



Welcome to the **September 2009** edition of the LSU SVM's e-mail newsletter. In this issue, we'll talk about the [Class of 2013 and returning students](#), [new faculty](#), the upcoming [Dermatology Workshop](#), [supporting the SVM](#), [alumnae who received an award from Auburn University](#), [new House Officers](#), [supporting the SVM](#), [alumni events](#), [upcoming events](#), and [classified ads](#).



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The LSU School of Veterinary Medicine received 642 applications and accepted 87 students for the Class of 2013. The class began orientation on August 17 and started classes on August 21. The average GRE score for the class was 1143, and the average GPA was 3.77. Their ages range from 20 to 41. Sixty-five of the students (74.7%) are female, and 22 (25.3%) are male. *For information about veterinary school admissions, go to <http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/admissions/index.asp>.*

*Members of the Class of 2013 participate in a Freshman Leadership Experience, which helps the students get to know each other and faculty and staff and promotes team building.*

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## NEW FACULTY

**Dr. Bonnie Brugmann**, Assistant Professor of Veterinary Oncology in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences (VCS), joined the faculty of the LSU SVM in August 2009. Dr. Brugmann received her DVM from Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 2005. She completed a Small Animal Medicine Internship at Auburn University in 2006. She recently finished her Residency in Medical Oncology at Auburn University in July 2009.

**Dr. Isabelle Cattin**, Visiting Instructor in Small Animal Internal Medicine in VCS, joined the faculty in July 2009. Dr. Cattin received her Dr.Med.Vet. from the University of Berne, Switzerland in 2001. She recently completed a Small Animal Medicine Residency at the LSU SVM. Her clinical interests are hematology, immunology and neurology.

**Dr. Shireen Abdelgawad Hafez**, Instructor in the Department of Comparative Biomedical Sciences, joined the faculty of the LSU SVM in August 2009. Dr. Hafez received her BVSc from Alexandria University (Egypt) in 1995. She received her CRLA (Master Tutoring Certification), from the College of Reading and Learning Association at Alexandria University in 2002, and she received her PhD from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 2005.

**Dr. Geoffrey Hennig**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Companion Animal Surgery in VCS, joined the faculty in August 2009. He received his DVM from Ross University in 2005. He completed an internship at the University of Georgia in 2006, and he completed his Companion Animal Surgery residency at the LSU SVM. Dr. Hennig's clinical area of interest is orthopedics.

**Dr. Daniel Ogden, Assistant Professor of Companion Animal Surgery**, joined the faculty in August 2009. He received his BVSc at the University of Bristol in the United Kingdom in 2004. He completed a rotating internship at the Royal Veterinary College in 2005 and then worked for a year in private practice. He recently completed his Residency in Small Animal Surgery at Cornell University in July 2009. Dr. Ogden is interested in soft tissue surgery, especially minimally invasive and oncologic surgery.

**Dr. Simon Staempfli**, Visiting Clinical Instructor in VCS, joined the faculty in July 2009 after completing a residence at the LSU SVM in equine practice. He received his DVM from Vetsuisse Faculty, University of Bern, Switzerland, in December 2003. He worked in private practice in Switzerland for two years, and he completed an internship in Large Animal Surgery and Medicine at Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph, Canada. Dr. Staempfli's clinical interests are equine surgery, medicine and theriogenology.

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## LSU VETERINARY SCHOOL HOSTS DERMATOLOGY WORKSHOP

*Dermatology: The Epidermis and Beyond* is the theme of the workshop hosted by the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine on Sunday, October 18. LSU faculty and Louisiana veterinarians will make presentations on topics such as weird fungi in the skin, skin biopsies, diagnostic imaging, staphylococcal skin infections, dermatologic peculiarities of exotic animal species, flea control, and more. The registration fee is \$150 if postmarked on or before September 15 (\$175 if postmarked after September 15). Fee includes seminar materials, break refreshments, and a catered lunch. Eight hours of continuing education credit or 0.8 CEU credits (one hour equals 0.1 CE unit) will be earned for this course.

To download a copy of the workshop brochure, go to [http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/continuing\\_education.htm](http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/continuing_education.htm).

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## ALUMNAE HONORED BY AUBURN UNIVERSITY

Auburn University pathobiology professor Mary K. Boudreaux is the recipient of the 2009 Pamela Wells Sheffield Award for service and commitment to Auburn University. The award will be presented during pre-game ceremonies September 5 at AU's home football game against Louisiana Tech. Dr. Boudreaux received a

degree in veterinary medicine from Louisiana State University in 1979 and earned a PhD from Cornell University in the field of pathology in 1986. A faculty member of Auburn's College of Veterinary Medicine for 23 years, she directs the Veterinary Scholars Program, overseeing the activities of veterinary students working in research laboratories during the summer. Dr. Boudreaux received the LSU SVM Distinguished Alumnus Award in The Pamela Wells Sheffield Award, sponsored by the AU president's office and athletics department and coordinated by the Office of Alumni Affairs, recognizes women who show extraordinary service and commitment to the university and the Auburn family. Congratulations, Dr. Boudreaux!

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## HOSPITAL INTRODUCES NEW INTERNS AND RESIDENTS

The LSU School of Veterinary Medicine's Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences provides graduate professional training to interns and residents (House Officers) through the Veterinary Teaching Hospital and Clinics. Interns and residents are recruited and selected through the Veterinary Intern and Resident Matching Program. One-year rotating internships are available in companion animal medicine and surgery and large animal medicine and surgery (equine emphasis). Two- or three-

year residency programs are available in companion animal medicine, companion animal surgery, dermatology, equine medicine, equine surgery, theriogenology, and zoological medicine. Concurrent graduate academic studies leading to the MS degree may be arranged in a variety of concentrations. New House Officers begin their programs in July. *For a list of the current House Officers, please go to [http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/house\\_officers.htm](http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/house_officers.htm).*

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## MIRACLES HAPPEN AT LSU'S VETERINARY CLINIC THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT

Healing power is a wonderful and amazing thing. It comes from science, technology, and maybe even divine intervention. But we believe it also comes from you and other caring supporters of LSU's School of Veterinary Medicine. With your help, our clinic's faculty, staff, students, and facilities are making a miraculous difference in the lives of large and small animals – both domestic and wild – every day. From family pets with heart or kidney problems to injured show horses and magnificent birds that are unable to fly, we're here to help.

To make an online gift to support student scholarships, please go to <https://www.lsufoundation.org/contribute.php>, select the School of Veterinary Medicine



as the beneficiary unit, and select, "Unleash Your Power to Heal" as the fund. Please call Judyth Wier, executive director for institutional advancement at [225-578-9870](tel:225-578-9870) for more information about giving opportunities.

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## UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

On November 7, the **Classes of 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, and 2004** will celebrate their milestone reunions (thirty, twenty-five, twenty, fifteen, ten and five years, respectively). These reunions will take place following the Annual Conference, which will be held on the same day. A reception for all alumni and conference attendees will take place at 5:15 p.m. at the SVM, and the Distinguished Alumnus Award will be presented. Reunions for the Classes of 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, and 2004 will take place at 6:30 p.m. at Tiger Stadium.

For information on alumni events, contact Gretchen Morgan at [gmorgan@lsu.edu](mailto:gmorgan@lsu.edu) or 225-578-9565 or go to [http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/svm\\_alumni\\_&\\_donors.htm](http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/svm_alumni_&_donors.htm) and click on Alumni Activities. LSU SVM alumni are encouraged to visit [http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/alumni\\_resources](http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/alumni_resources) to provide the school with their most up-to-date contact information.

*Members of the Class of 2007 visit during the LSU SVM Alumni & Friends Reception at the AVMA Conference in Seattle, Wash.*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

September 5	LSU Football vs. Washington, Seattle, Wash.
<b>September 7</b>	<b>Labor Day Holiday</b>
<b>September 8</b>	<b>Classes resume, Years I, II and III</b>
September 12	Vanderbilt v. LSU Football, Baton Rouge, La.
September 19	UL-Lafayette vs. LSU Football, Baton Rouge, La.
<b>September 23</b>	<b>Phi Zeta Research Emphasis Day/Dean's Grand Rounds</b>
September 24-27	Southwest Veterinary Symposium, San Antonio, Texas
September 26	LSU Football vs. Mississippi State, Starkville, Miss.
September 27	Louisiana Academy of Veterinary Practice meeting
<b>October 1-2</b>	<b>Fall Holiday, Years I, II and III</b>
October 3	LSU Football vs. Georgia, Athens, Ga.
October 10	Florida vs. LSU Football, Baton Rouge, La.

For information on these and other events, please go to the School's website at [www.vetmed.lsu.edu](http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu).

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## CLASSIFIED ADS FROM LSU SVM ALUMNI

### **FOR SALE: SUITABLE AS START-UP, SATELLITE OR EMERGENCY PRACTICE**

2400 sq. ft. modular building used as a 3 DVM small animal veterinary hospital for past 3 years, grossing over \$1.5 million/year. Available Nov./Dec. 2009. Buyer is responsible for moving from present location. Large Waiting/Reception area, Dispensary, Retail Food area. Two examination rooms, Treatment/Lab area, Surgery room, Kennel, Radiology room, Laundry/Food Prep area, 2 bathrooms, 2 private offices, Reception desk, Cabinets/countertops & automatic X-ray processor included. Wired for CAT5 computer networking (14 workstations), and wired for phone system, security system & digital radiology. For photos, go to [www.lakeviewvet.com](http://www.lakeviewvet.com) or visit in person at 6243 Memphis St., New Orleans, LA. \$79,900. **Contact Dr. Joe Morris 985-892-1931 or Dr. Gary Levy (LSU 1982) 504-482-2173.**

**Locally owned Banfield hospital in Lafayette, La. searching for a fulltime associate.** Relaxed environment practicing high quality small animal medicine and surgery. **Please call Dr. Scott Tate (LSU 1994) at 337-984-1668 or e-mail [om0638@banfield.net](mailto:om0638@banfield.net).**

**Are you looking for career options?** The USDA, Food Safety & Inspection Service is currently hiring veterinarians in Friona, Cactus, Del Rio, Lufkin, Mount Pleasant, and Nacogdoches, 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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