustin Moore
- **Faculty Clinical Teaching Award**
  - Dr. John Hubbell Presented by Dr. Ed Cooper
- **Faculty Graduate Program Award**
  - Dr. John Bonagura Presented by Dr. Ed Cooper
- **Hospital Service Awards**
  - Drs. Todd Green and Sam Hurcombe Presented by Dr. Grant Frazer
- **Outstanding Intern Award**
  - Dr. Milagros Freire Presented by Dr. Shane Bateman
- **Research Excellence Awards**
  - Drs. Ed Cooper and Kenji Hosoya Presented by Dr. Andy Hillier
- **Clinical Teaching Excellence Awards**
  - Drs. Andy Niehaus and Ed Cooper Presented by Dr. Rustin Moore

**Other Recognition**

A special thanks to Robin Bennett for organizing this wonderful event, Melissa Ritchie for designing and preparing the program, Marian Beck for preparing the video tribute to the people completing their programs, and Jerry Harvey for taking photos at the event.
New leadership in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital

Dr. Grant S. Frazer, BVSc, MS, MBA, Diplomate ACT, was appointed as director of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital beginning on December 1, 2006. He recently received his MBA degree from Ohio State’s Fisher College of Business and served a three-year term on the University Senate Fiscal Committee and was chair of the Central Services Subcommittee. Dr. Frazer was raised on a ranch in outback Australia. He obtained his veterinary degree from the University of Queensland and spent four years in mixed animal private practice. He was a theriogenology resident in the hospital from 1984–1986, and received his master’s degree in reproductive physiology from Ohio State in 1986. He then spent two years as a lecturer in the Section of Reproductive Studies at the University of Pennsylvania’s New Bolton Center. He was board certified by the American College of Theriogenologists in 1987. After three more years in mixed practice in Australia, Dr. Frazer returned to Ohio State in 1991. He worked as a clinician for nine years in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital and was awarded tenure in 1996. Most recently Dr. Frazer served as the Extension veterinarian for reproduction in the Department of Veterinary Preventive Medicine. He has received three teaching excellence awards and is recognized internationally as an expert on large animal obstetrics and problems associated with late pregnancy and the postpartum period.
Announcing the hospital client newsletter

The Veterinary Teaching Hospital is reaching out to clients with a newsletter to better inform them about activities taking place in the VTH. The first issue of Veterinary Teaching Hospital News went out in January 2008 to a mailing list of about 12,700. Two more issues are planned for spring and autumn 2008.

Teaching Hospital receives AAHA accreditation

In October, the Veterinary Teaching Hospital received accreditation from the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA). Dr. Tom Carpenter, from the Newport Harbor Animal Hospital and current president of AAHA, was on campus to help celebrate with faculty, staff, and students.

“The teaching hospital passed all 46 mandatory standards with flying colors,” said Dr. Carpenter. Only 14 percent of veterinary hospitals in the United States are accredited. The accreditation standards encourage veterinary hospitals to keep practices up-to-date.

“We need to remember that the doctors are not the focus,” he said. “It’s important to have a structure in place to help us work as a team. That way, we make decisions for the benefit of everyone—client, pet, staff, and hospital.”

In a lunch-time talk, Dr. Carpenter encouraged students in the college to prepare for their career through honestly facing fears and finding a mentor who can help them overcome their fears. “I think we’re all afraid of looking bad in front of our peers,” explained Dr. Carpenter. “And we must acknowledge fears to face them.”

“One thing that AAHA is working on right now is mentoring,” he said. “We have a task force creating mentoring guidelines. There must be structure from both sides. The mentor needs to be someone who can discuss your fears with you so that you can move from tentative to self-assured.”

Camelid Communiqué proves popular

With an ever-increasing population of alpacas and llamas in Ohio, the Veterinary Teaching Hospital is known for expert care of difficult cases. In order to better inform the camelid-owning community of capabilities and expertise, the first Camelid Communiqué was distributed in the fall of 2007. The next issue will be out in early spring 2008.
Dog shot with arrow makes miraculous recovery

On October 16, a stray yellow Labrador retriever was brought to the Veterinary Teaching Hospital with a target practice arrow protruding from her chest. A hunter found her lying injured in the woods in a rural area outside of Columbus. After staff performed X-rays and an ultrasound, doctors determined the arrow had pierced through both pumping chambers of her heart. Luckily, it had not punctured her lungs and little, if any, internal bleeding had occurred. Dr. Steven Birchard, associate professor of Veterinary Clinical Sciences, performed the emergency surgery. After entering through the sternum, Dr. Birchard slowly and carefully started extracting the arrow in stages, initially suturing the first puncture wound. After extracting the arrow a bit further, he sutured the second puncture wound and then pulled the arrow out from her chest cavity. Since there was minimal bleeding, she did not even need a transfusion. “We had the right surgical team in place and they did an amazing job,” said Dr. Shane Bateman, boarded veterinary critical care specialist. “She was an extremely lucky dog.” When “Josie” returned for a check-up about a week later, Dr. Bateman was amazed by her quick recovery. “It was nearly beyond our dreams to have turned out this well,” he said.

Diagnostic imaging goes digital

The diagnostic imaging department is now completely digitized. The Veterinary Teaching Hospital recently upgraded to all digital radiography, enabling our clinicians to view images at workstations throughout the hospital as well as on their own personal computers. A database can store thousands of digital radiographs for easy access for patient care and research, and film X-rays can be scanned to be stored digitally. Companion animals now have access to one of the most advanced imaging centers for animals in the world. The College of Veterinary Medicine has partnered with the College of Medicine to create a new MRI facility available for small animal patients. The Wright Center of Innovation in Biomedical Imaging houses a 3-Tesla and a 7-Tesla magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scanner offering high-end, noninvasive imaging that provides the most advanced technology in the diagnosis and treatment of conditions including cancer, heart disease, and neurological disorders.
College PhD programs to combine

By Alan Woods

The College of Veterinary Medicine has had three separate doctoral programs, one in each of the three departments. In order to better draw on the strengths of the entire college, the programs are being reorganized to form a single program in graduate studies, drawing on the strengths of the “One Medicine” concept.

“This will offer students in the graduate program greater flexibility in designing their course work and research,” said Dr. Lawrence Mathes, associate dean of Research and Graduate Studies. “They’ll be able to take advantage of the large pool of faculty in all three departments, with the ability to bridge across disciplines.”

Colleges of veterinary medicine often have not been successful in presenting graduate work as a way to work in the health sciences. Now, with the health sciences recognizing the “One Medicine” concept, it is a great time to take advantage of a combined graduate program in comparative medicine.

“The vision of the program is to train veterinary and non-veterinary scientists to gain in-depth knowledge of all aspects of comparative medicine,” said Dr. Mathes. “We can offer course work and research opportunities in fields including molecular medicine, pathology, laboratory animals, zoonotic infectious diseases, cancer, common genetic diseases of animals and people, medical technology such as imaging and its common application to animals and people, translational medicine involving preclinical trials, and other aspects of preclinical product development.”
Advances in Veterinary Medicine: Research Day

The annual Research Day was held on Thursday, April 12, featuring judging of nearly 100 research posters from DVM and graduate students, an awards presentation, and a keynote presentation by Dr. H. Scott Hurd, director of WHO Collaborating Center for Risk Assessment and Hazard Identification in Foods of Animal Origin, College of Veterinary Medicine, Iowa State University.

RESEARCH DAY WINNERS’ LIST

Winners of the $600 travel awards are listed below. As in previous years, the College of Veterinary Medicine Alumni Society supported the majority of these awards.

Immunology and Infectious Diseases

Gillian Beamer, “Disease Outcome to Mycobacterium Tuberculosis Infection in Mice Can Be Predicted by Peripheral Immune Response to Antigen 85”
Mentor: Dr. Joanne Turner, Department of Veterinary Biosciences and Center for Microbial Interface Biology

Yaoling Shu, “Measles Virus Core Protein Determinants of Viral Gene Expression”
Mentor: Dr. Mike Oglesbee, Department of Veterinary Biosciences

Clinical Research

Edward Cooper, “Evaluation of Hyperviscous Fluid Resuscitation in Canine Model of Hemorrhagic Shock: A Randomized, Controlled Study”
Mentor: Dr. William Muir, Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences

Sarah Stone, “Capsular Tension Ring Effect on Canine Lens Epithelial Cell Proliferation and Migration Ex Vivo”
Mentor: Dr. David Wilkie, Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences

Epidemiology and Applied Research

Melanie Abley, “Association of Pathogen Load in Cattle with Retail Beef Contamination”
Mentor: Dr. Tom Wittum, Department of Veterinary Preventive Medicine

Veterinary Students

Caitlin McIntosh, VME 2, “The Role Of Methamphetamine In TL-3 Resistance of FIV Infected G355 Astrocyte Cells”
Mentors: Drs. Lawrence Mathes and Kate Hayes-Ozello, Department of Veterinary Biosciences

Tammy Owens, VME 2, “Association Between Alpha-2a Adrenergic Receptor Gene Polymorphisms and Feline Idiopathic Cystitis”
Mentor: Dr. Tony Buffington, Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences

Joshua Stern, VME 3, “Estimation of Left Ventricular End-Diastolic Pressure by Cardiac Ultrasound: A Simultaneous Invasive Hemodynamic and Doppler Echocardiographic Study in Awake Dogs with Pacing-Induced Heart Failure”
Mentor: Dr. Karsten Schober, Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences

Molecular and Cellular Biology

Cheryl Bolinger, “RNA Helicase A Interacts with Divergent Lymphotropic Retroviruses and Is Necessary for Human T-Cell Leukemia Virus Type 1 Replication”
Mentor: Dr. Kathleen Boris-Lawrie, Department of Veterinary Biosciences

Shanggen Zhou, “Piasy Represses CCAT/Enhancer Binding Protein δ (C/EBPδ) by Sequestering C/EBPδ from Transcriptionally Active Nuclear Foci”
Mentor: Dr. Jim Dewille, Department of Veterinary Biosciences

Structure/Function

Anusak Kijtawornrat, “Effects of Calcium Cycling Alteration on the Genesis of Torsades De Pointes in Myocardial Failing Rabbit Heart”
Mentor: Dr. Robert Hamlin, Department of Veterinary Biosciences
Examples of trials currently being conducted

Can better imaging predict congestive heart failure?

Dogs are now being enrolled in a clinical study that seeks to utilize cardiac ultrasound to identify and stage congestive heart failure (CHF) in dogs. Dogs with asymptomatic dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) and degenerative mitral valve disease (MVD) and dogs with CHF caused by MVD or DCM will be enrolled. Any dog with DCM or MVD (unless treated with high doses of diuretics) and no concurrent systemic disease is eligible. Benefits for dog owners include low cost examinations (50 percent cost reduction for the first visit and free second visit), short scheduling and waiting times, and important contribution to a research study that can improve the health of dogs. The results of this study may help to earlier diagnose CHF, better stratify cardiovascular risk, tailor therapy to specific dog needs, and reduce the exposure of personnel and animals to the ionizing radiation required for repeated thoracic radiography. Contact: Karsten Schober, DVM, PhD (614) 292-3551 or Schober.4@osu.edu or Laura Spayd, senior cardiovascular technician, (614) 292-3551.

Osteosarcoma study seeks canine participants

Dogs diagnosed with osteosarcoma (OSA) may be eligible to participate in a new drug study being conducted in the College of Veterinary Medicine. This study is a multi-center national trial sponsored by the National Cancer Institute (NCI), Comparative Oncology Program, Comparative Oncology Trials Consortium, and the Morris Animal Foundation. The purpose of this study is to define a relevant dose and dosing schedule for rapamycin in tumor-bearing dogs. This is a dose escalation study (seven days) of rapamycin in dogs with OSA prior to surgery. This study is for newly diagnosed OSA patients (weight greater than 15 kg.), whose owners are considering amputation/resection of the primary tumor. For more information, visit vet.osu.edu/861 or contact Dr. Bill Kisseberth at (614) 292-3551.

See page 43 for more about the Clinical Trials Office
College Signature Programs

Signature programs in the College of Veterinary Medicine provide a forum for faculty across the college to share vital research information and experience in a collegial venue, allowing the opportunity to create new connections for collaboration. Partnerships also are arising from participants from other areas across campus—from the Ohio Supercomputer Center to the College of Public Health.

**Biomedical Imaging Signature Program**

The Biomedical Imaging Signature Program was established in October 2005 under leadership of Dr. Tod Drost. Participants, presenters, and attendees include people from the College of Veterinary Medicine; College of Medicine, Division of Imaging Research; Biomedical Engineering; Electrical Engineering; Ohio Supercomputer Center; and University Laboratory Animal Resources. Focuses include assessing the imaging resources (equipment and personnel) that are available on campus and discussing the role of imaging in specific diseases.

**Comparative Oncology Program**

The Comparative Oncology Program is currently under the direction of Dr. Laura Rush. The program has broad goals of improving the care and treatment of veterinary oncology patients through interdisciplinary collaborative efforts within the College of Veterinary Medicine, The Ohio State University biomedical community, and nationwide, with an overarching goal of a better understanding of the pathogenesis of cancer in all species. Researchers collaborate with other scientists at the university and around the country to learn more about the causes, effects, and treatments for cancer and related diseases.

Several months ago, the Morris Animal Foundation announced funding decisions for the year, and four grants submitted by partnerships through comparative oncology were funded:

- **Characterization of STAT3 Activation in Canine Osteosarcoma:** Drs. Cheryl London, Stacey Fossey, Jiayuh Linz, $38,745.
- **MicroRNA Expression Profiling of Canine Osteosarcoma:** Drs. William Kisseberth, Laura Rush, Jaime Modiano, Matthew Breen, George Calin, Guillermo Couto, $100,440.
- **Clinical Utility of Measuring Circulating Plasma DNA in Dogs with Lymphoma:** Drs. Laura Rush, William Kisseberth, Deanna Schaefer, Lisa Fulton, $36,087.
- **The Canine Epigenome: Examination of Genomic Methylation in Canine Lymphoma:** Drs. Steven Suter, Laura Rush, $35,640.

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Infectious Disease Signature Program
The Infectious Disease Signature Program is currently under the leadership of Dr. Mary Jo Burkhard. Broad faculty participation comes from multiple disciplines, including clinical medicine, epidemiology, immunology, microbiology, and virology. The program promotes education and collaborative research about infectious diseases, including newly emerging diseases and biosecurity agents. Focus areas from 2007 include population health, host response, and antimicrobial resistance. The program has developed a platform for interactions, collaborations, and college-wide programmatic growth focused on veterinary infectious diseases.

A conference, “Antimicrobial Resistance: Interface in Human and Animal Health,” was held on August 27, 2007, at the College of Veterinary Medicine. The conference was organized and co-sponsored by the College of Veterinary Medicine and the Division of Infectious Diseases, Department of Internal Medicine, College of Medicine, and attended by 109 registrants from academia, the food animal and pharmaceutical industries, as well as state and federal government officials. The goals of this conference were to raise awareness of antimicrobial resistance in human and veterinary medicine; disseminate scientific information that enabled grasping the scientific basis of resistance; discuss the various host, pathogen, and environmental factors that play a role; discuss the current trend and potential control measures; and to develop priorities for research.

NEW: Immunology Journal Club
Through discussions in the Infectious Disease Signature Program, Dr. Prosper Boyaka, associate professor, and Dr. Ian Davis, assistant professor, both in the Department of Veterinary Biosciences, organized the Immunology Journal Club. Students, faculty, and staff in the college and other Ohio State units can review recent research publications in various areas of immunology. To encourage and facilitate the participation of a broad audience, the club meetings include overview sessions to familiarize all the participants with key immunology concepts.

Targeted Investments in Excellence
In 2006, the provost of The Ohio State University announced a program to pool assets to support the best-developed interdisciplinary research plans in order to propel the university to the forefront of international research.

Ten programs were funded through the program, and the College of Veterinary Medicine is proud to play an important role in two of them: the Public Health Preparedness for Infectious Diseases (PHPID) program and the Micro-RNA Project. Building on an existing partnership between the Colleges of Veterinary Medicine and Public Health, the PHPID program was spearheaded by scholars in the Colleges of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences; Public Health; Medicine; and Veterinary Medicine. Their efforts will be complemented by those of researchers in the Colleges of Biological Sciences and Pharmacy: See page 30 for a fact sheet on the program.

The Micro-RNA Project is a collaboration of the Colleges of Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, and Pharmacy; the Department of Chemistry; and the Comprehensive Cancer Center. The goal of the program is to develop, validate, and commercialize both tests and micro-RNA drugs for the diagnosis, monitoring, prognosis, and treatment of human malignancies. Micro-RNAs are a newly discovered family of genetic material that plays a key role in controlling gene expression. Ohio State’s focus on micro-RNAs will lead to the creation of a diagnostic platform and new strategies for cancer therapy.
Center for Excellence in Food Animal Health, Production, and Well-Being
Still early in development, the Center of Excellence in Food Animal Health, Production, and Well-Being will enhance food animal health, production, well-being, and food safety through education, research, service, and outreach. An interdisciplinary program that includes educators, clinicians, and researchers from the college, other university departments, state and federal agencies, and private industry, the center will position the College of Veterinary Medicine as the premier institution in the discovery and dissemination of new knowledge about diseases of livestock and poultry, production medicine, food animal well-being, and pre-harvest food safety issues that affect Ohio, the nation, and the world. Initially, the Center of Excellence will focus on three goals: expanding a program in dairy medicine, creating a focus on animal well-being, and working to establish an interdisciplinary pre-harvest food safety/public health program.

Center for Retrovirus Research
The Retrovirus Research Program was an early research focus and was organized in the early 1970s. In 1989, Ohio State officially recognized and designated the Retrovirus Research Program as a university academic Center of Excellence. The Center for Retrovirus Research (CRR) current membership includes 20 principal investigators at Ohio State, Nationwide Children’s Hospital Research Institute, and Wright State University. The center facilitates the interdisciplinary investigations of highly integrated retrovirus models to elucidate essential cellular mechanisms that define lymphocyte transformation and disease and the prevention and treatment of retrovirus diseases. Center members include internationally recognized leaders in the field of retrovirology who meet weekly for presentation of recent data, discussion of literature, and to host guest speakers. Dr. Michael Lairmore, chair, Department of Veterinary Biosciences, leads an investigative team of center members that includes Drs. Patrick Green, Kathleen Boris-Lawrie, Lawrence Mathes, Thomas Rosol, and Stefan Niewiesk. The team was awarded a $9.8 million National Cancer Institute Program Project Grant (PPG) in 2003 that will be refunded in 2008 and continue through 2013 to investigate retroviral models to understand basic cellular mechanisms of cancer.

2007 CRR Distinguished Research Career Award
The Distinguished Research Career Award in the Center for Retrovirus Research annually recognizes original and significant research contributions of nationally and internationally known scientists in retrovirology. The recipient of the eighth Distinguished Research Career Award was Kuan-Teh Jeang, MD, PhD, Head, Molecular Virology Section, Laboratory of Molecular Microbiology, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md. As part of the award ceremony at the College of Veterinary Medicine, he accepted a commemorative crystal bowl and gave a keynote address. He also presented another lecture, “HIV-1 and small RNAs: what we are learning.” Dr. Jeang is a prolific leader in the field of molecular virology. His research on the gene regulation of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV-1) and carcinogenic mechanisms of human T-cell leukemia virus type 1 (HTLV-1) has produced 230 peer-reviewed articles, to date.
Recent threats of disease pandemics, bioterrorism, foodborne illnesses, and natural disasters underscore the importance of public health preparedness for the United States. Six colleges at Ohio State will focus on emerging infectious disease threats and how we can respond. These colleges are: Biological Sciences; Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences; Medicine; Pharmacy; Public Health; and Veterinary Medicine.

Key activities now advancing within the PHPID:

- **Faculty membership.** There are approximately 100 charter faculty members representing each of the six participating colleges.
- **Faculty recruitment.** PHPID resources are bringing at least 12 new faculty to Ohio State who will enhance our abilities to:
  1. Translate scientific discoveries into clinical applications.
  2. Detect the presence of emerging infectious diseases within communities, the underlying mode of transmission, and strategies for prevention, control, and treatment.
  3. Prevent human infection from antibiotic resistant zoonotic microorganisms through an understanding of livestock immune systems with an aim to reduce use of antibiotics in animals.
  4. Address food safety issues during production, food processing, transport, storage, retail, and consumer use.
  5. Train professionals in veterinary public health and infectious diseases public health preparedness.
- **Competitive pilot research program** to spur interdisciplinary PHPID-related research and provide seed funding to two faculty-led projects per year with an investment of $50,000 each per year.
- **Competitive scholarship program** to inspire students interested in pursuing interdisciplinary PHPID-related research. It provides tuition and a stipend to two outstanding doctoral applicants per year.
- **Open campus-wide dialogue** on the most pressing PHP issues, including a seminar series to promote interaction among PHP college faculty.
- **Presentations and programming.** PHPID members present at national meetings and participate in programmatic grants.
CVM alumnus elected Ohio State board chair

The Ohio State University Board of Trustees unanimously elected Dr. G. Gilbert Cloyd of Cincinnati as the 2007–2009 chair at its March meeting. Cloyd will serve as chair-elect until the board’s May meeting when he will take office as chair for a two-year term. He was appointed to the board by Gov. Bob Taft in December 2005. Cloyd, a Cleveland native, is chief technology officer of Procter & Gamble. In this capacity, he has overall functional responsibility for P&G’s global research and development organization, consisting of 9,000 employees in 28 technical centers around the world. He earned a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Ohio State in 1969. Read the full news story at: osu.edu/news/newsitem1633.

Blood hounds: doggy donors (and some cats) open veins to save other animals

The Columbus Dispatch featured the blood bank in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital and included interviews with Dr. Guillermo Couto, professor, Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences, and director of the Greyhound Health and Wellness Program, as well as veterinarians Liliana M. Marin and Maria Cristina Iazbik.

Kudos for Dr. Couto

An editorial in the Washington Post complimented Dr. Guillermo Couto and his team on the treatment of their beloved greyhounds.

Greyhound group returns from Spain: students appreciate international experience

Four veterinary students, fourth years Sarah Nash and Jessica Slack, and third years Nicolette Bertolone and Heather Kvitko, traveled with Dr. Guillermo Couto, professor in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences, to the Scooby Medina Shelter (www.scoobymedina.com), in Medina del Campo, Spain, during June 2007 to practice shelter medicine in the truest sense of the word. Scooby cares primarily for galgos (Spanish greyhounds) rescued from hunters, and only extremely ill pets are euthanized. Most galgos are adopted by homes in the United States, Europe, and Asia. Two part-time employees operate the refuge, and volunteer veterinarians, veterinary students, and veterinary technician students from the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Belgium, the United States, and Spain deliver most of the health care year-round. More details from each of the participants can be found in the quarterly Greyhound Health and Wellness Newsletter: vet.osu.edu/GHWPnews.
Pet food recall

The recall of several varieties of pet food following the reported serious illness and even death of nearly a dozen cats generated lots of concern and questions. This story of national importance quickly showcased the expertise of college faculty as reporters from across the country called on the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences for answers to concerns and questions raised by the recall. Dr. Jane Flores discussed symptoms that owners should watch for; Dr. Tony Buffington was interviewed about the ingredients in pet food; and both were called on numerous times as more details came out about the problems with Menu Brands, a major manufacturer of dog and cat food sold in the United States with ties to a Chinese supplier.

Dr. Tony Buffington

Following is a list of some of the media outlets who called on Ohio State’s expertise: The Columbus Dispatch, NPR-Day to Day, Slate.com, Cincinnati Enquirer, USA Today, Orlando Sentinel, AP newswire via WXIX-19, Cincinnati, Los Angeles Times, WNYC-AM: The Brian Lehrer Show, Cleveland Plain Dealer, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and the Dayton Daily News.

Shortage of large-animal veterinarians

A story from the Dayton Daily News featured quotes by Dr. Richard Meiring and Dr. Bimbo Walker, both in the Department of Veterinary Preventive Medicine. The story was picked up by AP News Service and featured in the Cleveland Plain Dealer, the Columbus Dispatch, and the Ohio News Network. Another story in Buckeye Farm News also reported on the shortage of large-animal vets and quoted Dean Rosol on the college’s efforts to address the issue.

Study of cancer in dogs may help children

Dr. Cheryl London, associate professor in Veterinary Clinical Sciences and a member of the Molecular Biology and Cancer Genetics program at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center, was recently featured on a video news release distributed by the Comprehensive Cancer Center in the Ohio State Medical Center.

Virus affecting Ohio deer herd

As the State of Ohio monitored an outbreak of epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD) in southern Ohio deer, Dr. William Shulaw, professor in Veterinary Preventive Medicine and an Extension veterinarian, was called on to discuss the disease and its impact to Ohio wildlife and livestock. He notified state officials of the possible spread of the disease and assisted in the initial diagnosis of EHD in cattle herds in Pike and Highland Counties. On September 12, state wildlife officials confirmed an outbreak of the deer virus in Highland County. Cases were confirmed in Jackson, Pike, Muskingum, and Washington counties. Potential cases were also reported in Athens, Hocking, Perry, Morgan, Gallia, Monroe, Ross, and Belmont Counties, as well as some suspicious cases in deer and possible cattle north of I-70. Dr. Shulaw wrote an article about the symptoms (available through Ohio State’s Extension web site) and was interviewed by the Ohio Farm Bureau.

Easter chicks and Salmonella

Dr. Jeff LeJeune, an Ohio State veterinary researcher with the Food Animal Health Research Program at the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center in Wooster, was called on to discuss potential Salmonella infection. He explained that parents need to be aware of the risks associated with handling young poultry or fowl and make sure everyone in the household follows the appropriate measures to avoid infection. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that 81 people in 22 states fell ill last spring after contracting Salmonella from chicks. The outbreaks occurred around Easter, and at least some of the cases were believed to have stemmed from birds given as gifts. LeJeune says it’s recommended to keep children under five years of age from touching the birds.
Dr. Jean Sander, associate dean of Academic and Student Affairs, has been at the College of Veterinary Medicine for nearly five years. The team she currently has in place includes Dr. Jennifer Brandt, assistant director for student support; Amber Cassell, program assistant; Sandra Dawkins, assistant director for admissions; and April Pugh, assistant director for recruitment efforts and outreach.

“The people in this office make an outstanding team,” said Dr. Sander. “They are great and deserve to be recognized. We have a team in place that works together to assist students, making sure we are bringing in the best classes and then supporting them once they are here.”

Since becoming associate dean, Dr. Sander is most proud of instituting the new student orientation. “One of the greatest things that our group has accomplished was the dramatic change in the new student orientation,” she said. “We took a group of highly qualified individual students, who had spent the majority of their life preparing to be accepted into veterinary school, and helped them transition from that competitive mode into a community. The effects were instantaneous and notable across the college. They went from 140 individual bodies who didn’t know each other to a cohesive group,” she said.

The first class to participate in the new orientation is now completing their third year. They haven’t gone all the way through yet, but the impact was evident from the start. “The students weren’t strangers any more. They had found friends and met support groups,” said Dr. Sander. “The faculty could see a difference in student interactions immediately.”

―Alan Woods

Student receives prestigious award
Justin Kieffer, a third-year veterinary medicine student, is a recipient of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners (AABP) Student Recognition Award. AABP gives only five of these each year and the criteria include work experience, academic achievement, professional experiences, and career goals. Justin received the award and financial stipend at the 2007 AABP Annual Convention. He was the fourth recipient from Ohio State to win the award since its creation three years ago.

VBMA Chapter wins recognitions
In January 2007, officers from Veterinary Business Management Association (VBMA) chapters across the nation convened at the North American Veterinary Conference to participate in two days of leadership training, lectures, experiential learning, and strategic planning sessions. Ohio State’s chapter was honored with an award for “Best Marketing” for their dedication in promoting events to all students. In addition, the SAVMA Economics, Finance, and Management Committee awarded VBMA the Club Excellence Award. For more information about VBMA events, including dozens of hours of educational and special programs: osu.vbma.biz.
Another successful Colerain Elementary event

In May, veterinary medicine students again volunteered to take animals, shoot photos, and be with the special students at Colerain Elementary. A teacher at the school mentioned how much the students at the school appreciate the participation of the vet students, and how much teachers and administrators appreciate the support of the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Shelter Medicine Club returns from New Orleans; featured on Channel 4, Ohio State web site

Members of the Shelter Medicine Club spent part of their December break in New Orleans helping Animal Rescue of New Orleans (ARNO). Their work was featured on Channel 4. Students in the group were presented with a gift from ARNO’s director for their continuing support, which includes six visits over the past two years. The story was featured on Ohio State’s home page: osu.edu/features/2008/nola.

Gamma awards presented in March

At the White Carnation Awards dinner in February 2007, the Omega Tau Sigma fraternity recognized three veterinarians in the College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Michelle Harcha, director of Alumni Services and Professional Development Education, received the National Gamma award for upholding the standards of the fraternity and the veterinary community. Dr. Guillermo Couto, professor in the Department of Clinical Sciences, received the Alumni Gamma award for an outstanding Gamma alumnus who upholds the fraternal standards in the veterinary community. Dr. Ed Cooper, assistant professor and former resident in Emergency and Critical Care, received this year’s Honorary Gamma, for his “student-first” outlook that demonstrates a love of teaching and a dedication to students.

Ft. Hayes High School career exploration

The College of Veterinary Medicine teamed up with WOSU-TV to be part of a special careers education program called, “The Shadow Knows.” Students from Fort Hayes High School toured the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, interviewed faculty and veterinary students, and produced a short video about veterinary medicine. WOSU-TV then offered an in-studio taping with a special panel discussion and broadcast the students’ video on WOSU-TV.
Veterinary student research featured on Ohio State home page

After winning grants from the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation and the Morris Animal Foundation, Laura Stokes-Green, now a fourth-year veterinary student, spent a summer conducting research on the parasites of rhinos and cattle in and around the Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary, part of the Way Kambas National Park on the island of Sumatra, Indonesia. Her adventures were featured on Ohio State's home page: osu.edu/features/2007/rhino.

What I did during my summer vacation

By Laura Stokes-Green

Getting charged by a Sumatran rhino was not in the game plan for my summer research project, but I learned to expect the unexpected in Indonesia. In the summer after my second year of veterinary school, I spent July and August working on the islands of Sumatra and Java, Indonesia. My goal was to conduct the first hemoparasite serosurvey on Sumatran rhinos, a unique project that I had developed with advice from two of my veterinary mentors. The plan was to collect blood samples from Sumatran rhinos that lived in a rainforest sanctuary, and also to gather blood samples from elephants, water buffalo, cattle, and other domestic farm animals in the surrounding area to assess the blood parasite population found in that region.

In terms of my professional development, these two months were unmatched. Devising a research project, writing a proposal, creating a budget, allocating funds, purchasing a microscope, and other lab equipment—these were all things that were first-time accomplishments. Certainly, the most profound aspects of professional development were those experiences that were not available on campus at Ohio State: communicating and collaborating with people of a distinctly different culture; learning to work internationally with governments regarding conservation of an extremely endangered species numbering fewer than 300 animals worldwide; and observing the behavior of these endangered species in their natural habitat in the rainforest of Indonesia rather than in a zoo environment.

Each time I review my pictures and data or discuss my research, I am reminded of how awe-inspiring it was to travel so far outside of my comfort zone to explore the frontiers of veterinary medicine. I am confident that if Ohio State provided funding for professional development such as this, many professional students would reap similar benefits of experiencing something extraordinary—something that would be invaluable for any career. By facilitating such experiences, our university will be regarded as at the forefront of student development.

SCAVMA presents the Josh Project with Dr. Lange

As a community outreach project, SCAVMA is teaming up with the Children’s Miracle Network to provide a special kit to children facing surgery. The kit contains a stuffed dog and an accompanying book that explains to children what they should expect while in the hospital. The kit is the brainchild of Dr. Randy Lange, whose own daughter faced surgery a few years ago. SCAVMA is partnering with Nationwide Children’s Hospital in Columbus and plans to raise money in 2008 to provide kits to kids facing surgery: www.joshandfriends.com.

Ohio State chosen to host 2009 SAVMA Symposium

SCAVMA students were proud to be chosen to host the 2009 SAVMA Symposium at The Ohio State University, scheduled for March 21–24, 2009.
Inaugural Awards Ceremony held Saturday June 9

The inaugural College of Veterinary Medicine Awards Ceremony was held June 9 in the Veterinary Hospital Auditorium. The senior clinical awards, Phi Zeta candidates, and other student awards were presented. All members of the college community, including faculty, staff, students, family members, and friends were invited for this standing-room only event.

INAUGURAL AWARD WINNERS

Phi Kappa Phi Initiates for 2007
- Amy Renee Back
- Lauren Ellen Chapman
- Edward Cooper
- Julia Delikat
- Mary Kathryn Flood
- Michael John Merick
- Kathryn Marie O’Connor
- Gascho Landis*

Phi Zeta Initiates
Class of 2008
- Mary Elaine Adelsberger
- Carrie Louise Bettin
- Sarah Beth Bowers
- Illana Marie Euvrard
- Marissa Dawn Gockerman
- Robyn Aylor Haines
- Anna Marie Davin*
- Victoria Marie Collis*
- Molly Erin Cassandra
- Blair Aileen Byrd
- Susan Rae Braudaway*
- James DeWille

Class of 2007
- Marisa Koyo Ames*
- Amy Renee Back
- Daniel Lee Bishop
- Andrew Scott Bowman
- Susan Rae Braudaway*
- Blair Aileen Byrd
- Molly Erin Cassandra
- Victoria Marie Collis*
- Anna Marie Davin*
- Jennifer Ann Drum*
- Abby Melinda Dunlap*
- Jennifer Elaine Fields
- Mary Kathryn Flood
- Laura D. Gallaugher*
- Amy Lynn Graham
- Abigail R. Joel
- Merwin Harrington
- Jessica Ann Jacoby
- Meghan Melissa Jaskot
- Gascho Landis*

2007 Honors and Awards
- Gertrude Hoeger Award in Basic Biomedical Research
  - Stephanie Cuellar

First Year Award
- Anatomy
  - Hope Chisnell

Third Year Award
- AVMA Junior Service
  - Laurel Miller

Fourth Year Awards
- Anesthesiology
  - Meghan Jaskot
- AVMA Senior Service
  - Devon Hague
- Dermatology
  - Jennifer Fields
- Equine Ambulatory
  - Craig Aldinger
- Equine Emergency and Critical Care
  - Federico Morales Jordan
- Equine Medicine
  - Alex Mullen

Equine Surgery
- Adam Leininger
- Food Animal Medicine and Surgery
- Aaron Wise
- Marysville Ambulatory
  - Brian Martin
- Ophthalmology
  - Maclyn McColl
- Pathology
  - Toby Beck
- Preventive Medicine
  - Mary Emily Mowrer
- Public Health
  - Andrew Bowman
- Radiology
  - Janet Kamei
- Resident/GTA Award
  - Dr. Laurie Millward
- Scholarship
  - Christina Raitson
- Small Animal Community Practice
  - Amy Graham
- Small Animal Critical Care
  - Victoria Collis
- Small Animal Medicine
  - Meghan Jaskot
- Small Animal Surgery
  - Jennifer Nielsen
- Theriogenology
  - Federico Morales Jordan

Extramural Awards
- Pfizer Small Animal Community Practice
  - Carrie Ulmer
- Pfizer Veterinary Scholarship Award
  - Maryssa Gockerman
- Pfizer Veterinary Specialty Team Award
  - Dr. Nicolas Ernst

Emergency/Critical Care
- AAFP
  - Jennifer Miller
- AAHA
  - Nicholas Mathias
- ACLAP
  - Laura Gallagher
- ACVS
  - Large Animal
  - Craig Aldinger
- ACVS
  - Small Animal
  - Amy Graham
- American College of Veterinary Radiology
  - Janet Kamei
- Association for Women Veterinarians Foundation Scholarship
  - Laura Stokes-Green
- Buddy Award
  - Michael McGinley
- NAVC Student Representative
  - Heather Kvitko
- Simmons & Associates Business Aptitude Award
  - Laurel Miller
- VECCS
  - Laura Roy-Eitner

Class of 2007 Appreciation Awards for Faculty, Staff, Residents, and Interns

Faculty
- Ambulatory
  - Dr. Mike Schmall
- Basic Sciences
  - Dr. James DeWille
- Equine Medicine and Surgery
  - Dr. Nicolas Ernst

Staff
- College Support Staff
  - Greg Graham
- Equine and LA Tech
  - Dee DiPiero
  - (Equine Medicine)
- Hospital Support Staff
  - Judy Harper
  - (Front desk)
- Multi Species Specialty Service
  - Larry Dyer
  - (Radiology)
- SA Tech
  - Scott Weiss
  - (Ward 6 IM)

Residents
- Large Animal
  - Dr. Andy Neihaus
- Pathology
  - Dr. Laurie Milward
  - (see story on page 37)
- Small Animal
  - Dr. Laura Nelson and
  - Dr. Ed Cooper

Interns
- Drs. Glenn Hansen and
  - Mitch Potter
Three alumni honored at Oath and Hooding

Three alumni from the College of Veterinary Medicine were honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award at the 2007 Oath and Hooding Ceremony held on June 9 in Mershon Auditorium. Nominees are selected based on their professional accomplishments, impact on the field, and leadership. Recipients this year included Dr. Linda Wolff, Dr. Kent Hoblet, and Dr. Theresa Fossum. Dr. Wolff received her PhD in Microbiology from the Department of Veterinary Biosciences and is head, Leukemogenesis Section, Laboratory of Cellular Oncology with the National Cancer Institute. Dr. Hoblet graduated summa cum laude and first in his DVM class in 1971 and received his Master in Veterinary Preventive Medicine in 1984. He is dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi State University. Dr. Theresa Fossum completed a residency in surgery at Ohio State and completed her Master in Veterinary Anatomy in 1986. She received a PhD in Veterinary Microbiology in 1992 after joining the faculty in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University in 1987. More information can be found at: vet.osu.edu/2193.

Senior Class award winner Dr. Laurie Millward

Dr. Laurie Millward is a clinical pathology resident in the Department of Veterinary Biosciences. After receiving her DVM in 2006, she applied and received a residency. “I’ve wanted to teach since I started vet school,” said Dr. Millward. “I was inspired by Dr. Maxey Wellman. It’s such an honor to be able to work with her.”

Dr. Millward’s genuine enthusiasm is in great part what caused the students to select her for the teaching award. During the ceremony, students who spoke on her behalf mentioned her passion for the topic of pathology. “Every case was presented as, ‘the coolest case EVER,’” said one student.

“To me, this is the most important award I’ve ever won,” said Dr. Millward, who plans to finish her PhD in two to three years, with the goal of staying in academia. Her research interests include the immunology of cancer-causing viruses. She considers herself fortunate to have been awarded an Eli Lilly fellowship for medical research.

“The best thing about being here at Ohio State is the opportunity to collaborate with faculty in the Center for Retrovirus Research, the clinical pathology faculty, as well as faculty in the college who have appointments in the Comprehensive Cancer Center (in the Ohio State Medical Center).”
Karen Longbrake, senior development office for the College of Veterinary Medicine, has led the college's fund-RAising team for nearly 10 years.

“I think I have the coolest job on campus,” she said. “Even after 10 years, each day I still learn something new about veterinary medicine. I think most people would be amazed at the breadth and depth of this profession. Where else on campus can you find care for your companion animal, the world’s leading experts on West Nile Virus and avian influenza, and discuss the newest research in retroviruses?”

Two additional development professionals provide fund-raising expertise for the college: Douglas Sweeney and Ja’Marcus Hampton. Doug has been with the college for more than two years, after spending nine years at UNC-Charlotte. Ja’Marcus joined the college in January 2008 after spending the past two years at the University of Akron.

“Our most important job as development professionals is to help donors find projects that they feel passionate about,” said Karen. “And help them see how their contributions are making a positive impact.

“We have the most loyal alumni, and they care deeply about supporting their alma mater,” she added. “Many times over the last 10 years, our alumni have expressed to me that they owe their entire career to the education they received at the College of Veterinary Medicine. They want to help us make a great college even better. The same can be said for our client owners. We have incredibly generous clients who appreciate the work of our faculty veterinarians, students, and staff in providing the best care for their animals.”

Following are several stories highlighting the passion and commitment of our generous donors. More information about supporting the college is available by calling (614) 688-8433.
Generous clients join college in giving life to innovative veterinary research

By Melissa Weber

Leota and John Folsom own and enjoy shelties. When their dogs have developed complications, their veterinarian, Ohio State alumnus Dr. David Williams, recommended the Veterinary Teaching Hospital at the College of Veterinary Medicine. They have driven from West Virginia twice for the expert care available here.

“Our first experience with Ohio State was when Hamish developed adrenal Cushing’s disease,” said Leota. “The veterinarians, the students, everybody at Ohio State were just fabulous in assisting us with Hamish.

“The doctors did a wonderful job with the surgery. After we brought Hamish home, they told us we could call if we encountered any problems, and we did, and they were so supportive over the phone as well.”

The Folsoms contributed $10,000 to establish a research fund for the study of Cushing’s disease. “After we had Hamish there, we made a contribution to the Veterinary Hospital for further study,” she explained. “Dr. Rustin Moore, Dr. Brian Scansen, and Dr. Ed Cooper came up with some good suggestions for studies to examine that problem.”

After Hamish passed away, the Folsoms bought two other shelties, Duncan and McTavish. Mr. Folsom explained they picked out Duncan first, and then went back two weeks later for “Mickey.”

“As our veterinarian said, it took two shelties to replace one, because Hamish was such a special dog,” said Mrs. Folsom. “If you are a pet lover you know there’s always one that’s special and that was Hamish.”

Soon after getting their new dogs, Mickey developed a joint problem. Tests to determine the source of his limp were inconclusive and again, Dr. Williams recommended Ohio State.

This time, they met with Dr. Jon Dyce who assessed the situation and charted a course of treatment. “We really appreciated Dr. Dyce’s thoroughness,” she said. “And the student, Rebecca Pentecost, was so helpful. It was so nice to have a smiling, encouraging face every time we went into the examination room. We appreciated Dr. (Blake) Hildreth’s kindness also. He never minded our phone calls and questions. We were very lucky, because after the affected joint was treated, Mickey hasn’t had any other problems.”

They learned after Mickey’s treatment that Dr. Dyce was interested in creating a physical rehabilitation facility for dogs. The Folsoms decided to support this program with another $10,000 gift.

“We decided that it was very exciting and we wanted to help out with it,” she said. “We are really looking forward to taking a peek at it once it’s finished. We’re looking forward to coming and visiting when we don’t have something wrong with our dogs, just to see how things are going.”

“We have been so impressed with Ohio State,” added Mr. Folsom. “We know that people are aware of Ohio State’s great reputation in areas like law and medicine, and we want people to remember their pets too. Our contribution will benefit the animals in our lives who give us so much, and we hope other people will want to help with their care. We really appreciated how well we have been cared for in the College of Veterinary Medicine.”

The Folsoms’ donation provided resources for a physical rehabilitation facility for dogs. Pictured above is Tessa, a Labrador retriever owned by Tracy Marsh, who is training to become certified in canine physical rehabilitation.
Wards create scholarship for students in food animal medicine  By Terri Stone

Dr. Basil D. and Mary Ward of Gallatin, Tenn., have established the Dr. Basil D. Ward Family Scholarship Fund with a gift of more than $106,000 to the College of Veterinary Medicine. The scholarship will be provided to a student who intends to practice food animal medicine, with first preference given to students from Butler, Preble, or Warren Counties in Ohio. Basil, a 1949 graduate with a degree in veterinary medicine, is now retired. Mary holds a bachelor’s degree in human ecology from 1950.

The Wards met while students at Ohio State, with Mary graduating a year after Basil. He started his studies when, like many others during the 1940s, his country needed him for World War II and he left college to enter the service. After the war ended, he returned and completed his degree.

Dr. Ward said he obtained most of his education through the G.I. Bill, which allowed him to graduate without owing much money. “I know that many kids coming out of vet school today incur quite a debt,” he said. “We wanted to help some of them by creating a scholarship fund.”

The Wards have attended a few Ohio State reunions over the years and traveled back to campus during fall 2006. When they return, they enjoy seeing all the changes that have taken place across the university. “Today’s vet school, compared to when I went through, is like day and night,” he said. “It’s just absolutely wonderful. The quality of the educators is very impressive. I found the education and experience of the instructors to be nearly unbelievable.”

During the couple’s last visit, Basil and Mary toured the large animal and food animal portions of the hospital. Basil would like the scholarship to be awarded to a student interested in practicing food animal medicine.
Buckeye alumni make a difference in student research

By Melissa Weber

Dr. Michael Rohovsky and his wife, Karen, support the Summer Student Research program, which provides professional students with a research experience during the summer between their first and second, or second and third, years of their DVM program.

“I think supporting and encouraging research is very important in this era of globalization,” said Dr. Rohovsky. “I travel all over the world and I see the impact that veterinarians have across all disciplines of medicine and science.”

Last year, the Rohovskys supported four students in the summer program. A total of 28 students conducted research in more than a dozen labs in the College of Veterinary Medicine, culminating in a poster session that featured work across several disciplines.

“We’re very proud of how this program has grown,” said Dr. Michael Lairmore, chair of the Department of Veterinary Biosciences. “Support from Dr. Rohovsky, as well as other generous donors—including several scientific foundations—allows us to train the next generation of scientists to address biomedical and animal health problems that are critically dependent upon individuals with a background in veterinary medicine.”

All the students’ research is featured each spring at the annual Research Day hosted by the college and supported in part by the College of Veterinary Medicine Alumni Society. (A complete list of 2007 winners can be found on page 25.)

“I thought it would be nice if veterinary students had the opportunity to understand that there is an arena out there where they can make a great impact to mankind and animal kind without going into clinical practice,” said Dr. Rohovsky. “My wife and I thought we would focus our money on a summer program for students to offer them an inkling about science, plus give them an economic boost.”

Dr. Rohovsky is a three-time graduate of Ohio State, receiving his DVM degree in 1960 and coming back for graduate work after completing two years in the Air Force as a captain in the veterinary corps.

“I came to vet school to be an equine practitioner,” he said. After his basic training in Montgomery, Ala., he was sent to a NATO base northeast of London. He was expecting to finish his two years and come back to the United States to work with horses. While he was in England, he got a telegram that would change his life.

“They (the Air Force) were looking for veterinarians with experience in primates, which I had from a part-time job while I was a vet student,” he said. A few months later, he learned that the Air Force had “loaned” him to NASA, where he would be working at a tracking station in Kano, Nigeria, for the John Glenn space shot. During the extensive orientation, he met Dan Sasmore, a lieutenant colonel and veterinary pathologist.

“We became great friends and he had a big influence on me,” said Dr. Rohovsky. “I started looking for a program in veterinary pathology, and came back to Ohio State where I completed my master’s and PhD degrees.”

Following graduation, Dr. Rohovsky worked for a pharmaceutical company in Cincinnati and then went to Arthur D. Little in Boston to lead the pathology group. Following that position, he joined Johnson and Johnson as the research and development vice president for Pittman-Moore, a major veterinary pharmaceutical company. In 1981 he moved to lead research for a new division at Johnson and Johnson in orthopedics and neurosurgery. He retired about 10 years ago, but continues to work as a consultant to Johnson & Johnson’s Corporate Office of Science and Technology.

Still, the most basic research he ever conducted was while doing his dissertation research at Ohio State. “It was on a disease called panleukapenia in cats,” he said. “We developed a germ-free cat through which we could study infectious diseases without encountering environmental, bacterial, or viral organisms. We were able to get a better insight into the pathogenesis and the involvement between the virus or the bacteria and the cells in the animal.”
P&G Pet Care supports the future of veterinary medicine

By Kristine McComis and Melissa Weber

The College of Veterinary Medicine and P&G Pet Care, maker of Iams and Eukanuba brand dog and cat foods, have a long-term partnership. The P&G Pet Care strategic alliance provides generous financial support to important programs in the college, which in turn align with the goals of P&G Pet Care to make significant, sustainable contributions to veterinary medicine.

Only through the support of P&G Pet Care is the college able to offer critical programs such as the Iams Residency program, a new Clinical Trials Office, and the Honoring the Bond program, which benefits clients as well as students, staff, and faculty. In addition, the alliance provides funding that benefits student programs and research projects.

“The generosity of P&G Pet Care is crucial to our ability to maintain excellence in several areas,” said Dean Tom Rosol. “Our residency program is nationally known and highly competitive, and without P&G Pet Care we would be unable to offer these two positions. Likewise, P&G provides us with the ability to sell Iams pet food through the hospital to our clients and staff, as well as providing food to our hospitalized animal patients. The money generated from that program benefits nearly everyone in the college.”

Following are detailed descriptions of three selected programs funded by the P&G Pet Care partnership.

SELECTED PROGRAMS FUNDED BY THE P&G PET CARE PARTNERSHIP:

IAMS Residency Program

By Kristine McComis and Dr. Robert Sherding

Residencies are three-year intensive postgraduate training programs for Doctors of Veterinary Medicine that lead to board certification in one of over 20 clinical specialties recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association. For nearly 40 years, the College of Veterinary Medicine has been a national leader in residency training, most recently in great part to P&G Pet Care support of two residency positions in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital: a Small Animal Critical Care residency held by Dr. Ann Peruski, and a Small Animal Internal Medicine residency held by Dr. Kelly Cairns.

The financial support from P&G Pet Care for these residencies allows talented young veterinarians to advance their education and clinical skills and pursue successful futures as clinical or research-track faculty members at a college of veterinary medicine or as private practice specialty clinicians.

The IAMS Residency Program has been successful in attracting some of the best talent in veterinary medicine; approximately 40 applications are received for each position. Since inception, a total of six candidates have entered the program. Four specialized in internal medicine, and two specialized in emergency and critical care. All four graduates are board-certified.
specialists in either the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine or the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care, and all have been awarded the Master of Science degree by The Ohio State University. One is now a faculty member in the College of Veterinary Medicine, one is currently enrolled in a PhD program at a medical microbiology research laboratory at the University of Chicago, and two are practicing internal medicine at respected private specialty practices.

“The P&G Pet Care contribution is very important for these residency training programs, which have a direct impact on student education, animal care, relationships with referring veterinarians, and client communications,” said Dr. Rustin Moore, professor and chair of the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences. “Without P&G Pet Care, we would not be able to offer these residencies.”

“The financial support of the emergency and critical care residency is crucial to allow development of a new clinical specialty area at Ohio State,” said Dr. Shane Bateman, professor in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences and head of the small animal Care and Wellness Service. “Strategic investment from P&G Pet Care allows the college to grow and expand young programs at a time when state support of public universities is static or declining.”

The combination of advanced clinical training and research enables IAMS Residents to assume future leadership roles in veterinary medicine and to advance animal health.

Clinical Trials Office

By Erin Pompili and Kristine McComis

The Clinical Trials Office (CTO) in the College of Veterinary Medicine provides assistance in the design, execution, and evaluation of veterinary clinical trials involving client-owned animals. Under the direction of Dr. Cheryl London, the office facilitates studies through input into clinical trial design, networking with regional veterinarians to ensure timely enrollment, assistance in collection and coordination of data, and establishment of standard operating procedures (SOPs). These efforts serve to enhance the ability of everyone at the college to successfully undertake clinical investigations in the veterinary patient population. In addition, Dr. Linda Lord, assistant professor in the Department of Veterinary Preventive Medicine and an epidemiologist, provides support for study design and statistical analysis.

The relatively new Clinical Trials Office is an imperative resource for anyone who wishes to begin a clinical trial. The CTO staff includes Clinical Trials Coordinator Deborah Devor-Henneman, who manages the day-to-day operation of the office. The funding of her position was only possible through the P&G Pet Care partnership.

“It is important to assist the investigators who are planning a study, to design and implement trials,” said Dr. London. “The office benefits the animals, the investigators, and really everyone involved. We hope that what we learn will benefit our patients now, as well as allowing us to treat and prevent diseases in the future.”

“This office can answer any questions someone might have when they start their trial,” said Devor-Henneman. “By networking with other clinical trials offices, we may avoid repeating similar start-ups by becoming familiar with all of the trials being administered across the county.”

The Clinical Trials Office also exemplifies the idea of translational medicine. Some diseases, such as tumors in dogs, are very similar to diseases found in humans.

“We believe that the CTO will create an easier avenue to implementing clinical trials in humans, because we’ll have established methods conducted with animals as a guideline,” said Devor-Henneman. In order to best benefit and serve its patients and the investigators, the office will provide the faculty in the college with: guidance in clinical trial design; confirmation of compliance with applicable hospital, IRB, and/or IACUC requirements; assistance with risk assessment; and education in Good Clinical Practice and Good Laboratory Practice standards.

Honoring the Bond

By Alan Woods

Clients who are facing the serious illness, injury, or death of a pet often require additional information and attention from the veterinary medical team. In order to provide family social services for pet owners, The Ohio State University Veterinary Teaching Hospital developed the Honoring the Bond program with the help of generous support from the P&G Pet Care Alliance.

“The biggest service we provide is client support,” said Joelle Nielson, licensed social worker and program coordinator for Honoring the Bond and Pet Owner Support. “I am here to focus on the client and help them through their crisis.”

Nielson, who utilized the program before joining the staff, has seen firsthand how important the program can be to clients who are overwhelmed with the difficult decisions involved during the critical illness and treatment of a family pet.

Consultation services and educational resources available through Honoring the Bond include: helping people cope with the injury, serious illness, or death of a pet; helping children cope with these issues; working through the process of difficult decision-making, including euthanasia; discussing issues such as pet grief; offering comfort to others who have experienced the death of a pet; and considering cremation and aftercare services.

Veterinary medicine isn’t solely about diagnostics and treatment; it entails effectively communicating with the families.
of patients and providing interdisciplinary care for both the animal and their guardians.

“As I developed my career, it became obvious to me that taking care of animals was the easiest part of the job,” said Dr. Shane Bateman, head of the small animal Care and Wellness Service in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital. “The more challenging part of the job was to talk to people, to understand them better, and to support them through some of the really difficult decisions that they often have to make.”

Honoring the Bond is helpful to animals and their families, and it also provides a beneficial service to the veterinarians. The program is dedicated to providing veterinary teams with the non-technical competencies and skills needed to promote veterinary care and veterinary career success.

Honoring the Bond serves the veterinary students and medical team in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital by providing consultation and assistance that includes communication skills training, opportunities to foster veterinary team building and enhance veterinary team communication, and the Companion Animal Listening Line (CALL), a student volunteer phone line providing non-medical support and grief education to grieving pet owners.

“You have to look at the benefits of having a person like Joelle around making our jobs easier,” said Dr. Bateman. “It enriches our quality of life and the lives of our patients and their families. We see her as a really important part of how we provide a complete service to the family.”

Those are the intangibles, Bateman said, that make Honoring the Bond invaluable to Ohio State’s Veterinary Medicine program. The assistance Nielson provides doesn’t go unnoticed around the hospital. She receives consultation calls from throughout the hospital and from students telling her how appreciative they are of the work she does.

“I hear at least one ‘thank you’ a day,” she said. “And whether it is from the staff or a client, it’s pretty refreshing.”

The thank you from the entire college goes to P&G Pet Care for their continuing support of these critical programs.

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Welcome Dr. Michelle Harcha, Director, Professional Development Education and Alumni Services

On February 19, 2007, the College of Veterinary Medicine welcomed Dr. Michelle Harcha as the new director of Professional Development Education and Alumni Services. She received a BS in Agriculture in 1981 and DVM in 1985 from Ohio State. She completed an MA in Business Management from Antioch University McGregor in 2001. Dr. Harcha practiced for 10 years in Cincinnati in an emergency clinic and several small animal hospitals, before joining Hill’s Pet Nutrition in 1995. She has held a variety of positions for Hill’s, where she provided continuing educational seminars and technical support for veterinary hospitals, veterinary schools, and veterinary technician schools in the states of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, West Virginia, and Kentucky. She has served on the Board of the College of Veterinary Medicine Alumni Society for eight years, including serving one year as president. She has also been active on numerous committees. In addition, she will be coordinating professional development courses for our DVM students. Dr. Harcha moved to Columbus with her cat, Snow White, and her black lab, Mattie.

Alumni Reunion Weekend, September 6–8

Alumni from the College of Veterinary Medicine and The Ohio State University enjoyed a variety of activities sponsored by the Ohio State Alumni Association, as well as college events sponsored by our College of Veterinary Medicine Alumni Society. A special afternoon of Continuing Education was held in the college on Thursday afternoon, including a keynote speech by alumnus Dr. Ron Lyman, who also hosted a wine, cheese, and chocolate tasting following his talk. Friday night, the annual class reunion events, banquet, and auctions at the Buckeye Hall of Fame Café started at 4 p.m., and more than $20,000 was raised for projects to support the college and scholarships. Saturday morning the Alumni Society hosted its annual membership meeting; the dean provided an abbreviated “State of the College” address, followed by the traditional barbecue/tailgate under the tent on the lawn. At noon, Ohio State kicked off against the Akron Zips, resulting in the first win of another Big 10 Championship season.

Looking at the composites.

Alumni enjoy the tailgate barbecue during Alumni Reunion Weekend.

Dr. Ron Lyman presents Dr. Michael Rings with the Lyman Award.
At the banquet held at the Buckeye Hall of Fame Café, four distinguished alumni received recognition from The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine Alumni Society.

**Gary Bowman, DVM, Diplomate ACVPM, Class of 1967, Associate Professor Emeritus, Department of Veterinary Preventive Medicine, The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine**

Dr. Gary Bowman completed his DVM in 1967. He served four years of active duty in the United States Air Force as a Veterinary Officer. He returned to the Ohio State College of Veterinary Medicine as an ambulatory instructor in 1972. In 1989 he was appointed the swine extension veterinarian. While working at Ohio State, he continued 18 years in the Air Force Reserves as an Environmental Health Officer/Military Public Health Officer. He retired from the Ohio Army National Guard at the rank of colonel in 1997. A Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine, he was recognized in 2004 with the Ohio Pork Industry Council’s Meritorious Service Award. Although he “retired” in 2004, he continues to demonstrate his commitment to students by participating in a senior rotation and teaching a course each autumn quarter. He has also been active in his community, serving his church, the Boy Scouts of America, and 4-H.

**Ronald Lyman, DVM, Diplomate ACVIM, Class of 1977, President, Animal Emergency and Referral Center (AERC), Fort Pierce, Fla.**

Dr. Ronald Lyman is a 1977 graduate of The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine. He completed an internship at the Animal Medical Center in New York City and then completed residencies in both internal medicine and neurology/neurosurgery at the Animal Medical Center and Ohio State. A Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine, he coordinates and contributes to the monthly ACVIM column in *DVM Magazine*, which presents the latest developments in small animal specialty medicine. He is a co-author of chapters in the 2000 editions of Kirk’s *Current Veterinary Therapy XIII* and *Quick Reference to Veterinary Medicine*. He is founder and president of the Animal Emergency and Referral Center in Fort Pierce, Fla., providing specialty referral services and critical care to small animal patients since 1981.

**Andrew T. Maccabe, DVM, MPH, JD, Class of 1985, Associate Executive Director, Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges, Washington, D.C.**

Dr. Andrew T. Maccabe holds a bachelor degree in agriculture from Ohio State, as well as his DVM. In addition, he earned an MA in Public Health from Harvard University and a law degree from the University of Arizona. Following graduation in 1985, Dr. Maccabe worked in a mixed-animal practice in Jefferson, Ohio, before joining the U.S. Air Force as a military public health officer. He completed his Master of Public Health in 1995 and directed the health risk assessment program at more than 40 toxic waste sites for the Air Force before returning to school. In 2002 he completed his law degree and began working for the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges in Washington, D.C. Dr. Maccabe is one of the original authors of “The Veterinary Workforce Expansion Act,” introduced in the 109th Congress, and is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserve.

**William Yakely, DVM, MS, Diplomate ACVO, Class of 1967, Owner, Animal Eye Clinic of Spokane, Washington**

Dr. William Yakely completed his DVM at Ohio State in 1967. During his senior year, he was a research fellow for the Morris Animal Foundation and worked under Dr. Milt Wyman. After completing his internship at Washington State University, he became an instructor and completed his MS in Veterinary Medicine at WSU. He won the Norden Distinguished Teaching Award in 1973. He became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists in 1975. Dr. Yakely practiced for several years in a busy clinic in Spokane before limiting his practice to ophthalmology and establishing the Audubon Veterinary Clinic. In 1998 he established the Animal Eye Clinic of Spokane, where he still practices. Dr. Yakely was named “Outstanding Practitioner” by the American Animal Hospital Association in 1973 and won the Washington State Veterinary Medical Association “Veterinarian of the Year” award in 1993. He was the founding president of Daybreak of Spokane, a drug and alcohol treatment program for teenagers and served for nine years on their board. There are now several Daybreak program locations in the Spokane area as well as in Vancouver. Dr. Yakely also served on the Mead County School Board from 1985–1996.
Class of ’39

Charles W. Fox: Although I have not practiced since 1988, I am still involved in the practice, ordering drugs, paying bills, and auditing the books daily. *Editor’s note: Dr. Fox passed away in December 2007. To reference his and other obituaries, visit vet.osu.edu/connect.

Class of ’44

Harry W. Booth: We are enjoying commuting between Vero Beach, Fla., and Auburn, Ala. Son Harry Jr, DVM, DACVS, Michigan State, and daughter-in-law Dawn, DVM, MS, PhD, Texas A&M, DACVIM, DACVCP, both teach at Auburn University Veterinary School. My “OH” my, how Vet Med has progressed!

Class of ’45

Howard Deacon: Honor member AVMA; honor member OVMA. Has been a member of the OVMA since 1947. Has been married to Emily Benson Deacon since 1946. Our four children, Christine, Philip, Thomas, and Brad all doing well.

Paul E. Fenstermaker: Retired 3/1/06 after 61 years of food animal practice.

Donald Gustafson: Our ranks may be thinning, but some of us are doing rather well! H.E. Amstuts and I are here in West Lafayette. We’ve been picking blueberries and some of our vegetables. He does better than I. Purdue hosted the Bucks October 6. We were surprised by the return of Gee. We now have a woman from the California University system. Could you annually include a category of senior year among the years being highlighted [at the reunion] (I am aware all alums are invited.) Best wishes from DPG at 87, Hal is 88. Who is the eldest among alums?

Class of ’49

Elbert B. Jasper: Looking back 63 years (1944) to the time I left Ohio State for military duty in China (53rd. Veterinary Detachment), I remain grateful to have returned in 1947 and graduated from veterinary school in 1949. Returning to government service I finished my career on the Import Export Staff (USDA) in Washington, D.C. On early retirement I joined small animal practice. Married 56 years in October.

Don Reeser: Nancy and I are still doing Elderglosts and tours. I’m carving more birds and turning on the lathe. Just had my left hip joint replaced.

Class of ’50

L.M. Borst: Working as a policy consultant for the Indianapolis law firm of Baker and Daniels.

Class of ’51

Philip Leib: Sorry to report I lost my second wife Gisela Selbela Dunaway-Leib in October 2006. She is greatly missed by all who knew her happy face.

Class of ’52

James H. Rosenberger: Now living in Breckenridge Village, a retirement community in Willoughby, Ohio —so far so good. Health is good and stable. Nine grand kids, one great-grandchild, and another one on the way. Arthur Godfrey was right, “We grow too soon old, and too late smart.”

Class of ’53

Charles Taylor: I am actively practicing full time. My wife Wilda Snider Taylor passed away 12/13/04. I am very proud of the Ohio State Alumni Society and want to remain a member of it.

Class of ’55

Arthur Freeman: Elected president of American Association of Retired Veterinarians at the annual meeting in 2006 after serving as secretary and newsletter editor for more than nine years. In 2006, appointed to serve as the honor roll representative on the AVMA membership services committee.

Class of ’57

S. Darrell Apte: I practiced veterinary medicine for 46 years. I owned my own practice, Apte Veterinary Clinic in Kettering, Ohio, and loved working and helping my patients and clients, making sure I provided them with the very best of care and service. I was forced to retire in December of 2003 when I had a stroke and was unable to practice. I am still involved with the Miami Valley Veterinary Medical Association and other veterinary groups. My practice was given to a doctor who continues excellent service. My wife and I still go to OSU football games, are still involved in our community, and spend time at our cottage in Michigan in the summer months.

Class of ’58

John Barc: Bonnie Bates provided the continuity and leadership to our alumni society. I am sure she helped our college leadership and staff over the years as well. Go Bucks!

Thomas L. Connair: Looking forward to our 50th reunion in 2008!

Class of ’59

Kenneth Watkins: I sold my practice December 1, 2005, and retired May 26, 2006. So far I’m enjoying living at the beach and doing nothing. I had to find a veterinarian, and I am using fellow Buckeye John Boros (class of ’73).

Class of ’60

Roger Augenstein: Moved to Florida in 2005—The Villages, a retirement community. Semi-retired; doing equine relief.

Class of ’62

David Miller: Retired in Florida and loving it!

Class of ’64

Phillip “Ray” Glick: Senior VP of Professional and Government Relations for Banfield, The Pet Hospital, Charter owner of Gunne. Board Member of American Veterinary Medicine Foundation.

Robert Linnabary: Retired from University of Tennessee, College of Veterinary Medicine faculty in 2000. Now work with Tennessee Department of Agriculture as Emergency Response Coordinator of Disaster Animal Response Team Coordination.

James E. Novy: Retired. I serve on Parasite, Emerging, and Foreign Animal Diseases Committee of the United States Animal Health Association. Local coordinator for AARP tax-aid. Moderator of Student Ministries Committee and Personnel Committee and Elder at First Presbyterian Church, Tyler, Texas.


Richard Verner: I sold my practice and retired last year. It is an adjustment, but now I have more time for my family, friends, draft horses, and antique boats.

Class of ’65

Jim Brick: Still enjoying retirement. I am doing several sled dog races a year including the Iditarod. Are other class of 1965 members still alive?

James N. Ross: I retired from Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine January 1, 2006. Now I’m working at Cape Cod Veterinary Specialists three days a week in Buzzards Bay, Mass. I am enjoying a new beautiful hospital, establishing an ACUECC residency, and practicing veterinary cardiology. I am also fortunate enough to have four grandsons and a granddaughter to enjoy from my three wonderful daughters. Fishing has been wonderful: come visit!

Class of ’66


John Carl Pratt: wife, Susan, four sons, and eight grandchildren.

Bill B. Reynolds: I have sold my practice (Veterinary Associates) and have semi-retired.

Class of ’68

David L. McDonald: DVM: I sold my practice (Sharon Center Veterinary Hospital) to Drs. Steve Fouost and Rob Nathan two years ago and am currently working for them doing strictly equine practice.

Ronald L. Montgomery: Married to Sharon, six daughters, and one son. Interests include flying, motorcycles, a new motor home, and fly fishing.

Class of ’69

J. Michael Cornwell: St. Petersburg College, School of Veterinary Technology, faculty, was awarded tenure in August 2006. Mike and his wife, Sandy, Bachelor of Science, Nursing ’86, live in Largo, Fla.

Gordon Davis: Still working but trying to carve out more time for the race track and fox hunting on horses.

Class of ’70


Daniel D. Frey: Still working—best of all, still married to Carol, still traveling weird places, still showing Akitas, still loving life.

David Henry: Semi-retired 10/06. Sold Northwood Veterinary Hospital to Ohio State grad Dr. John Bruce. Hope to work part-time for next 10 years. Still enjoy the people and their pets.
Paul Edward Karr: Son: Aaron, doctor, Ohio Valley Physicians Medical Director, Gallipolis, Ohio. Daughter: Tracy, assistant director of Admissions, Susquehanna College in Selinsgrove, Pa. Wife: Melanie, winner of several awards for floral designs. Paul: Still practicing veterinary medicine and doing lots of farm work.

Class of ’71
Ronald Douglass Warner: Member of Family and Community Medicine faculty at Texas Tech University Health Science Center, Lubbock campus, associate professor (epidemiology, preventive medicine, public health); Director, Travel Medicine Clinic (approximately 175 patients a year to 45 countries); Coordinator of Community Med/Public Health rotation for 2nd and 3rd year residents; recently received “Star Teacher” award from dean. School of Medicine for excellent teaching evaluations from 3rd year medical students. Current area of research is West Nile neuroinvasive disease in Texas residents, pointing out that West Texas is the highest risk area in the state after adjusting for age and race; paper published in October 2006 Annals of Epidemiology.

Class of ’72
Richard B. Ford: Professor of Medicine, North Carolina State University, College of Veterinary Medicine.

Class of ’73
Joseph A. Crock: Adjunct Faculty in Vet Tech Program as CSCC, Adjunct Faculty at Bradford Institute of Vet Technology, part-time employee at Animal Hospital of Pataskala.


Class of ’75
Dan Wilson: AAEP District 5 Rep.

Class of ’76
Claudia J. Gardner, DVM: Owner, Small Animal Medicine and Surgery, PA, 3200 Sherrills Ford Road, Salisbury, NC 28147 (www.sams-littlepawsc.com) 

Class of ’77
Mark Armfelt: I currently serve as technical services specialist for Monsanto Dairy Business. Also serve as president of Ohio Dairy Veterinarians.

Deborah McMichael is now Pema Choepel Mallu: I am a holistic veterinarian and Tibetan Buddhist nun. Recently moved from Sedona, Ariz., to Poolesville, Md. Much of my time is spent volunteering with our animal rescue sanctuaries for dogs, cats, and exotic birds, and our building projects.

Class of ’78
Mary Ann Crawford: My dad Harry (Class of 1949) is still enjoying retirement in West Jefferson, Ohio, while my son John McDonough is thriving in fifth grade in Wyckoff, N.J. As I approach my 50th anniversary, I am still marvel at what great professors and clinicians we were so lucky to have in veterinary school. My father and Ohio State teachers have served as great role models for my veterinary career. James F. Link: Another good year in North Carolina! James: I still enjoy being a veterinarian. Another good year in North Carolina! James: I still enjoy being a veterinarian.

Class of ’79
Heidi Langendome: I am still working as an ophthalmic surgeon for Veterinary Ophthalmology of New England in Petersham, Mass., with Dr. Alan Bachrach and enjoying my 20th year of marriage and having fun raising a third grade boy!

R. Eric Miller: Sr. VP, Director of Zoological Operations, Saint Louis Wildcare Institute.

John Sangenario: Owner of Dominion Equine Clinic, medical/surgical facility at 2451 Lake Cohoon Road, Suffolk, VA 23434. Married to Susan with children Lauren (25), Anne Marie (21), Matt (19), and Stephen (18).

William S. Stokes: Continue to serve in the Commissioned Corps at the U.S. Public Health Service, with assignment at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences in Research Triangle Park, N.C. In October 2006, promoted to Assistant Surgeon General and rank of Rear Admiral. Continue to serve as the L. Berto Chief Veterinary Officer. Bill and his wife, Nancy, live in Apex, N.C., with their two daughters, Sarah and Gretchen.

Class of ’80
Richard Ringler: “In my mind I’m going to Carolina.” (James Taylor, 1968)

David K. Smith: Wife: Jackie, sons Kyle and Kevin. We run horse trails and other equestrian events on our 93-acre Stone Gate Farm in Hanoverton, Ohio. The equestrian events have made a nice source of “alternative farm income.” We have had articles appear in the local newspapers about our farm and the equestrian events.

Thomas L. Tharp: Owner Tharp Animal Health Care, Chillicothe, Ohio (95 percent small animal, 5 percent large, boarding, grooming, health products). Enjoy golfing and hunting. President of Ross County Academy of Veterinarians, Chairman of Personnel Committee of Chillicothe Baptist Church, District Rep. to Ohio Animal Health Foundation, and a board member for Ross County Christian Academy. Wife, Judy, is a professional artist; son, Lance (27), Southern Theological Seminary, Master in Biblical Counseling; and daughter, Kristal (24) is in her third year at The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

Class of ’81
Allen Holden: I am still enjoying practice and my family including my wife, Laurie, our kids, grandkids, and dogs. I enjoy picking bluegrass music and collecting vintage banjos and guitars. Hello and best wishes to 1981 classmates.

Paul Jansak: I have retired from seeing clients since last year. My partner and I are buying and building a new practice. I love the business of veterinary medicine. Our family just enjoyed a Disney visit with our two grandchildren, Rex (6) and Ivy (8).


Class of ’82

Christopher Bryan Meehl: I am married to Lu Ann (22 years) and have two sons: Austin, a sophomore at Ohio State, and Owen, a high school student. I own a practice in Massachusetts and am looking to purchase others in the Midwest. Our second home is in Powell.

Class of ’83
Allan and Cindy Adair: We bought a seven-acre tropical fruit, palm, and flower farm in western Puerto Rico this year. We hope to retire there in eight years, after our youngest child finishes high school. We’ll be visiting the farm several times a year, so let us know if you want to visit PRI? Perhaps a reunion?

Kevin Byrne, DVM, ACVIM: I am in private dermatology referral practice in Bensalem, Pa. (www.allergysearskincare.com)

Diane E. Mason, DVM, PhD: Clinical associate professor of anesthesiology in the Department of Clinical Sciences at Kansas State University. Married to David Biller, a veterinary radiologist at KSU. Two sons, ages 14 and 11.

Class of ’85

Michael Emanuel Metrola: I have been a private practitioner in Sandusky, Ohio, for 22 years. I have two children and enjoy boating.

Michelle Michalak: Married to Mark Hardsky, DVM, MS, Ohio State ’88, daughters Megan (14), Molly (13).

Class of ’87
Nancy M. Grzenda-Schuler: I’ve retired from cutting horse competitions to ballroom dancing with husband of 17 years, Dennis. My 13 colleagues and I are anxiously awaiting the opening of our new state-of-the-art, 24/7 animal hospital. Thank you Drs. Robert Hutchison and Gary Krone for making dreams come true.

Lynelle Rae Johnson: I have been at the University of California Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine, since 2000 and am an associate professor in Small Animal Internal Medicine.

Class of ’88
Rebecca Hart, DVM: Owner of Dr. Hart’s Animal Hospital in North Royalton, Ohio.

Class of ’92
Bradley L. Bruns: Owner for 12 years, Bruns Animal Clinic, Ltd. Married for 18 years to Lillian. Four healthy children: Brittany (15), Justin (12), Tyler (10), Kayla (8).

Theresa M. Burke: Currently employed at Creature Comforts Animal Clinic in Dublin, Ohio. Fellow classmate who are in town: stop by for a visit! Avid horseback rider. Enjoy trail riding throughout Ohio, especially the Hocking Hills area. Watch for me at some horse shows this summer in Hilliard! Baking award winner for seven consecutive years at the Ohio State Fair. Look for my entries in the cookie/pastry category.

Deborah E. Hollenbach: I just celebrated my 10th anniversary at the Ark Animal Hospital in Chalfont, Pa. I guess that means that I am a “long-term associate.” The practice continues to provide outstanding care to our clientele. I also enjoy participating in career days at the North Penn School District and through AAUW programs. Free time is taken up by my boys and their martial arts activities. All (including my husband) are black belts in tae kwon do!
Amy Roberts (Fife) Keith: Married Steven Keith in 2000. Have three sons, Adam (4), Isaac (2), Ryan (2 months). Still practicing full time in Charleston, W.V.

Thomas M. Smith, DVM: My wife and I will celebrate our 13th anniversary in July. Son Alex (8) and daughter Emily (3) now live in Middletown, Pa.

Class of ‘93
Joseph J. Farkas: Butch and his wife, Lisa, welcomed twin boys, Jack and Sam, on 12/7/06, joining Tyler (2). Butch practices small animal medicine in South Euclid, Ohio. He and his family live in Highland Heights, Ohio.

Roberta K. Haught: Co-owner with husband, Brian, of mixed animal practice, Colegate Woods Veterinary Hospital, in Marietta, Ohio. Two children, Daniel (13), Rebekah (10). Active in church, kids’ school and sports activities, OVERT member.


Wendi Wotowiec (Talcott): Has four boys ages 19, 10, 7, and 4. Working small animal practice in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. We’re all traveling to Australia this year just to see the kangaroo.

Class of ‘94
Caroline O’Dair Acey: We just had our first child, Celia Katherine, September 27, 2000 ( Husband, Ryan Acey).

Lisa Apicella, DVM: Owner of Veterinary Care Center since 1997 (small animals and exotics).

Darin Gilpin: President-elect of the West Virginia Veterinary Medical Association.

Ann-Marie Roche: I currently own a mobile veterinary clinic and practice in the greater Boston area.

Julie Starcher-Garlow: We welcomed our third son, Jordan Patrick Garlow, on May 22, 2006.

Class of ’95
Debra Hartzell Chalker: two children, Emma (6), Elijah (2).

Anne Metzler (née Gemensky): Associate Professor of Ophthalmology at The Ohio State University. College of Veterinary Medicine. Married to Steve Metzler; one daughter, Eleanor Rose, born 4/8/05.

Tiffany L. Whitemoore: In her second year of a Comparative Medical/Lab Animal Medical Residency at University of Buffalo in Buffalo, N.Y.

Class of ’96
Ariana Finkelstein, DVM: Married Andrew Ramirez in Cozumel, Mexico, June 17, 2006. Own many pets and reside in San Antonio, Texas, where I just started a new position in a small and exotic animal hospital.

Heather R. Kinney, DVM: I was certified in veterinary chiropractic by the International Veterinary Chiropractic Association in February 2005. Currently work for Lighthouse Veterinary Personnel Services as a relief doctor.

Class of ’97
Stacy Wigington (née Bumgardner): Married and has a 5-year-old son named Morgan. Resides in Bryan, Texas, and is the proud owner of Lovan Care Animal Clinic for the past 1½ years. The practice is a small animal/equine practice in College Station, Texas.

Diane Paster: Currently working for Emergency Animal Clinic in Phoenix, Arizona.


Class of ’98
Jim Dobies, DVM: Married to Judy since 2001. Sons Tommy (3) and Huston (4 months). Started South Point Pet Hospital in 2005.

Julie E. Greene Charron: I am still at McGrath Animal Hospital in Billerica, Mass., the same practice in which I started following graduation. I was married to Steven Charron in May 2006. He is a chef who owns a catering business in Southern Maine. We currently reside in Kingston, N.H., with Penny, our dog, and six cats. We are both avid Buckeyes fans!

Class of ’99
Wendy R. Forbes: Owner of Rock Bridge Animal Hospital in Columbia, Mo.

Jori K. Leszczynski: I moved to Colorado in June of 2006 to take the position director of the Biological Resources Center at the National Jewish Medical and Research Center. I have one daughter, Zella, who will be two in June.

Class of ’00
Megan Culler: Megan Culler became partner at West Park Animal Hospital in October ’06. She is one of 4 partners in a 9 doctor practice. She and her husband are enjoying life with their baby girl, Claire, Born March 18, 2006.

Natalie A. Fisher: As of July 1, 2007, Natalie will be working at Town and Country Inc. Veterinary Clinic in New Philadelphia, Ohio.

Susan Wilson Peters: We have welcomed our second child, Garrett Wesley, 4/10/07. His sister Madison is two years old.

Class of ’01
Shane D. Hodson, DVM: Dr. Hodson lives in Southwest Ohio with his wife and two children. He and his father, Dr. Dennis Hodson, run the Farmersville Veterinary Clinic in Farmersville, Ohio. Their new 3,000 foot facility opened in March 2006 after operating at the previous location since 1975. Visit them at their web site: www.farmersvillevetclinic.com.

Class of ’02
Abigail Clipper, DVM: Abigail and her husband, Brian, welcomed their son, Samuel, on May 9, 2006. She continues to be employed by Healthy Pets of Burenlo and Westgate in Columbus, Ohio.

Julia Esposito (née Stricker): In September of 2005 I married David Esposito, an electrical engineer. We live on the east side of Cincinnati and have recently purchased land to build on. I am working in small and exotic animal practice at Clermont Animal Hospital in Batavia with my father, David Stricker. Last year I began the process of buying into the practice.

Adam Parsons: I am married to Dr. Joanna Parsons, ER doctor at MedVet. We have two kids. We are moving to Upper Arlington in July to be closer to my new business at 1600 W. 5th Ave. This is the old Apples Veterinary Hospital.

Susan Paulie, DVM: New baby! Sonja Francesca, born on March 10, 2007, joins mom, dad (Mareo), and big brother, Simon.

Jessica U. Stanke: Daughter, Lucy June, born 1/23/06.

Tarah Robbin Webb: This past year I passed the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists boards and am now one of the ophthalmologists full time at MedVet.

Class of ’03
Jason Patchell: Married to Jennifer Patchell. Two Daughters: Rachel (11), Leah (8 months). One dog, Daisy; two cats, Clyde and Gray Thing. Now employed with Banfield, The Pet Hospital of West Chester, Ohio.

Scott F. Zniefski: Currently have two kids, Kael and Hazel, and buying into West Park Animal Hospital in Cleveland.

Class of ’04
Jennifer Holland Cole: Currently working as an associate veterinarian at the Animal Medical Center of Euclid in Euclid, Ohio. Expecting a baby in August 2007.

Jeffrey Hooykaas, DVM: Practicing in a two-doctor small animal hospital in Corona Del Mar, Calif. Enjoying surfing, camping, and traveling to various tropical destinations with wife Corrie. Pets Nacho and Roxy are doing well.

Kathleen E. Mohlman: Currently a partner doctor with Banfield, The Pet Hospital, at the Tri-County Mall in Springfield, Ohio.

Amy Marie (Knupp) Moore: My husband, Jon, and I continue to live in Sandy, Utah—just 15 minutes from the best skiing in the country. We are expecting our first child in June 2007.

Wendy Stewart: Married September 24, 2006, to Ken Stewart (a 911 dispatcher) at Norwalk Raceway Park. Became partner at Mapleview Animal Hospital in Norwalk, Ohio, April 2007.

Cynthia D. Strelcz, DVM: Currently doing a small animal medicine and surgery internship at San Antonio Veterinary Referral Specialists. Finished the April 2007 Country Music Marathon in Nashville, Tenn.

Class of ’05

Wendy A. Karle: Wendy and husband Darcy Menard are expecting a baby boy August 2007. Currently working in a small animal clinic in Half Moon Bay, Calif.

Jason R. Marteney: Tara and I are getting along well. We don’t have any children, but we do have a boxer which is problem enough. We started a complete remodel of our home on the family farm and hope to be done this October.

Amy Revick: Currently living in Denver and working at VCA SE Area Animal Hospital in eastern Denver. Also, continuing with competitive ballroom dancing.

Class of ’06

Ann Bancroft: My husband and I are expecting a baby girl in July!

Mindy Fontus: Currently an associate at a small animal practice in Phoenix.

Kellie Hough: Currently attending The Ohio State University, College of Public Health, to obtain a Master of Public Health, Veterinary Public Health Specialization.

Tiffany Omler: Finishing internship at Blue Ridge Equine Clinic in Charlottesville, Va., pursuing a career in ambulatory equine practice after completion.
Ohio State Large Animal Services
Dayton television features Marysville facility

A locally produced PBS television program, Our Ohio, featured a 10-minute segment about the large animal clinic in Marysville in January 2007 on the PBS affiliate in Dayton, WPTD-TV, Channel 16, which then aired on all PBS stations throughout Ohio. Called "Vet Students Meet the Real World," the segment described the senior rotation completed by every graduate of the DVM program at Ohio State. To view, visit www.ourohio.org, click on “Television,” “Watch Videos,” then click on “Animals” on the left. Our Ohio is sponsored by the Ohio Farm Bureau.

Dr. Don Sanders works with students during their rotation at the Marysville clinic.
Keeping indoor cats healthy

Dr. Tony Buffington, professor in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences, presented techniques for keeping indoor cats healthy and happy in the new WOSU-COSI studio on Tuesday, April 24. With space for a live studio audience of up to 250, the show was videotaped and later broadcast on WOSU-TV. In addition, a DVD of the entire presentation is available for sale. The DVD can be ordered at the Indoor Cat Initiative web site: vet.osu.edu/769.

Open House
Saturday, April 14

The annual Open House for middle and high school students was held Saturday, April 14, 2007. Hundreds of students who are just beginning to plan their college careers attended the event and enjoyed tours and the opportunity to speak with representatives from undergraduate admissions as well as first- and second-year DVM students. In addition, the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences hosted a “pre-vet day.”

The 2008 Open House will be held Saturday, April 12.
Vet Med and the Wex

More than 200 artworks by famed artist and “inveterate joker” William Wegman were on display at the Wexner Center for the Arts, including photos of his well-known Weimaraners. The exhibit, “Funney/Strange,” featured several collaborations with the College of Veterinary Medicine.

“Vets 4 Pets” 5K run/walk hosted by Class of 2009

The Class of 2009 presented the second annual “Vets for Pets” 5K run/walk with proceeds benefiting the Franklin County Dog Shelter and the Class of 2009. Participants were invited to bring their dogs along and then stay for Community Day at the Wexner Center. With record warm temperatures, the “Vets 4 Pets” walk was a tremendous success with more than 200 participants and $4,730 donated to the dog shelter. The Class of 2009 will turn over the event to the Class of 2010 for the 2008 run/walk.

Why we like dogs (and they like us)

In November 2007, the College of Veterinary Medicine and Wexner Center jointly sponsored a talk on the subject of canine-human compatibility at the Wexner Center Film/Video Theater by Dr. James Serpell, professor of Humane Ethics and Animal Welfare and director of the Center for the Interaction of Animals and Society at the University of Pennsylvania’s School of Veterinary Medicine.

“The Art and Science of Dogs”

President Gee hosts a “pre-game brunch” before many Ohio State home football games. On November 10, before the Illinois game, the College of Veterinary Medicine was featured at Mershon with the Wexner’s “Funney/Strange” exhibit in a program called, “The Art and Science of Dogs.” Several donors to the college were on the president’s guest list, along with Central Ohio VIPs. Page Gordon, third-year DVM student and president of SCAVMA, introduced several client-owned dogs that represented successes in three of our specialty programs—oncology, greyhound health and wellness, and outreach: Maggie, an 11½-year-old Boston Terrier in remission from leukemia, who brought along owner Milana Idle; Bosha, a retired racing greyhound, and owner Barbara Heisy; and Annabelle, one of 24 animals rescued after Hurricane Katrina by veterinary students Lisa Shriver and Katie Flood, members of the Shelter Medicine Club.
Upcoming Events in 2008

April 10, Research Day, “Advances in Veterinary Medicine”

April 12, Annual Open House for students interested in veterinary medicine

June 4, Alumni Golf Outing

June 7, Oath and Hooding

June 8, The Ohio State University Spring Commencement

September 5–6, Annual Alumni Reunion Weekend 2008

Fall quarter, Vets4Pets 2008