

## *SVM Update – August 2007*

Welcome to the August 2007 edition of the LSU SVM's e-mail newsletter. In this issue, we'll talk about the [a possible new tiger for LSU](#), the [AVMA President's Award](#), a [new institutional advancement position](#) at the SVM, a [new faculty member](#), [new House Officers](#), the [SVM Annual Conference](#), the [Distinguished Alumni Award](#), the [Southwest Veterinary Symposium](#), [supporting the SVM](#), and [upcoming events](#).

### *LSU Has Identified a Possible New Tiger Mascot*

LSU has identified a juvenile tiger that could potentially become the university's next live mascot. The two-year-old male tiger currently resides at Great Cats of Indiana, a nonprofit sanctuary and rescue facility for big cats and other large carnivores, located in Idaville, Indiana. More information on the facility can be found at <http://www.greatcatsofindiana.org/>.

The university is currently looking into both the tiger and the facility at which it resides. Mike V's caretaker and LSU veterinarian Dr. David Baker is conducting exhaustive research into this tiger's background, as well as the history of Great Cats of Indiana.

If all goes well, the tiger will be brought to Baton Rouge in August. He will be evaluated and quarantined for a minimum of two weeks to ensure that he is healthy and a good fit for LSU. If that occurs, he will then be introduced as the new LSU mascot. Until that time, he is not Mike VI.

To ensure the health, safety and well-being of the animal, LSU will not reveal when the tiger will be brought to campus, nor where he will reside during the quarantine period. Please note that this policy exists for the protection of the animal, and is not flexible. University officials will not provide any further information on the tiger's background until it is decided whether he will officially be Mike VI. If the tiger does become Mike VI, the university will provide information on the tiger. University officials appreciate the love and respect that LSU fans have for Mike the Tiger, and would like to thank those fans in advance for understanding the need for these policies surrounding the young tiger being brought to campus.

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### *SVM Faculty Member Receives AVMA President's Award*

**Dr. Dennis McCurnin**, professor of surgery, received the 2007 American Veterinary Medical Association President's Award at the AVMA Annual Conference in Washington, DC, in July. The President's Award recognizes individuals and groups inside and outside veterinary medicine, who have made a positive impact on animal, human, or public health, veterinary organizations, and the profession. Dr. McCurnin received his DVM and MS degrees from Iowa State University. In 1973, he became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons. After working in private practice and on the faculty of both Iowa State University and Colorado State University, he joined the faculty at the LSU SVM, where he served as hospital director for 16



*Dr. Dennis McCurnin*

years. Dr. McCurnin currently teaches practice management courses, counsels veterinary students and provides career guidance to graduate veterinarians. Also receiving the President's Award are Dr. Janis Audin, editor-in-chief of the AVMA and director of the Publications Division, and Dr. Bruce W. Little, executive vice president of the AVMA.

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## *SVM Appoints New Associate Dean for Advancement and Strategic Initiatives*

Effective August 15, **Dr. David Senior** will step down as head of the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences to become the Associate Dean for Advancement and Strategic Initiatives. Along with the SVM's current Institutional Advancement team, and facilitated by the support of the gift from Emmet and Toni Stephenson, this expanded development effort is intended to further enhance the SVM's levels of private funding. Dr. Dale Paccamonti will become the interim head of the VCS department. An internal search will be initiated in the near future to fill this position on a permanent basis.

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## *SVM Announces New Member of the Anesthesiology Service*

The Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences welcomes **Dr. Patricia Queiroz** (formerly Castro), as assistant professor of anesthesiology and pain management. Dr. Queiroz just completed her residency in anesthesiology at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. She previously completed her DVM degree at the Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais in Minas Gerais, Brazil and also completed a residency and Masters of Sciences in anesthesiology at the Universidade Estadual Paulista, Brazil. Dr. Castro joins Drs. Anderson da Cunha (service chief) and Lauren Beebe on our Anesthesiology Service in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital & Clinics.

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## *New House Officers at the School of Veterinary Medicine*

The Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences and the Veterinary Teaching Hospital announce the appointment of the new **House Officers**:

**Dr. Lenore M. Bacek**

*Intern, Companion Animal  
Medicine & Surgery*

**Dr. Todd D. Carter**

*Intern, Companion Animal  
Medicine & Surgery*

**Dr. Isabelle Cattin**

*Resident, Small Animal Medicine*

**Dr. Amanda L. Curling**

*Intern, Equine Medicine & Surgery*

**Dr. Lacey A. Davis**

*Intern, Companion Animal  
Medicine & Surgery*

**Dr. Claudia Fraune**

*Resident, Small Animal Medicine*

**Dr. Timm Gudehus**

**Dr. Lisa Kivett**

*Intern, Equine Medicine & Surgery*

**Dr. J. Brennan McGoldrick**

*Intern, Companion Animal  
Medicine & Surgery*

**Dr. Ashley Martin**

*Resident, Small Animal Medicine*

**Dr. Bettina Mayer-Roenne**

*Resident, Small Animal Medicine*

**Dr. Cintia Oliveira**

*Intern, Radiology*

**Dr. Shannon Shaw**

*Intern, Zoological Medicine*

**Dr. Lynne A. Snow**

*Resident, Companion Animal Surgery*

Resident, Equine Surgery

**Dr. Kathleen M. Guthrie**  
Intern, Companion Animal  
Medicine & Surgery

**Dr. Simon Staempfli**  
Resident, Equine Practice

**Dr. Deirdre Vaughan**  
Resident, Dermatology

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## *Save the Date for Annual Conference*

The LSU SVM will host its **Annual Conference for Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians** on November 9-11. The conference will offer 11 hours of continuing education, as well as social events such as the Fall Family Picnic, alumni reunions, alumni luncheon, a tailgate party and tickets to the Louisiana Tech vs. LSU Homecoming Game! Registration materials will be mailed in August. **For more information, call 225/578-9900, or you can go download the Annual Conference brochure at <http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu>.**

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## *Nominate Classmates for Alumni Award On-Line*

The Distinguished Alumnus Award is a means to recognize alumni of the LSU SVM for outstanding professional and personal achievements. The award, which consists of an individual plaque and the placement of the honoree's name on a group plaque in the SVM, will be presented at the Annual Conference each year. Any veterinarian who received the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Louisiana State University before 1998 is eligible for the award. Candidates will be recognized for their accomplishments in veterinary medicine and/or contributions to the community through public service. To be considered for the 2007 Distinguished Alumnus Award, a completed nomination form along with a summary résumé of the nominee or the nominator's cover letter describing why the nominee is a distinguished alumnus must be received **no later than Friday, August 31, 2007**. **Now you can nominate your classmates for the Distinguished Alumni Award on-line at <http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu>. Just go to the SVM website and click on "Alumni Resources."**

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## *Attend the Alumni Reception at the Southwest Veterinary Symposium*

Mark your calendar to join fellow alumni and SVM faculty and staff at the Alumni Reception at the Southwest Veterinary Symposium in Fort Worth, Texas. The Symposium will take place August 23-26, and the Alumni Reception will take place at the Renaissance Worthington Hotel on Saturday, August 25 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. **For information about the Symposium, go to [www.swvs.org](http://www.swvs.org). For information about the Alumni Reception, contact Stephanie Lindsly at [slindsly@vetmed.lsu.edu](mailto:slindsly@vetmed.lsu.edu) or 225/578-9826.**



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## *Alumni Give Back to the SVM*

In 2006-2007, 15.04% percent of LSU SVM alumni made a financial gift to the School. The SVM's goal was for 30% alumni participation in honor of the first 30<sup>th</sup> class reunion, and the Class of 1992 reached that 30% goal. Alumni contributions this year totaled \$66,718 and these gifts are already helping many areas — some unrestricted gifts and many others supporting the Mary Bird Perkins Student Support Fund, Equine Isolation Unit, Wildlife Hospital of Louisiana, Veterinary Medicine Library, and the Serenity Garden. "We're very grateful to our generous alumni who supported the School in so many areas, especially to those who significantly increased their gifts this year," said Pat Edwards, director of

institutional advancement. "Alumni support is tremendously important to the continued excellence of our programs, and we are thankful for the alumni who have responded so greatly."

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## *Support the School of Veterinary Medicine*

LSU veterinary students can take advantage of a special opportunity to get the best education. The Mary Bird Perkins Student Support Fund provides financial assistance to students to enhance their educational experience or to meet special educational needs, and to support expenses for attendance of special training programs and educational conferences, as well as financial awards for special achievements. You can help LSU's veterinary students have every opportunity to attain the finest education by making a donation to the Mary Bird Perkins Student Support Fund. ***For information on how you can help the SVM, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at (225) 578-9870 or [pedwards@vetmed.lsu.edu](mailto:pedwards@vetmed.lsu.edu) or visit our website ([www.vetmed.lsu.edu](http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu)) and select "Giving a Gift."***



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## *Upcoming Events*

August 6-7: Certified Animal Euthanasia Technician Training  
August 7-8: Chemical Capture for the Animal Control Professional  
August 9-11: Louisiana Animal Control Association Certification Academy  
August 17-22: First-Year Orientation  
August 20: Fall Semester begins  
August 22: Family Orientation  
August 23-26: [Southwest Veterinary Symposium, Fort Worth, Texas](#)  
September 3: Labor Day Holiday

***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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