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2012: A Year in the Life of Your College
Highlights from My Decade as Dean

By Herb Whiteley

Illinois was my first faculty home. After completing a PhD at Colorado State University in 1984, I joined the faculty here and served for 11 years. Then, after spending six years in leadership roles at the University of Connecticut, I returned to Illinois as dean of the college.

In many ways, it felt like coming home: home to the community where our three children started school and we had many friends; home to the many familiar faces at the college.

As I stepped in as dean in the fall of 2001, no one could have foreseen the tremendous changes and challenges that would shortly confront our nation and world, as well as the veterinary profession and our college. Through vision, planning, and the hard work of many, the college accomplished great things amidst significant challenges.

Now in my twelfth year as dean, I have decided to return to the Illinois faculty. Provost Ilesanmi Adesida named a search committee, which is chaired by Tanya Gallagher, dean of the College of Applied Health Sciences. (See the next page for a list of committee members.) I will resume faculty responsibilities in the fall or when a new dean has been identified and is in place.

I am very proud of the hard work and accomplishments achieved at our college over the past decade:

- Implemented all four years of the visionary Illinois Integrated Veterinary Professional Curriculum;
- Developed a world-class facility for student education in the Clinical Skills Learning Center;
- Assembled an outstanding cadre of excellent faculty and staff;
- Established innovative clinical, diagnostic, and educational programs in Chicago;
- Exceeded our fundraising campaign goal by $16 million, to raise more than $51 million;
- Built strong relationships with the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association and our own alumni association;
- Crafted and implemented two robust strategic plans for our college.

I have truly enjoyed my time as dean of the college. I hope you share my pride and appreciation for all that has been accomplished by our faculty, staff, students, and alumni to make the college a vibrant community for educating the next generation of veterinarians and comparative biomedical scientists. I believe the college is positioned for a bright future, with your continued partnership. I look forward to watching as continued successes take shape.
Blueprint for World-Class Contributions

Recent Successes Lay Foundation for New Strategic Initiatives

- An innovative, effective, and nimble professional curriculum
- An expert faculty with diverse and complementary interests, devoted to teaching, research, and clinical service
- A growing presence in Chicago
- Facilities and extramural support that enhance the mission-critical activities of the college

These achievements, accomplished by the College of Veterinary Medicine through hard work and sometimes difficult choices, resulted from ambitious initiatives set forth in early 2007.

Even as these efforts were ongoing over the past two years, faculty were working to extend these goals and identify a new set of priorities. That process culminated in March 2012, when more than 60 college leaders and faculty members met to evaluate and endorse a strategic plan that targets goals for the next five years.

Building on recent successes, the new initiatives will firmly establish the college as a world-class institution for veterinary education, research, and service as well as a conscientious steward of human and other resources.

This issue of Veterinary Report highlights recent achievements while outlining the college’s plans for future initiatives that will continue to improve lives through educational, scholarly, and public engagement activities.

NEW CURRICULUM. The Class of 2013, enrolling in the fall of 2009, pioneered the new Illinois veterinary curriculum, one that puts students into clinical rotations during the very first eight weeks of the program. Beginning with fall 2012, all Illinois veterinary students are following this curriculum.

Rather than taking six or more discrete “-ologies” simultaneously, Illinois students take one eight-week core course at a time, which is designed to foster understanding of the connection between basic and clinical science and build “Day One” clinical skills. A large selection of more in-depth elective courses allows students to pursue their individual interests.

Curriculum management software facilitates continual review and refinement of the new curriculum. In addition, eight coordinators were recently put in place to assist faculty in the logistics and planning for the courses, which involve coordination from dozens of faculty lecturers.

In May, the first class to be educated with the new curriculum will graduate. For more on the Illinois curriculum, turn the page or visit go.illinois.edu/IllinoisDVM.

FACULTY PRESTIGE. From research heavy-hitters and richly experienced clinicians to up-and-coming stars—including a few that are home-grown through Illinois PhDs or clinical residencies—the college has added many new faces to its faculty roster in the past two years. Meet them on pages 6 through 11.

New faculty in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Medicine add depth to the small animal surgery and internal medicine sections, with additional appointments in equine primary care and surgery, food animal medicine, and specialties from neurology to imaging to ophthalmology.

Additions in the basic sciences augment the programs focused on toxicology and reproductive biology. New faculty in diagnostic pathology are interested in host-pathogen interactions and in neurology.

As a whole, our new and long-standing faculty members work collaboratively to deliver the veterinary curriculum, advance knowledge related to animal, human and environmental health, continued on page 17
In the three years the college’s Clinical Skills Learning Center (CSLC) has been open, it has allowed hundreds of veterinary students to practice the skills they’ll need after graduation. And this year, it will do the same for three students whose careers have nothing to do with veterinary medicine.

Steve Guo, Alisa Holtman, and Mary Kate Krouse are senior bioengineering students whose year-long capstone project involves enhancing the mannequins used to teach radiographic positioning in the CSLC.

Dr. Jennifer Amos, who teaches the senior design course—a requirement for graduation—contacted the veterinary college to propose a collaboration. Previous senior projects developed clinical models for human medical education, including a lifelike model of a foot for practice tapping synovial fluid from the big toe, part of a diagnostic test for gout.

“My students have done instrumentation before, but this is completely different,” says Dr. Amos. “The use of models in veterinary training hasn’t been as high profile as

“Integrated”: In Their Own Words

Get the inside scoop on the new curriculum from a video that features four Illinois veterinary students: Todd Marlo and Matthew Szalay, Class of 2013, Sarah Funk, Class of 2014, and Olga Vinogradova, Class of 2015. Then share the link with prospective students to showcase the Illinois curriculum.
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Alisa Holtman (left) and Mary Kate Krouse, undergraduates in bioengineering, pose with CSLC coach Connie Arnold and “Emily” the K9 positioning mannequin.
training in a medical school. I find it really exciting.”

The bioengineering students are modifying a large dog mannequin so that veterinary students learning radiographic positioning will gain visual feedback when the dog is moved or rotated. Originally, they planned to use lasers for the project, but modified the design to use a sonar positioning combined with an accelerometer to detect rotational movement.

The mannequin will be fitted with sensors on the rib cage, shoulder, and hips. A bank of radiographic images will be mapped to correspond to the mannequin’s position, and veterinary students will see the simulated radiograph on a screen to learn whether the position generates the correct view.

Dr. Dawn Morin, assistant dean of academic affairs and curriculum, serves as the bioengineering student’s faculty contact at veterinary college.

“This is a better way to teach. There is no way available to provide real-time feedback to students who are learning radiographic positioning that does not expose them to x-rays and incur the associated risks and costs,” she says.

“The project also gives the bioengineering students a little taste of veterinary medicine, and they might decide they want to lean in that direction.”

Holtman agrees that the project may influence her later.

“I hope to work with prosthetics and orthotics, so knowledge of sensors and circuits may be useful for making more high-tech devices,” says Holtman. “At some point, I may work in a hospital, and I think it’s cool to learn how x-rays work and how technicians use them.”

Holtman and her teammates will showcase their project during a formal class presentation in May.

—Bria Purdiman
Could You Repeat That, Please?

When you’re trying to absorb a three-hour lecture on renal function in various species, wouldn’t it be nice to be able to hit the pause button so you could finish transcribing one thought before the next three race by?

Thanks to innovative technology, Illinois veterinary students can pause, rewind, and review lectures at their leisure.

A process called lecture capture, combined with online distribution of lectures through iTunes U, has been in place since 2009. But this year, the college implemented a more powerful lecture capture system called Echo360.

The lecture halls used in the veterinary curriculum are configured so that content displayed on the screen, such as powerpoint slides or clinical images, can be recorded in sync with the voice of the instructor. The automated system is preprogrammed with the schedule of classes so the recording process coincides with the delivery of a live class. Students can subscribe to access lectures from the courses they are enrolled in. With the new system, the lectures are usually available within 6 to 12 hours of its delivery.

Alan Upchurch, who coordinates audiovisual services at the college, estimates that up to 1,300 lectures a year, including core and elective courses, are made available to veterinary students through iTunes U.

Lecture capture is just one of the uses of Echo360, and educators hope to implement other innovations in coming years.

—Based on reporting by Annie Piekarczyk

Communication Center to Open by Fall 2013

“Communication is a teachable skill,” says Cheryl Weber, student services coordinator and grief educator. “We’re providing students more opportunities to learn how to communicate effectively with clients.”

Veterinary accreditation bodies now require that client communication skills be taught and evaluated, because good communication skills increase client satisfaction and treatment compliance, directly impacting patient health.

While communication training has long been offered at Illinois through elective courses, more communication training is now included in the core curriculum. Communication skills are introduced to incoming veterinary students through a series of colloquia. In addition, all first- and second-year students attend small group sessions led by Dr. Laura Garrett, veterinary clinical medicine, Dr. Allan Paul, pathobiology, and Weber.

Communications will get even more attention with the opening of a communication training center, a 2,200-square-foot expansion now under construction in the Clinical Skills Learning Center.

The renovated area includes four mock exam rooms equipped with cameras and microphones to record students as they respond to simulated encounters with clients or coworkers and a main conference room where groups can meet to review recorded sessions and get feedback.

The communications facility will be used in core and elective classes beginning in the fall. Funding for the new center was provided, in part, through the estate of Dr. Gordon and Mrs. Helen Kruger and by Hill’s Pet Nutrition.
New in Zoo Residencies: Master’s Degree Requirement

The College of Veterinary Medicine offers prestigious and highly competitive residency programs in both zoological medicine and zoological pathology. Both programs combine training and coursework on the Urbana campus with experiences at partnering institutions in Chicago and elsewhere.

Completion of a concomitant master’s degree is now required for both residencies.

The three-year residency in zoological and aquatic animal medicine is supervised by at least three diplomates of the American College of Zoological Medicine, and eight or more full-time zoo, aquatic, exotic and wildlife veterinarians are also engaged in the program offered jointly through the college, the Chicago Zoological Society’s Brookfield Zoo, and John G. Shedd Aquarium. Residents also rotate through the Marine Mammal Center in Sausalito, Calif.

These world-class institutions offer extensive exposure to zoological and aquatic species including megavertebrates, large carnivores, non-human primates, marine mammals, herptiles, birds, fish, and small mammals. Residents rotate and regularly interact with the college’s Zoological Pathology Program (ZPP) in Chicago.

The zoo pathology residency is also a three-year program. It is offered through the ZPP, which serves Brookfield Zoo, Lincoln Park Zoo, and Shedd Aquarium in the Chicago area as well as federal wildlife agencies, zoos, and conservation organizations on three continents. The residency’s eleven graduates have gone on to positions in laboratories, zoos, and universities in Australia, England, France, Spain, and the United States.

“Our training program enjoys an incredible diversity of species," says ZPP director Dr. Michael Kinsel. "Residents see domestic species on the necropsy floor of the diagnostic laboratory in Urbana during their first year in the program, while they are also completing coursework for the master's degree. In the final two years they see, in addition to many other zoo species, a large complement of fish cases from the Shedd Aquarium.”

Both residency programs accept a new resident each year. For more information, see vetmed.illinois.edu/college/intern_res.html.

Keeping Up with Comparative Biosciences

Find out who’s who and what’s happening by subscribing to the new blog “Inside the Department of Comparative Biosciences” at illinois.edu/blog/view/1373. Recent posts cite these highlights:

- Dr. Melissa Clark completed the three-year clinical pharmacology residency and gained board certification from the American College of Veterinary Clinical Pharmacology. She is continuing studies to complete a PhD in pharmacology.

- Two students in Dr. Sidonie Lavergne’s laboratory were recognized in 2012: Dr. Katrine Voie, dermatology resident, won for Best Resident Research Abstract at the World Congress of Veterinary Dermatology in Vancouver, and Zaidimar Vargas, an Illinois undergraduate student, won for Outstanding Scientific Writing from the campus Summer Research Opportunities Program.

- Joe Cacioppo, who is pursuing a joint DVM/PhD and works in the laboratory of Dr. CheMyong (Jay) Ko, presented a poster selected as one of the top five among 85 poster presentations at the 2012 Illinois Symposium on Reproductive Sciences.

- Post-doctoral fellow Wei Wang was lead author of a study, with Zelieann Craig, Mallikarjuna Basavarajappa, Katlyn Hafner, and Jodi Flaws, in the Biology of Reproduction.

- At the October 26 Toxicology Open House on the Urbana campus, two invited speakers were former post-docs in Comparative Biosciences: Dr. Helen Sable, now at the University of Memphis, and Dr. Rupesh Gupta, now with Proctor and Gamble. Current scholars honored at the event include Mary Laws, Wei Wang, Suren Bandara, and Ayelet Ziv-Gal.
Study of Chemicals’ Impact on Infant Development Seeks More Funding—And 500 More Babies

By Marisa Gwidt

The I-Kids project is hoping to grow.

Two years ago, a $2 million grant from the National Institutes of Health and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency helped launch I-Kids, a collaborative investigation into whether the bisphenol A (BPA) and phthalates found in plastics impact infant and child development, cognition, and behavior.

Drs. Susan Schantz, Jodi Flaws, and Andrea Aguiar, comparative biosciences, recently submitted a proposal to extend the grant so they can track the babies for another five years.

“We currently have about 150 babies in the study,” Dr. Schantz says. “If we get approval for the second grant, 500 more babies will be added to the mix and we’ll keep following the ones we have.”

The study recruits pregnant women, recording which chemicals the women come into contact with, and then evaluates their infants through early growth to measure the effects of prenatal exposure to the chemicals.

The infant study is one of four projects within the Children’s Environmental Health Research Center, headquartered at Illinois under the direction of Dr. Schantz. Another project looks at the effects of these chemicals on cognitive and neurobehavioral development of adolescents, using an established cohort of 788 children followed since birth by Harvard Medical School researchers. Two parallel studies are being conducted in mice and rats. See vetmed.illinois.edu/ikids/.

The hypothesis is that the BPA and phthalates, two endocrine disruptors that are commonly used in plastics and personal care products, may impact the human developmental hormones because BPA mimics the female hormone estrogen, and phthalates can disrupt the production of male hormones. The chemicals are found in pesticides, cosmetics, building materials, food products, wrappers, textiles, toys, and many other products.

The chemicals may even lead to disorders such as ADHD, Dr. Aguiar said. The ultimate goal of this work is to discover how to limit and prevent such problems.

“We are utilizing predictive psychological tests that tell us how these babies might do later on in childhood,” says Dr. Aguiar.

Tests—conducted in the hospital shortly after birth and then again at the college at age four, seven, and 11 months—employ visual recognition techniques to test memory.

Other studies have found BPA in human tissues, urine, blood, breast milk, and the amniotic fluid of pregnant women. High exposure to some phthalates has been shown to alter hormone levels and cause birth defects in rodents.

“A lot is speculated about these chemicals, but the research is far from over,” Dr. Schantz says. “It’s a work in progress.”

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New Faces

Dr. Susan Schantz (right) directs the NIH-funded Children’s Environmental Health Research Center, and Dr. Jodi Flaws is the associate director of the center, which investigates whether chemicals commonly used in plastics affect child development, cognition or behavior.
Research Has a Field Day

At a September 21 investiture ceremony, Dr. Indrani Bagchi, comparative biosciences, became the second holder of the Field Chair in Reproductive Biology.

Dr. Bagchi’s work spans basic and applied investigations in reproductive biology, elucidating the hormonal mechanisms regulating female fertility and putting basic insights to practical use in novel contraceptives.

She has garnered significant NIH support throughout her career. In 2008 her laboratory was designated as part of a national Center for Reproduction and Infertility on the University of Illinois campus.

A frequent member of NIH review panels and editorial boards, she was named to the selective Female Research Focus Group, which helps identify NIH funding priorities in female reproductive health.

Dr. Bagchi joined the college in 2000, and she impacts veterinary as well as graduate students through her teaching and mentorship.

During the Brilliant Futures campaign, donors made deferred gifts that will lead to four additional endowed faculty positions at the college:

- (Anonymous) Endowed Chair in Veterinary Clinical Medicine
- The Black Family Endowed Chair in Oncology
- The Helen J. Martocchio Professorship
- The Brad R. Olson Professorship
- The Sheldon B. and Paulette Rubin Endowed Professorship in Veterinary Leadership and Communication

Dr. Indrani Bagchi, wearing the medallion bestowed as part of the investiture, laughs with other self-proclaimed “hormone chicks,” women on campus who research reproductive biology, including (from left) Dr. Ann Narduli, molecular and integrative physiology, Dr. Susan Schantz, comparative biosciences, and Dr. Janice Bahr, animal sciences.

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Lindsay Preston, Class of 2014, wouldn’t be surprised if she ends up in a veterinary research lab rather than a clinic after graduation.

“It was a great opportunity to get involved with research,” Preston says, of the 10-week Summer Research Training Program she participated in with 16 other veterinary students. “Usually, vet students just spay, neuter and vaccinate [in summer], but I got really excited about the research.”

Each student receives a $4,500 stipend and completes a research project under the direction of a faculty mentor. The program provides extensive training in scientific writing and research compliance and ethics, as well as exposure to non-practice careers for veterinarians.

With her mentor Dr. Paul Eubig, of comparative biosciences, Preston investigated whether exposure in the womb and during nursing to polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs) makes young rats more prone to impulsive behavior.

“The research is trending toward the idea that more chemicals produce more ADHD symptoms, but nothing has been proven yet,” Preston says.

Krista Turey, Class of 2015, worked with Dr. Jodi Flaws of comparative biosciences to examine the reproductive effects of bisphenol A (BPA), a chemical found in many plastics.

“[The experience] really taught me two things: responsibility and the idea that, in science, things very rarely go as you expect things to go,” Turey says.

“I still plan to go into a clinical setting when I graduate; but after this experience, I’m not ruling research out.”

At the end of the summer, students presented posters at the National Veterinary Scholars Symposium, held at Colorado State University. The program is supported by an NIH training grant and funding from Merial.

— Marisa Gwidt

### Calling All Critical Cats with Heart Problems

Congestive heart failure is a common and life-threatening disease that brings cats to the ER. Often the underlying condition is cardiomyopathy, but reaching a diagnosis can be difficult when the patient is critically ill. Conventional imaging requires handling the patient, which may increase the stress and worsen clinical signs.

The emergency and critical service and the diagnostic imaging service at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital are currently accepting cats for a funded study comparing echocardiography, radiography, and computed tomography (CT) for the diagnosis of cardiomyopathy in cats in congestive heart failure. Participating cats must demonstrate signs consistent with congestive heart failure.

Survey CT imaging, using the VetMouseTrap™ device developed by imaging specialist Dr. Bob O’Brien, veterinary clinical medicine, requires no handling of the patient. It has been shown to effectively aid diagnosis in numerous critical conditions.

Preliminary studies in cats indicate that survey CT can determine left atrial size, critical for the diagnosis of heart failure. With the addition of intravenous contrast medium, CT provides very valuable information on the heart, including wall thicknesses, luminal dimensions, presence of stasis and clots, and confirms the size of the left atrium in normal cats and cats with congestive heart failure.

For additional inclusion, treatment and compensation information for this trial, contact the emergency service at 217-333-5332 or the diagnostic imaging service at 217-333-1800.

View the trial announcement online at illinoisvetmed.com/services/clinical_trials.html.
Disrupting the Spread of Antibiotic Resistance

Individual cells of *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, a bacterium that can cause pneumonia, meningitis, bacteremia and sepsis, are able to pass antibiotic-resistance genes to other cells.

Research led by Dr. Gee Lau, pathobiology, found a way to interrupt the cascade of cellular events that allows this spread of drug resistance by blocking a protein that enables the bacterium to receive new genetic material. The work, which included researchers from Sun-Yat-Sen University in Guangdong, China, was reported in the journal *PLoS ONE*.

“Within the last few decades, *S. pneumoniae* has developed resistance to several classes of antibiotics,” said Dr. Lau. “Our approach inhibits resistance gene transfer in all strains of *S. pneumoniae*, and does so without increasing the likelihood that resistant strains will become dominant.”

Putting a Pox on Canine Cancer

Myxoma, a pox virus that afflicts rabbits but not humans, dogs or any other vertebrates so far studied, infects several different types of canine cancer cells in cell culture while sparing healthy cells, according to a study published by Dr. Amy MacNeill, pathobiology, in the *American Journal of Veterinary Research*. While other studies have shown that viruses could be beneficial in treating cancer, this work is unique in that it used cell lines from spontaneously occurring cancers in dogs rather than using mice or rats with induced human cancers.

The study showed that cancerous and healthy canine cells respond as human cells do to myxoma infection: The virus invades cancer cells and leaves healthy cells alone.

“We wanted to make sure that the dog cells were like the human cells because we want to use these viruses not only to cure dogs of cancer but also to use the dogs as better models for humans with cancer,” said Dr. MacNeill.

The study team also included researchers from the University of Florida.

Developing CPR Guidelines for Pets

Dr. Maureen McMichael, veterinary clinical medicine, and resident Dr. Jennifer Herring were among the authors of the first evidence-based recommendations to resuscitate dogs and cats in cardiac arrest, published in the June 7, 2012, issue of *Journal of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care*. The recommendations were developed through a collaborative effort of the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care and the Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society.

Dr. McMichael told a local reporter that “we have had a couple of cases where the owner has done CPR and brought the dog back,” although the majority of pet CPR is administered in a veterinarian’s office because dogs and cats most frequently suffer heart attacks at the end of a long illness, during a seizure, or in response to trauma.

The new guidelines describe CPR procedures for cats and for dogs of different breeds and sizes, recommend training approaches, and outline drug protocols.

Finding Factors that Favor West Nile Virus-carrying Mosquitoes

Dr. Marilyn O’Hara, pathobiology (at right), and graduate student Allison Gardner published a report documenting the impact of rainfall and temperature on the population of two mosquito species linked to West Nile virus (WNV). Mosquito larvae were collected from catch basins in Alsip, a southwest suburb of Chicago, Ill., where human WNV infection rates have been high.

“Catch basins are important breeding sites for the vector of West Nile virus—the *Culex* mosquitoes,” Dr. O’Hara said.

The findings, that low rainfall and high temperatures are associated with high numbers of larvae, appeared in the *Journal of Medical Entomology*, along with a practical, visual representation of key predictors of high larval production that could be used by mosquito abatement districts to target the catch basins most likely to produce West Nile virus vectors.

Research Briefs draw on articles written by Diana Yates of the University of Illinois News Bureau. For links to the full articles, see vetmed.illinois.edu/news/.

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- MS, Iowa State University

Suzette LeClerc
Clinical Instructor in Pathology, Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory
- DVM, Atlantic Veterinary College, University of Prince Edward Island
- MVS, Western College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon
- MHS, University of Toronto
- BS, University of New Brunswick
- Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Pathologists, Clinical Pathology

College faculty pursue diverse and complementary research interests.
Who’s Who and What’s New in Veterinary Referral Services

Chicago Center for Veterinary Medicine

- 24/7 emergency service debuted at the Chicago Center for Veterinary Medicine in July 2011, with two Illinois graduates leading the care team. Partner clinics referring patients to this service earn discounts for clients and top-notch service and communication on cases.

- With round-the-clock patient care in place, the Chicago center has also expanded its specialty services. After a comprehensive search process, the college selected Veterinary Specialty Center (VSC) of Buffalo Grove to collaborate on referral specialty services. The list of specialties and specialists at the 2242 West Harrison location includes:

  - Advanced surgery: Dr. Mitch Robbins and Dr. Paula West, VSC
  - Behavior: Dr. Kelly Ballantyne, University of Illinois
  - Internal medicine. Dr. Thomas Graves, University of Illinois, and Dr. Mimi Noonan, VSC
  - Oncology: Dr. Rhonda Feinmehl, VSC

Veterinary Teaching Hospital

- Check out the many new clinical faculty members on page 10.
- Outpatient imaging to assist in the diagnosis of patients provides referring veterinarians with the results of ultrasound, MRI, or CT examinations within 4 to 24 hours. Pre-examination blood work

Fast Stats on Clinical Leaders

Thomas K. Graves

Director, Chicago Center for Veterinary Medicine
Professor, Veterinary Clinical Medicine
At Illinois since 2002
DVM, Cornell University
MS and PhD in Pharmacology,
University of Rochester School of Medicine
Small animal internship, Ohio State University
Small animal internal medicine residency, Michigan State University
Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine

Raises: Pekingese and bull dogs

Research Interests:
Molecular endocrinology and pharmacology; cell culture models of endocrine diseases; intracellular signaling; clinical endocrinology; feline geriatric medicine.

Past chair of the Scientific Advisory Board for the Morris Animal Foundation, and currently serves on the organization’s Animal Welfare Assurance Committee.

Research funded by the American Association of Feline Practitioners, the American Animal Hospital Association, the Feline Winn Foundation, and the National Institutes of Health.

Previous positions:
- Endocrinology laboratory assistant, Animal Medical Center of New York.

Contact: Chicago Center for Veterinary Medicine, 312-226-3641

Richard L. Fredrickson

Director, Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory
Clinical Associate Professor, Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory
At Illinois since 2003
DVM and MS, Iowa State University
Pathology residency, University of Illinois

Raises: cattle and horses

“The diagnostic lab fulfills all three aspects of the university’s mission: teaching, research, and service. For practitioners, the emphasis is on service, but we also play an important role in teaching, with students from all four years rotating through the lab and learning how pathology informs clinical medicine. We offer a great caseload for teaching, ranging from large and small animals to exotics. And the lab is increasingly engaged in collaborative research.”

Contact: vdldirectoroffice@vetmed.illinois.edu or 217-244-2360

Brendan C. McKiernan

Director, Veterinary Teaching Hospital
Professor, Veterinary Clinical Medicine
At Illinois since 2011 (most recently)
DVM, University of Minnesota

Small Animal Internship and Internal Medicine Residency, University of Illinois
Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine

Previous positions:
- 1974–1998, University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine


Professional Interests:
Evaluation and surgical repair of airways in brachycephalic breeds; pulmonary diseases including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, asthma, pulmonary fibrosis, and chronic bronchitis; and diagnosis and treatment of nasal, pharyngeal, and laryngeal disease, including placement of tracheal stents for severe tracheal collapse cases; assessment of pulmonary function without the use of anesthesia.

Raises: Alaskan Malamutes

“Among my primary goals as director is helping our hospital strengthen relationships with referring veterinarians. We are implementing new procedures to get communication about your patients back to you quickly and often.”

Contact: VTHdir@vetmed.illinois.edu or 217-265-6554
and patient history, as well as presentation of study results and further treatment, takes place at the referring clinic. To schedule outpatient imaging, call 217-333-1800.

- Illinois veterinarians, partner with the small animal emergency care service through the “Mind the Gap” program. Your clients who preregister in the “Good Human” program will not be charged the new patient fee. Patient information will be quickly shared with you in the manner you request. Visit UIanimalER.com for details.

**Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory**

- The Zoological Pathology Program celebrates its twentieth anniversary this year. Started in 1993 as a two-person service focused on the Chicago area, the program now has three faculty members and three residents and provides comprehensive diagnostic services to Chicago area institutions—Brookfield Zoo, Lincoln Park Zoo, and Shedd Aquarium—as well as federal wildlife agencies and zoos and conservation organizations on three continents. In addition to offering fee-for-service diagnostics, program pathologists serve on international Species Survival Plans and other conservation programs and conduct research that has resulted in more than 100 refereed publications and 80 meeting abstracts over the past 20 years.

**Health Precepts for the Public**

A series of fast-paced presentations with plenty of time for questions is happening this spring in Urbana and Chicago. The “news you can use,” covering health topics from “monster” energy drinks to unpasteurized dairy products, is organized through the college’s Center for One Health Illinois.

**One Health & You: News You Can Use**

- **Marijuana, Monsters, and Milk: Public Health Perspectives**
  Jan. 24, Urbana

- **Health Risk or Hype: Emerging Diseases You Should Care About**
  Feb. 7, Urbana

- **The Raw Facts: Food Fads, Fears, Fables and Safety**
  April 16, Urbana; April 17, Chicago

- **Of Pugs, Pigs, and Pandas: Animal Welfare at Home, Farm, Lab and Zoo**
  May 21, Urbana; May 22, Chicago

**World-Class Service**

Position the Illinois Veterinary Academy of Lifelong Learning as the premiere resource for continuing and public education.

Expand the **Chicago Center for Veterinary Medicine**.

Revitalize the **Veterinary Teaching Hospital** to meet the needs of referring practitioners, to facilitate student exposure to cases for teaching, and to ensure financial sustainability.

Expand the **Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory** to serve more Illinois practitioners, to contribute to biomedical research, and to support service in the teaching hospital.

Increase awareness of animal health, public health, and preventive medicine through efforts of the **Center for One Health Illinois**.

**Audacious Goal**

Become the preferred provider of veterinary clinical and diagnostic services and ensure that service units contribute to the teaching and research missions of the college.
Did you know?
2,357 people participated in public or veterinary education programming in FY2012

Through the college’s Office of Public Engagement, Illinois veterinary expertise is made available to veterinary professionals in a multitude of ways, from one-hour lectures to certificate programs spanning two years and from in-person to online experiences.

“Building on our strong record of successful continuing education programs, we are introducing the Illinois Veterinary Academy of Lifelong Learning,” says Dr. Allan Paul, associate dean for public engagement. “We envision Illinois as the premier source of authoritative information for veterinarians, animal producers, and the animal-owning public, whether they are in Illinois or on the other side of the world.”

Here is a sampling of the continuing education offerings:

- Annual Fall Conference, combining practice-relevant CE with Illini alumni fun
- Stand-alone offerings, ranging from an intensive dentistry weekend with Dr. Sandy Manfra Marretta to periodic “Vet U” lectures and social hours across the state
- The Executive Veterinary Program, offered first for swine veterinarians and later for small animal practitioners, for a total of more than 200 EVP graduates. The EVP model—a two-year program that meets in Urbana for two days every other month—is currently proving effective in two new areas: delivering hands-on advanced training in small animal ultrasound and bringing business management skills to leading pork producers
- Veterinary Education Online (VEO), for anytime, anywhere access to interactive, university-level continuing education; individuals from all 50 states and from 43 countries have participated
- The Visiting Practitioners Program, a new way to gain experience in one or more specialty areas of interest to the participant by observing the daily activities of specialists in our teaching hospital or diagnostic laboratory

“We’ve already had a few veterinarians, including ones from Japan and France, take advantage of the Visiting Practitioners Program,” says Mandy Barth, associate director for public engagement, “and we’re eager to open it up to practitioners closer to home as well. It’s a chance for practitioners to completely customize their experience.”

Contact the Office of Public Engagement: 217-333-2907; vetmed.illinois.edu/ope/

Flu at the Zoo, One and Two

Noting that “human health and animal health are very interrelated,” Dr. Yvette Johnson-Walker, veterinary clinical medicine, explains that animal experts must be prepared to address not only the well-being of captive or agricultural animals but also the safety of the people who come in contact with these animals.

One of the most prominent activities of the Center for One Health Illinois last year was “Flu at the Zoo,” a daylong preparedness and communication exercise related to potential outbreaks of contagious diseases and epidemics, such as highly pathogenic avian influenza A (H5N1).

Dr. Johnson-Walker led the team that facilitated this exercise on June 6 in Bloomington, Ill. Part of the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program, “Flu at the Zoo” was funded by the USDA and the University of Illinois.

Dr. Yvonne Nadler, a veterinary epidemiologist at Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago who helped organize the exercise, says, “We thought there was a need to sit down and talk with all potential parties involved. If something should happen—if there is an outbreak of influenza—this will lead to a smoother response.”

In October, the USDA authorized additional funding to continue the training. “Flu at the Zoo II” will be held in 2013. Organizers will add a functional exercise component that will be internet-based.

—Based on reporting by Marisa Gwidt

150 million people who visit U.S. zoos and aquariums each year
16 zoos in Illinois, Indiana and Missouri that are accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums; all were represented at Flu at the Zoo
85 participants from 10 states took part in the exercise; specialists included zokeepers, veterinarians, public health professionals and poultry producers
7 presentations at animal health or veterinary professional meetings in fall 2012 to share results of the exercise
Faculty and Staff Excellence

Faculty and staff were honored in a ceremony held September 6.

- Dr. Matt Stewart, veterinary clinical medicine, received the Dr. Gordon and Mrs. Helen Kruger All-Round Excellence Award for a faculty member who demonstrates excellence in teaching, research, and service.
- Dr. Amber Labelle, veterinary clinical medicine, received the Kruger Teaching Excellence Award for presenting material with enthusiasm, dedication, clarity, and creativity.
- Dr. Ralph Hamor, veterinary clinical medicine, received the Kruger Service Excellence Award for outstanding committee work, clinical service, and continuing education.
- Dr. Gee Lau, pathobiology, received the Kruger Research Excellence Award in recognition of quality and quantity of publications, research awards, and outside recognition of the nominee’s work.
- Dr. Dongwan Yoo, pathobiology, received the Pfizer Animal Health Award for Research Excellence, presented to a faculty member who has attained national recognition.
- Dr. Anne Barger, pathobiology, Dr. Levent Dirikolu, comparative biosciences, and Dr. Mark Mitchell, veterinary clinical medicine, were the recipients of a new award, the Dr. Erwin Small Teaching Excellence Awards in Veterinary Medicine. Recipients are selected by third- and fourth-year veterinary students.
- Dr. Amy Kubier received the Dr. Walter E. Hoffmann and Dr. Ann L. Johnson Resident Teaching Excellence Award for an outstanding graduate student or resident in training for an AVMA-recognized specialty board. Dr. Kubier recently completed her clinical residency and has joined the college faculty as part of the small animal internal medicine section.
- Jennifer Miller, medical laboratory assistant III in the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, received the Dr. Robert and Lucy Graham Award for a staff member who has made outstanding contributions.
- Stephen Kemp, coordinator of computing services, received the Terry and Judy Rathgeber Academic Professional Excellence Award for outstanding performance.
- Lorri Zoch, veterinary technician, received the Seets Staff Excellence Award for demonstrated excellence in job performance and service.

Drs. Mark Mitchell, Anne Barger, and Levent Dirikolu share a moment in the sun with Dean Whiteley as they receive their Dr. Erwin Small Teaching Excellence Awards.
Less Is More as Library Makes Room for Services

The age of digital resources has made it possible for the College of Veterinary Medicine Library to deliver the same high level of service while occupying less than half its previous space. A renovation project soon under way will turn nearly 6,000 sq. ft. formerly used by the library on the first floor of the Basic Sciences Building into a bustling center for learning and student services.

“The collection size has dropped from 47,000 to 10,000 volumes,” explains librarian Diane Schmidt, who assisted with the planning for the remodeled library space. “Use of our e-book collection has skyrocketed. All of the big three scientific publishers—Elsevier, Wiley-Blackwell, and Springer—now send their books as e-books, and almost all of our journals are available electronically, in many cases even the back issues pre-dating the digital age.”

“The renovated space will include a 75-seat classroom for seminars, meeting rooms, study space, and consolidated student support areas,” says Joe Kunkel, facilities director. “Collaborative learning areas that support small group interactions, clinical rounds, and other teaching needs will be an important feature of the new space.”

The student bookstore will relocate here, and student clubs can offer noon-time sales from a kiosk convenient to the main hallway. By consolidating student support areas here, the renovation will free space elsewhere in the college complex for offices and accommodated testing sites.

The renovation is expected to start this year and cost about $2 million.

Alumni and donors interested in supporting this student center should contact Brenda Betts, associate dean for advancement, at 217-333-2761.

Corporate Collaborations

Dr. Michael Biehl, comparative biosciences, facilitates interactions with corporations across the college. Here are some ways connections are happening.

- **Enhanced teaching:** In the past year, 35 guest speakers from Abbott, Amgen, Covance, Dow AgroSciences, Lilly/Elanco, Nexcyon, and Zoetis (formerly Pfizer) lectured as part of the curriculum in veterinary and graduate courses.

- **Research connections:** Faculty projects often receive corporate funding, and a new venue for forging collaborations is the BIO International Convention, the largest global event for biotechnology. Discussions there have sparked visits to the college from industry representatives to learn about faculty research and to explore the possibility of clinical trials and other projects.

- **Student experiences:** Summer and senior-year professional development externships for veterinary students are being developed at over a dozen pharmaceutical companies.

- **Road trip:** Students in the Summer Research Training Program spend a day visiting the Elanco, Covance Laboratories, and Dow Agrosciences facilities near Indianapolis.
Vet Med Goes Green as First Campus Site for Energy Efficiency Partnership

Since January 2011, the veterinary complex in Urbana has been abuzz with activity designed to transform and modernize the energy infrastructure and technology in the college’s four main buildings and chiller plant. Funded by the campus facilities unit, the $22 million project should bring about reductions in energy consumption of nearly 40 percent, recouping the initial expenditure over the next 18 years.

- $3.3 million is about how much it costs to cover the college’s energy use for one year
- 10 air handling units that were original to the buildings were replaced by 4 new units that use heat recovery wheels to transfer heat energy from outgoing air to incoming air, warming incoming air by up to 40 degrees in the winter without using any steam or electricity
- The ventilation system of one ward in the Large Animal Clinic supplies enough conditioned air to replace all of the air in an average-size home, every minute of every day
- 7,981 light fixtures were modified or replaced through the energy-savings project to improve lighting quality while reducing energy consumption

What’s the Buzz?

The College of Veterinary Medicine is eager to connect with you! Stay up to date of college activities and send in your news. Here’s how:

- Get the scoop. Subscribe to our monthly college and animal-owner e-newsletters, blogs, and YouTube Channel.
- Stay in the loop. Follow, tweet, and “like” us for the latest news.
- Join the conversation. Share your stories, photos, and questions.

Find the links at go.illinois.edu/vetmedconnect.

Blueprint for World-Class Contributions, continued from page 1

and provide service to the profession, to the university, and to animal owners.

CHICAGO CENTER. When the doors first opened in the summer of 2009, the Chicago Center for Veterinary Medicine provided primary care services for dogs and cats. Gradually the clinical offerings have expanded, and the student involvement has as well. Veterinary students rotate through the Chicago center as part of rotations in all four years of the curriculum. The center is now open 24/7 to provide emergency and critical care, and an exciting collaboration has brought several specialty services to the mix. Read more about this and other college service activities on pages 12 to 14.

RESOURCE ENHANCEMENTS. Investment in the college’s infrastructure has happened on many fronts, from the creation of an outstanding clinical skills teaching facility, to implementation of energy-saving renovations, technological enhancements, donor support, and corporate collaborations. Turn to page 15 for more.
A Tale of Two Kitties

By Brenda Betts, associate dean for advancement

Pascoe was a handsome yellow tabby. When he was only six years old, Pascoe succumbed to a cancer that had spread extensively by the time it was diagnosed. Pascoe’s owners were devastated by his loss, but they were grateful to the clinicians at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital for efforts to save him.

“The vets worked very, very hard to try to save him,” said Harris Hatcher, of Springfield, Ill. “We were lucky to have the resources to make that call.”

Recognizing that many cat owners cannot afford to choose life-saving measures for their pets, Harris and his wife, Lynn, created the Pascoe Memorial Fund in 2008 to help cat owners with financial need take advantage of the full range of available treatment options.

Over the years, many cats have benefited from the Hatchers’ generosity. And this year, in turn, one kitty in need brought the Pascoe Memorial Fund to the attention of animal lovers around the world.

Dutchess was just six months old when, on September 19, a house fire claimed all her family’s possessions, their Saybrook, Ill., home, and the life of the family dog.

Dutchess was rescued by firefighter Toni Rose Day, but the cat had second- and third-degree burns. An initial grant from the Pascoe fund helped bring immediate care to Dutchess, but it was clear that she would need much more time and money to complete her recovery.

That’s when Toni created a Facebook page, “The Dutchess Burn Fund.” Within weeks more than 3,000 followers around the world were cheering for Dutchess. Donations from Sweden, Canada, the United Kingdom, Turkey, and Dubai as well as dozens of states were deposited into Pascoe’s fund to assist with the costs of Dutchess’ care. In fact, the college received more than $15,000 from 337 individuals. Any funds not needed for her treatment will be used for other cats in need.

On behalf of the animals and people whose lives are brightened because of gifts to the College of Veterinary Medicine, I thank you.

Brilliant Futures Campaign

College of Veterinary Medicine Gifts, Pledges and Bequests by Source

July 1, 2003, through March 31, 2012

- Total, $51 million
- Alumni, $13.5 million
- Friends, $26.0 million
- Corporations, $6.1 million
- Foundations, $3.7 million
- Other, $1.7 million

Brenda’s cat, Beau, is also a fire survivor. Rescued from a house fire in Chicago, Beau was treated for his injuries at Furnetic and found his forever home with Brenda in Champaign.

Dr. Brittany Perry, small animal emergency intern, played a big role in the ongoing care and recovery of Dutchess, a cat loved round the world.

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The stories of Pascoe and Dutchess have different endings, but both cats made a lasting impact on others. Similarly, people who support our college arrive from myriad paths, each with a different passion, yet every gift is essentially a heartfelt response to a recognized need.

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Little Dog, Big Spirit

By Marisa Gwidt

Toby was Stan and Gail Peskin’s little boy with fur. So when Crohn’s disease recently took the little Yorkshire terrier’s life, the Peskins decided they must do something big to keep his spirit alive.

The Arizona couple donated $10,000 in Toby’s name to the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine. The amount will fund Dr. Amy Kubier’s research involving Vitamin D levels in canines with inflammatory bowel disorders similar to Crohn’s. Dr. Kubier believes the gift could possibly help other projects as well.

“It has been said that there is a potential for every life to change the lives of others,” Gail Peskin said. “Perhaps a new door will open for potentially thousands of canines through Dr. Kubier’s research.”

Toby, nearly 16 years old when he died, unquestionably changed the lives of the Peskins for the better. The five-pound pup was a world traveler, animal shelter ambassador, and children’s book character.

“He appeared as a character in ‘The Tales of Tinker’s Tails Too’ by Peggy Howell,” Gail explained. “This is a lesson book for children. Toby’s life lesson was to ‘Share what you learn with those less fortunate so they can dream of the world beyond their own backyard.’”

Gail Peskin’s mother—Toby’s grandmother—likes to say that Toby experienced more in his life than the average human being. And perhaps she is right. The little guy flew on airplanes, sailed on boats and rode Chicago’s elevated transit.

“He liked to go, go, go!” Gail Peskin said. “As long as he was with us, we were all happy.”

Although, the Peskins miss Toby dearly, they are comforted by their decision to donate in his honor.

The Illinois veterinary college was one of their first considerations because Stan Peskin is a Chicago native and his mother earned a bachelor’s degree at the Urbana campus in 1935.

“We researched the top veterinary schools in the United States and felt that the U of I was a leader in research and clinical studies,” Stan Peskin said. “Toby was our best friend, whom we would like to remember and have his memories live on.”
Gifts Inspired by Passion for Animals, Service, and Higher Learning

Joseph Martocchio, interim dean in the University of Illinois School of Labor and Employment Relations, and Brad Olson, have a special place in their hearts for their beloved animals, and their support for veterinary medicine arises from the same spot.

The cornerstone of their most recent gift to the College of Veterinary Medicine is the establishment of two faculty positions in small animal medicine: the Helen J. Martocchio Professorship, named for Joseph’s sister, and the Brad R. Olson Professorship. These professorships were inspired both by their “deep appreciation for the quality of care” their animals received at the college’s Veterinary Teaching Hospital and by the commitment to higher learning Prof. Martocchio and Olson share with their families.

“Our gifts to the College of Veterinary Medicine demonstrate our commitment to the human-animal bond by providing a scholarship for veterinary students, community care, and professorships,” they said.

When Prof. Martocchio decided to establish gifts in honor of his grandfather, Orlando “Lundy” Martocchio, support for scholarships seemed like a natural fit.

Though Lundy left school at the end of the ninth grade to help support his family, he later pursued a variety of technical and academic courses and went on to establish a successful plumbing and heating business. His lifelong love of learning inspired many, including his grandson. The Lundy Scholarship Fund will provide scholarships to veterinary students with an interest in small animal medicine.

The drive to give back was instilled in Prof. Martocchio early on by his grandfather, who was known for his generous spirit and commitment to serving his community and helping those in need. The creation of the Lundy Community Care Fund pays tribute to Lundy’s devotion to service by supporting activities and programs at the college that enhance the human-animal bond throughout the community.

These recent gifts follow a bequest made in 2010, which established the Brad Robert Olson Fund for Indigent Animals, which will provide veterinary care to pets whose owners have limited means, and the Rosalie and Joseph F. Martocchio Animal Care Fund, established in honor of Prof. Martocchio’s parents, which will provide emergency services for pets whose owners have limited resources.

Prof. Joseph Martocchio, left, and Mr. Brad Olson, right, shown here with University of Illinois President Robert Easter and Dean Herb Whiteley
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Incoming Interns

Summer at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital means the arrival of new interns and residents. Dr. Ashley Mitek, IL DVM ’11, shown here sharing her passion for anesthesia with second-year veterinary student Molly King, is one of seven small animal medicine and surgery interns who arrived in 2012. There are three equine medicine and surgery interns and one each in rural animal health, small animal emergency and critical care, and agricultural animal care and use. In addition, the college has about three dozen clinical residents, pursuing board certification in areas that range from dentistry and dermatology to zoological medicine.

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Included in the funding of the chair is additional support for research and graduate student assistance, special equipment and supplies, and research-related travel.

“Having this capability at the college and teaching hospital will enhance the treatment we can offer our feline patients, as well as the training we can provide our veterinary students,” says Dean Herb Whiteley. “It also enables us to recruit and retain an outstanding faculty member.”

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**A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF THE COLLEGE**

**AUGUST**

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**What Are Students Saying?**

On August 28, during orientation for incoming students, journalism student Marisa Gwidt asked first- and fourth-year students how they thought their Illinois education would set them apart from their peers at other colleges of veterinary medicine. Here’s what they said.

**CLASS OF 2016**

Mr. Gene D. Sanks and Ms. Judith L. Keasler
Dr. Joan Burkhart Sanye
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Dr. James R. Schmidt and Ms. Gloriane P. Schmidt
Mr. Charles D. Schmidt and Mrs. Susan J. Schmidt
Ms. Susan J. Schmidt
Ms. Cathym L. Schowengerdt
Dr. James C. Schroeder and Mrs. Kathy Schroeder
Ms. Vicki L. Schumacher
Dr. Norman S. Silverstein
Mr. Robert Simion
Ms. Susan J. Sindelar
Prof. Robert M. Skirvin and Mrs. Mary M. Skirvin
Mr. Claude B. Smith, Sr. and Mrs. Ethel M. Smith
Mr. Gregory D. Smith

**MARK BYRUM**

“The clinical aspect is going to be very hands on here compared to other vet schools. The fourth-year students will know what we’re going through with that and can help.”

“I worked as a vet tech for six years before this. I chose the U of I because the doctors I worked with in the field went here and were fearless! They impressed and inspired me.”

—Melody Martychenko

“There is a really distinguished wildlife medical center here. I also think professors here really get students involved in volunteering and clinics.”

—Ryan Freed

“We will really get a lot of hands-on experience here. The clinical experience will help me become a small animal practitioner.”

—Tzu Yun Huang

**CLASS OF 2013**

Mrs. Julie A. Smith and Dr. Max K. Smith
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Dr. Vivian Grant Tineo
Dr. Steven W. Trost and Mrs. Wendy B. Trost

“During our first and second years, we were already in clinics. So we gained more clinical experience and that’s great.”

—Lisa Sebree

“Since we’ve had so much experience working in clinics, I will feel more comfortable with that aspect. When we were freshmen, the fourth-year students were giving us tips.”

—Barbara Batke

“The shelter rotations I’ve been able to do here have given me a lot of hands-on surgical skills. I’m going into shelter medicine, so being able to spay or neuter in less than two hours is a plus.”

—Lauri Safford

“One of the things that sets us apart is that the University changed the curriculum for us and gave us clinical experience while other students at other universities are all in classrooms.”

—Kim Wangen

For more student voices, see our newest video at go.illinois.edu/IllinoisDVM.
Dr. William L. Augustine, DVM IL ’75, owned and operated Malta (Ill.) Veterinary Hospital for 37 years. Dr. Augustine provided service in many other ways as well: to his community as animal control administrator and member of the board of health, to state and local organized veterinary medicine, and to his alma mater, where he participated on admissions interview teams and the alumni association board.

Dr. Robert L. Hatch, DVM IL ’67, practiced for more than 40 years in Arizona before retiring in 2011. He was a leader in both the Arizona Academy of Veterinary Medicine and the Arizona State Veterinary Medical Examining Board. Dr. Hatch has also been, and continues to be, very active on committees of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Dr. Jimmy B. Jones, DVM IL ’63, led a varied and influential career that includes working with the USDA Agricultural Research Service, being in private practice, conducting research, teaching veterinary students, and most recently, serving in the Peace Corps. While at the University of Tennessee Memorial Research Center and Hospital, he established a colony of dogs that carry the gene for cyclic neutropenia, which helped in the development of a drug used to stimulate neutrophil production in human cancer patients.

Dr. George E. Richards, Jr., DVM IL ’67, practiced for more than 40 years in Danville, Ill., and established four small animal practices with his classmate Dr. Wesley Bieritz. Dr. Richards has been very influential in the passage of critical state legislation relating to veterinary medicine, including the veterinary practice act. He is currently serving his third term as the Illinois delegate to the AVMA House of Delegates.

The college and its alumni association presented awards on September 13 in Champaign during the annual Fall Conference for Veterinarians. Pictured are Dean Herb Whiteley; Mary “Tief” Tiefenbrunn, executive director of the Champaign County Humane Society; Dr. Bob Weedon, humane society veterinarian; Dr. Bill Augustine; Dr. George Richards; and Dr. Jimmy Jones. Dr. Bob Hatch was unable to attend Fall Conference; he accepted his award in July during the American Veterinary Medical Association Convention.

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Special Service Award

The Champaign County Humane Society has partnered with the College of Veterinary Medicine for more than 20 years. Veterinary students participate in clinical rotations at the humane society, where they perform physical exams, basic diagnostic testing, and spay and castration surgeries under the supervision of the humane society veterinarian. Together, the humane society and the college strive to improve the lives of companion animals in Champaign County through medical care and owner education.

Was Your Name Missing?

This list includes alumni and friends who have directed their gifts specifically to the College of Veterinary Medicine during the period from July 1, 2003, to December 31, 2011. The giving categories represent cumulative amounts above $500 received during that period and include corporate matching gifts. We check the list very carefully, but if your name has been overlooked, please call 217/333-2762 or email advancement@vetmed.illinois.edu to let us know of our error.
A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF THE COLLEGE

OCTOBER

Presidential Party for Pooches | OCTOBER 2

The new University of Illinois president, Dr. Bob Easter, invited the college’s annual party for pets and people, Oskee Bow Wow, back to the president’s house where the first Oskee party had taken place in 2007.

The competition was tough, but judges selected the following contest winners: best costume: Rocco Tucker; best trick: Conan Rushakoff; most original: Simon Jones; best runway walk: Finn Wehrmann; best group: Tulip and Spike Payne.

Thank you to our event sponsors! University of Illinois President’s House, Sullivan Parkhill Automotive, Prospect Bank, Cousin’s Dog Biscuit Company, English Hedgerow, Great Harvest Bread Company, LA Gourmet, Pampered Pet, Piato Café, and US Bones.

Open House by the Numbers | OCTOBER 7

The annual Vet Med Open House was held October 7. It was the third time the event has taken place in its new fall time slot. It was moved because changes with the new curriculum meant that third-year veterinary students would already be participating in senior rotations in April, and fewer students would be available to put the event on in the spring.

Here’s a partial list of what it takes to showcase the college for the public.

373 OPEN HOUSE T-SHIRTS for the first- through third-year veterinary students who make it happen

125+ ANIMALS included in Open House exhibits, including 35 dogs, 8 cats, 9 horses, 8 cows, 8 snakes, and assorted birds, reptiles, and small mammals

55 STRAW BALES for seating and crowd control

53 EXHIBITS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

43 BOTTLES OF HAND SANITIZER

39 BOXES OF SURGICAL GLOVES
Big Ideas in Chicago | OCTOBER 9

The city was abuzz in October as thousands of doers and thinkers joined in city-wide events surrounding Chicago Ideas Week. Furnetic, the primary care clinic in the college’s Chicago Center for Veterinary Medicine, was selected to provide a two-hour on-site “laboratory.” Center director Dr. Tom Graves gave participants a glimpse into our innovative new Illinois Veterinary curriculum and led a tour of the clinic. Dr. April Finan, who practices in the center’s Chicago Animal ER clinic, and two students on rotation in Chicago assisted participants in trying their hands at models from the college’s Clinical Skills Learning Center, including the Breed’n Betsy!

Two Illinois Pioneers Reunite | OCTOBER 11

A highlight of the combined class reunions in October was the sixtieth reunion of Drs. George Scott and Oliver “Smokey” Stowe, members of the college’s first graduating class in 1952. Shown with Dean Herb Whiteley and their wives, Shirley Scott and June Stowe, the classmates enjoyed activities over two days along with members of the classes of 1957, 1962, 1967, and 1972. More photos from the event can be found at flickr.com/photos/illinoisvetmed/
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what has been happening in your life. Send your news to be included in Veterinary 
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<td>Run Wild for Wildlife Trail Run, Homer Lake Forest Preserve, Homer Lake, Ill.</td>
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<td>Nominations due for Alumni and Special Service Awards. Contact Beth Erwin, <a href="mailto:eerwin@illinois.edu">eerwin@illinois.edu</a>.</td>
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<td>Raw Facts: Food Fads, Fears, Fables, and Safety, Urbana, Ill. (repeated April 17, Brookfield, Ill.)</td>
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<td>Diagnostics for Veterinarians and Technicians: Urine-Nation, Urbana, Ill.</td>
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<td>Billie Field Memorial Lecture, Urbana, Ill.</td>
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Many Ways to See Us in Chicago in July

The American Veterinary Medical Association celebrates its 150th anniversary at the annual convention in Chicago, and Illinois Veterinary Medicine will be there!

Stop by the welcome center. The Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association has invited the College of Veterinary Medicine to jointly host the welcome center outside the exhibit hall in McCormick Place.

Visit the booth. Inside the exhibit hall, the college booth will allow you to try out some of the innovative, hands-on models and mannequins from the Clinical Skills Learning Center in Urbana. You can also reconnect with faculty leaders and enter drawings for continuing education opportunities.

Cruise with the college. On Monday, July 22, enjoy a Lake Michigan excursion as the college’s alumni and friends reception takes to the water on the Mystic Blue ship. (See MysticBlueCruises.com.) Join college leaders and former classmates on the Escapade Deck for a two-hour cruise featuring a buffet dinner, socializing, and learning about college initiatives. Advance registration is required. See details at right.

Drop in at the Chicago Center for Veterinary Medicine. While you are in town, visit the college’s Chicago headquarters at 2242 West Harrison Street. It’s easy to reach via the Eisenhower Expressway (I-290), a short distance from the lakefront at the Oakley Avenue exit. Call 312-226-3641 for details.