Where are they now?
Garret C. Newbound, DVM, PhD, Diplomate ACVM

Dr. Newbound graduated from Dr. Michael Lairmore’s lab in 1997 and is now the Vice-President of a new veterinary pharmaceutical company, Procyon Pharmaceuticals Inc (www.procyonpharma.com).

**How did you get this position?** In Jan. 2008 we created a veterinary pharmaceutical company that specializes in bringing innovative prescription medicines into veterinary medicine focusing on underserved therapeutic areas and diseases.

**Did you always want this type of position? If not, what changed your mind?** I think it is very common, both in veterinary and graduate school to start a program with one thought in mind, and then have it change as you experientially grow. Thus I never conceived that I would start a pharmaceutical business in graduate school. But being open to what feels right led me in this direction.

**Do you enjoy what you do? Why?** Our company, and my daily efforts, focus on bringing innovative pharmaceuticals to treat diseases largely underserved by the pharmaceutical industries, to veterinarians, pet-owners and producers. As a veterinary scientist I am very proud to serve my community and colleagues in this way.

**Do you have any advice for current students looking for a job similar to yours?** My advice is that your scientific and veterinary training is unique and extremely valuable; your training can be applied in many diverse avenues. Don’t limit yourself to thinking there is only academia and the pharmaceutical industry. Find what makes you happy and move in that direction.

**How does your graduate training play a part in your everyday work life?** Although I am no longer a bench top scientist and no longer use the array of techniques I once mastered, I use my graduate training every day. It is important to remember that your upcoming degree is a Doctor of Philosophy and what you are mastering is an approach to answering questions in a disciplined way. Thus whether I am reviewing literature, designing studies or writing reports, my basic training from OSU serves me well. There is not a day that goes by without me asking “What is the question we are trying to answer?”

**Do you have any funny stories about being a VBS student that you would like to share?** None to share.

**What is your favorite memory from being in graduate school?** My (and your) time in grad school is very special and will never be duplicated. Thus rather than a specific memory what I fondly look back upon are my friends, colleagues, mentors, scientific discourse and the wonderful opportunity to learn and to think. Enjoy this time and place; it is very special.

**Would you mind sharing your email so that students can contact you for advice or questions?** Gladly. It is gcn@procyonpharma.com

Find yourself wondering “where are they now?” Email suggestions to werbeck.1@osu.edu!
GSA Announcements!

Get involved!!
We will be holding elections for **2009-2010** GSA officers at the end of spring quarter!

Current positions include: President, Vice-President, and secretary

More information to come soon!

Graduate student tip of the month:

Maximize your time with your advisor!
Be organized, make a clear list of topics for your meeting so that you can maximize productivity.

Extra tip: Send the agenda to your PI the day before so that he or she can also prepare or reflect on the topics.

News from the Council of Graduate Studies (CGS):

*Our official advocate for graduate student needs*

Ray Travel award: Deadline for the spring window is April 17th
(Eligible conferences March 20th-August 27th)

Get involved!

[www.cgs.osu.edu](http://www.cgs.osu.edu)

Other useful information!

March 13th: Last day of Winter quarter
March 30th: Spring quarter begins!

- Check out the grad school sponsored events coming up!
  [http://www.gradsch.ohio-state.edu/eventregistration/](http://www.gradsch.ohio-state.edu/eventregistration/)

- Ohio Union Activities Board: [http://www.ouab.osu.edu/default.aspx](http://www.ouab.osu.edu/default.aspx)

- Get involved in the **Columbus Komen Race for the cure!** CVM planning meeting this Friday March 13th at noon in Dunlap auditorium

Questions or Comments for the Grad BIOS newsletter? Email [Jillian Werbeck.1@osu.edu](mailto:Jillian.Werbeck.1@osu.edu)!