



SVM UPDATE OCTOBER 2008

Welcome to the **October 2008** edition of the LSU SVM's e-mail newsletter. In this issue, we'll talk about the upcoming [Annual Conference](#) for Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians, [alumni events](#), [new faculty](#), [accolades for SVM faculty](#), [supporting the School of Veterinary Medicine](#), [upcoming events](#), and [classified ads](#).



LSU SVM HOSTS 77TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR VETERINARIANS AND VETERINARY TECHNICIANS

The LSU School of Veterinary Medicine will host the **77th Annual Conference for Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians** on October 18 at the School of Veterinary Medicine in Baton Rouge, La. The conference will feature two nationally recognized speakers, Dr. Steve Marks and Dr. Sharon Kerwin, and the conference will focus on Companion Animals. Dr. Marks, Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine, is a clinical associate professor of critical care and internal medicine, section chief of small animal medicine, and director of small animal emergency services at North Carolina State University. Dr. Kerwin is a professor of small animal surgery at Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine and Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons. Eight hours of continuing education credit will be provided in two tracks so a choice of two subjects and two speakers exists each hour of the program. There will also be a continuing education program for veterinary technicians. The conference includes a reunion weekend for alumni with a reception for all alumni, the presentation of the Distinguished Alumnus Award, and a dinner for the milestone reunion classes of 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, and 2003. Other activities include a luncheon and a student job fair. **To download a conference registration brochure, click [here](#).**

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LSU SVM ANNOUNCES PHI ZETA RESEARCH EMPHASIS DAY AWARD WINNERS

On September 24, the LSU SVM held its annual Phi Zeta Research Emphasis Day--a day established to promote research in schools of

veterinary medicine, to recognize research conducted by veterinary students, residents, graduate students and faculty, and to encourage veterinary students to pursue careers in research. Phi Zeta is the national veterinary honor society, which recognizes and furthers scholarship and research in matters pertaining to the welfare and diseases of animals.

Phi Zeta Day provides an opportunity for national experts to speak to students on current research in various fields and to present a picture of global veterinary research. Veterinary and graduate students (including interns and residents) and faculty and staff presented their current biomedical research that is relevant to diseases of man and animals. Student entries were made in two categories: the doctoral student competition and the undergraduate, Master's degree, and House Officer competition. First-, second- and third-place monetary awards were given in these categories. This year there were 17 entries in the doctoral student competition and 28 in the undergraduate, Master's degree and House Officer category. **To learn about the award winners, click [here](#).**

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VETERINARY TEACHING HOSPITAL SEEKS DOGS FOR CHRONIC RENAL DISEASE CLINICAL STUDY

The LSU School of Veterinary Medicine is conducting clinical research examining the ability of a specific HMG CoA Reductase Inhibitor to slow the progression of canine chronic kidney disease. This ground breaking research, which has been funded by the American Kennel Club is being conducted in collaboration with the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University, the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine, Arizona Veterinary Specialists in Gilbert, Ariz., and Veterinary Specialists of South Florida in Cooper City, Fla. Additional studies centers are anticipated in the next few months.

The LSU School of Veterinary Medicine is looking for dogs with chronic kidney disease to participate in this 12-month study. Patients are currently being enrolled. In order to support this important research, the Nestle Purina Pet Care Company has agreed to provide all participants its specially formulated renal failure diet for the duration of the study. **To refer chronic kidney disease patients for participation in this study, please contact Dr. Mark Acierno, assistant professor of companion animal medicine, at 225-578-9600.**

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UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS IN BATON ROUGE

On October 18, the LSU SVM is hosting an alumni reception as part of the Annual Conference. Following the reception, the LSU SVM will host alumni dinners for the milestone reunion classes of 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, and 2003.

In February 2009, the LSU SVM will host alumni receptions at the Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association Winter Meeting in New Orleans, La., the Arkansas Veterinary Medical Association Winter Meeting in Hot Springs, Ark., and the Western Veterinary Conference in Las Vegas, N.V. **For information on these alumni events, contact Gretchen Morgan at gmorgan@lsu.edu or 225-578-9565. For information on other upcoming alumni activities, click [here](#).**

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PET PHOTOS WITH SANTA PAWS AT LSU VETERINARY SCHOOL

Bring your pet – any pet – to meet Santa Paws! Pets can have their picture taken with Santa Paws on Sunday, November 9 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine on Skip Bertman Drive in Baton Rouge, La.

This annual event is sponsored by the Auxiliary to the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association and helps fund scholarships for veterinary school students. A variety of photo packages are available. The family is welcome to pose with Santa Paws in the picture. Pets Believe Too!

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SUPPORTING THE LSU SVM

LSU SVM to honor hurricane volunteers and donors at sculpture dedication

The LSU School of Veterinary Medicine will dedicate **Connections**, a bronze statue to honor the people who support animals in need, which is epitomized by the rescue, shelter, and reunification of animals in the aftermath of hurricanes.

This sculpture will be dedicated on Thursday, November 6 at 3 p.m. in the School of Veterinary Medicine's Serenity Garden near the entrance to the Small Animal Clinic.

Connections depicts a young girl offering water to a thirsty cat and dog representing both the relationship and responsibility we all share with domestic animals. "This sculpture illustrates the importance of animals in our lives, which was seen time and time again after the hurricanes as people refused to evacuate without their pets," said Dean Peter F. Haynes. "This sculpture is dedicated to all of those people who braved high waters and dangerous situations to rescue animals and to the thousands of people who supported and cared for those animals after they were taken from harm's way. It stands as a memorial to their grace, perseverance and dedication."

This one-of-a-kind artwork, designed by Kentucky sculptor Meg White, is a central part of the Milton J. Womack Serenity Garden. Donated by the Womack family and dedicated in memory of the late Milton J. Womack, Sr., the Serenity Garden is

located near the Small Animal Clinic entrance of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital. Landscaped by LSU landscape architecture graduate students, it provides a peaceful spot for reflection.

Participating in the dedication ceremony will be President Emeritus William Jenkins, Dean Peter Haynes and Ms. Margaret Womack. All hurricane volunteers and the public are invited to attend.



To learn about other ways that you can support the SVM, please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 225-578-9826 or visit our website at www.vetmed.lsu.edu and select "Support the LSU SVM."

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

October 11	LSU Football v. Florida, Gainesville, Fla.
October 17	Pharmacy Day and Student Job Fair
October 18	SVM Annual Conference for Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians
October 18	SVM Alumni Reunions
October 18	LSU Football v. South Carolina, Columbia, S.C.
October 25	Georgia v. LSU Football, Baton Rouge, La.
October 29	Grand Rounds
October 31	Fall Family Picnic
November 1	Tulane vs. LSU Football, Baton Rouge, La.
November 6	Connections Sculpture Dedication , Serenity Garden, LSU SVM, Baton Rouge, La.
November 8	Alabama v. LSU Football, Baton Rouge, La.
November 9	Louisiana Academy of Veterinary Practice meeting

For information on these and other events, please go to the School's website at www.vetmed.lsu.edu.



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CLASSIFIED ADS FROM LSU SVM ALUMNI

Part-Time Associate Veterinarian Needed: Watson Pet Hospital in Denham Springs, LA (owned by Dr. Robert Apple [LSU 1985]) is a new state-of-the-art facility practicing high-quality small animal medicine. Our full service hospital is equipped with modern equipment and diagnostics. We also have an excellent team of staff members, which allows the doctor more time for patient workups. We are looking for someone with 2+ years of experience in private practice and an interest in a long-term relationship with potential ownership. **If interested, please contact Dev Yarbrough at (225) 665-7233 or by e-mail at dev@watsonpethospital.com. Also, please visit our website at www.watsonpethospital.com for more information about our hospital.**

Associate position available in Hammond, LA in a mixed animal practice. Our clinic is approximately 70% small animal and 30% large animal. Salary based on experience, new graduates encouraged to apply. Compensation package includes all fees related to licensure, malpractice and liability insurance, CE, AVMA, LVMA and local VMA dues. **Please contact Dr. Jody Bondurant (LSU 2004) at Knight and Associates Veterinary Practice, 46631 River Road, Hammond, LA 70401. 985-345-0440 bondurantjb@yahoo.com**

Are you looking for career options? The USDA, Food Safety & Inspection Service is currently hiring veterinarians in Booker, Del Rio, Mount Pleasant, and Stephenville, Texas. Our Public Health Veterinarians work in Meat and Poultry establishments and are vital to the safety of the American Food Supply. We offer a competitive salary - a new veterinarian will make at least \$54,494.00 (GS-11) to start. Some salaries will be higher, depending on the location and qualifications of the person selected. Many of our Public Health Veterinarian positions advance to the next grade after one year of satisfactory performance and conduct. The starting salary for the next grade (GS-12) is \$65,315.00. We offer a recruitment bonus of 25% of starting salary with a one year service agreement, as well as a paid move. We offer paid sick and vacation leave, health, life, and dental insurance, and an attractive retirement plan. In addition, any work performed over 40 hours per week is compensated, and training is provided. Please feel free to contact us if you are interested or would like more information! **Submitted by Dr. Jennifer Beasley-McKean (LSU 1993).**

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Associate Veterinarian wanted - come for a visit - stay for a career!!

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State: Nevada

A great opportunity to get in on the ground floor of a brand new facility! Our small animal general practice is steadily growing and we are breaking ground in the immediate future for a new clinic building. We have an excellent support staff, who enjoy what they do; great clientele, and we are in the fastest growing county in Nevada. We offer exclusively laser surgery, quality medicine and work in a great atmosphere with its fair share of challenges. Clientele are excellent and we have easy access to specialists. Fernley is a great safe place to raise kids, we still have a small town farming community atmosphere complete with our well known junior and senior pro rodeo right here in town. Fernley Nevada is almost rural - but close to Reno, Nevada, to the northwest and Fallon naval air station to the southeast. Lake Tahoe with all its summer and winter recreation opportunities is a 2 hour easy drive from here. Salary is negotiable DOE, standard benefits package offered. **Contact Dr. Laura Remsen (LSU 1990) @ 775-575-5851 or send resume to Animal Care Center, 805 E Main St., Suite D, Fernley, NV 89408. Email - animal.cc@earthlink.net.**

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