



LSU SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

SVM Update – May 2007

Welcome to the May 2007 edition of the LSU SVM's e-mail newsletter. In this issue, we'll talk about a [National Pet Week](#), [puppy treated by the Veterinary Teaching Hospital](#), [new stall fronts for the barn](#), the new [Veterinary Teaching Hospital Director](#), a new [faculty member](#), [awards and honors received by SVM faculty and staff](#), a [veterinary student selected to the LSU Tiger 12](#), [SVM Commencement](#), and [upcoming events](#).

Celebrate Your Pets during National Pet Week, May 6-12

The LSU School of Veterinary Medicine wants to remind you about National Pet Week, May 6 - 12, 2007. National Pet Week was jointly founded in 1981 by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and the Auxiliary to the AVMA, and is now widely celebrated throughout the United States and other parts of the world. In 2007, the week will be observed May 6-12. Each year, its goals are: to promote responsible pet ownership, celebrate the human-animal bond, and promote public awareness of veterinary medicine. **For more information about National Pet Week, go to <http://www.petweek.org/>.**

Puppy Left in Car after Accident Treated by Veterinary Teaching Hospital

On April 4, Cupid, a four-month-old miniature poodle, was injured in a car accident, along with her owner Brandy Gumela (Cupid was a Valentine's Day gift, and that is where he got his name). Brandy was unconscious after the accident, and emergency workers did not know that Cupid was in the car. She remained in the car in an impound yard for several hours before she was found and taken to the Lafayette Animal Emergency Clinic in Lafayette, La. Cupid was transferred to the LSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital on April 5 and treated for severe head trauma, brain swelling and seizures. The original prognosis was not good, but Cupid was given emergency supportive care and oxygen therapy and responded extremely well. Cupid was released to his owners on April 13.



Dr. Vera Maeckelbergh (left), resident, and Rachel Warner, a third-year veterinary student, were assigned to care for Cupid, a four-month-old miniature poodle injured in a car accident.



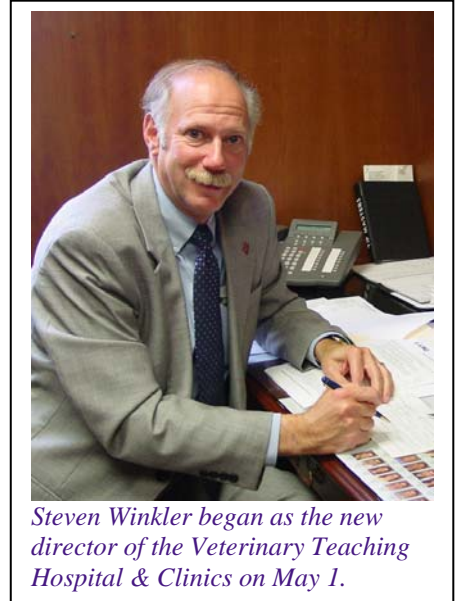
The SVM barn is getting new stall fronts to improve the look of the barn and service to patients.

Equine Clinic Gets New Stall Fronts

The SVM barn is getting a new look, thanks to new stall fronts. The Large Animal Hospital is nearing the completion of phase one of the equine stall front project. The new stall fronts are made of galvanized steel and are sliding doors rather than swing doors to provide a safer environment for our client horses. The aesthetics of the new doors will also lend to the equine 'feel' of the large animal hospital. The project of implementing new doors on 17 stalls in the large animal hospital began in Mid April and will wrap up by mid May. Phase 1 of the new stall doors completed renovations of the doors in the stallion row and on all out-patient stalls. An additional 18 stalls will receive new doors in fiscal year 07-08. The project was paid for with hospital funds.

Veterinary Teaching Hospital Gets New Director

The Veterinary Teaching Hospital & Clinics welcome new director, **Steven R. Winkler**. Mr. Winkler comes to the SVM from an extensive background in business management in the health care industry. He was employed for 21 years at the Baton Rouge General Medical Center in various leadership roles as a vice president of Operations, vice president of Marketing, vice president of Risk Management, and vice president of Patient Support Services. Most recently he established a healthcare and risk management consulting corporation to clients across the United States where he assisted many families as a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.



Steven Winkler began as the new director of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital & Clinics on May 1.

SVM Gets New Faculty Member

The SVM welcomes **Dr. Wendy Wolfson** as a new instructor of companion animal surgery and wellness coordinator for the Southeast Louisiana Spay/Neuter/Animal & Community Wellness Focus in Phase 2. This position is funded through a grant awarded from the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) with Co-PI's of Drs. Susan Eddlestone and Joseph Taboada. Dr. Wolfson received her DVM from LSU in 1986. She has been a shelter veterinarian for the past 21 years in New Orleans. Dr. Wolfson has been an active participant in the LSU SVM for many years serving as a volunteer in the Large Animal Clinic, bestowing "white coats" upon third year students and participating annually in the student admissions interview process. We welcome Dr. Wolfson to a now full-time faculty position at LSU!

SVM Salutes Its Faculty and Staff

Dr. Gary Wise, head of the Department of Comparative Biomedical Sciences, has been invited to be a member of the Scientific Advisory Board for the 2008 Conferences on Orthodontic Advances in Science and Technology (COAST) meeting. The conference will be titled "Biomedicine in orthodontics: From tooth movement to facial growth" and will be held September 11-14, 2008, at the Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove, Calif.

The **2007 A.R. Choppin Honors Convocation** honoring LSU's top students and faculty members in the College of Basic Sciences was held on March 14. A.R. Choppin was the third dean of LSU's College of Chemistry and Physics. **Dr. William Henk** (CBS), professor of veterinary anatomy and cell biology and chief of the Microscopy Laboratory, received a TAF Undergraduate Teaching Award at the Convocation.

University employees were honored by Chancellor O'Keefe at the 2007 **Employee Recognition Program** held on Wednesday, May 2 for their many years of service at the LSU. At the SVM's Spring Reception and Staff Awards, they (along with employees recognized for 10, 15 and 20 years of service) were recognized. **For a list of all SVM employees honored for their years of service to LSU, please [click here](#).**

Also honored at the **Spring Reception and Staff Awards** were the following award winners:

- IAMS-VTH&C Award** – Tina Bowden, Ophthalmology
- Administrative Support Award** – Ernie Tanoos, Dean's Office
- Operations Management Award** – Elliott Brown, FPC
- Academic Support Award** – Catherine Koch, VCS
- Technical Management Award** – Sandra Robinson, VCS
- Outstanding Achievement Award** – Ernie Tanoos, Dean's Office

Congratulations to the winners and everyone who was nominated. The Staff Committee wants to thank everyone who helped with the event, including the presenters, the SVM administration, the judges, the members of the Awards and Spring Reception Committees, and Four Seasons Florist. **For information about the awards and the award winners, [click here](#).**

SVM Student Selected to the University's Tiger 12

Congratulations to **Piper Norton** (Class of 2006) for being selected to the University's **Tiger 12**. In 1995, students, staff and faculty came together to craft a statement of position regarding our basic principles as an academic community. The *Commitment to Community* states our expectations for each of us as a community member. Each spring the Office of the Dean of Students recognizes 12 outstanding seniors who "contribute positively to the life of the campus and surrounding community." In keeping with the University's *Commitment to Community*, these students also hold themselves to the "highest standards of academic, personal, and social integrity; practice justice, equality, and compassion in human relations;" and also "respect the dignity of all persons and accept individual differences."



Piper Norton, Class of 2006, is the first veterinary student selected to the University's Tiger 12.

SVM to Graduate 81 Students at Commencement

The LSU SVM congratulates the 81 graduates in the Class of 2007, which brings our total number of alumni to 2,174. These students have worked tirelessly to earn the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree. The SVM is proud of the role its faculty, staff and alumni have played in educating our new veterinarians. We know that the education they have received at LSU will serve them well as they begin their professional careers. We ask our alumni to remember the excitement and pride that they felt during commencement and to help the SVM continue to provide the finest educational opportunities to our students. For information on how you can help future veterinarians and the School of Veterinary Medicine with your tax-deductible donation, please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at (225) 578-9870 or pedwards@vetmed.lsu.edu or <http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/giving.htm>.



For more information about "Forever LSU," the University's capital campaign, go to www.foreverlsu.org.

Upcoming Events

May 11 – Semester ends
May 14 – SVM Commencement, LSU Union Theater
May 18 – LSU Commencement
May 28 – Memorial Day Holiday

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

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