



LSU SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

SVM Update – October 2007

Welcome to the October 2007 edition of the LSU SVM's e-mail newsletter. In this issue, we'll talk about how [SVM faculty, staff and students help out in St. Bernard Parish](#), an [LSU police dog saved at the VTH&C](#), [new faculty members](#), the [new alumni & public programs coordinator](#), [accomplishments of faculty and alumni](#), the [Stallion Service Auction](#), the [SVM Annual Conference](#), upcoming [Continuing Education events](#) at the SVM, [supporting the SVM](#), the fall issue of [La Veterinaire](#), [upcoming events](#), and [classified ads](#).



Volunteers help out at the St. Bernard Parish Animal Shelter.

SVM Helps St. Bernard Parish Animal Shelter

On August 25-26, over 50 volunteers from the International Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Symposium (IVECCS) helped clean, paint, organize supplies and build a surgery suite for the St. Bernard Parish Animal Shelter. This was all done with donated materials and supplies from major vet companies and the IVECCS. LSU was represented by Dr. Susan Eddlestone, who helped organize the days with the local parish officials, and LeeAnn Eddleman, small animal ICU head technician. Their efforts were profiled by Angela Hill at WWL-TV in New Orleans

In addition to her work with the St. Bernard shelter, Dr. Eddlestone also had an exhibit booth at the New Orleans Expo: Gulfcoast Building and Remodeling Home and Garden Expo at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, La. The SVM had an exhibit booth with a poster and brochures on how to prepare for a disaster with your pet. Dr. Eddlestone did a 30-minute talk on preparing for disasters and answered questions from the public. She also showed how to microchip pets for permanent identification.



The New Orleans Expo gave people a chance to learn about preparing their pets for a disaster.

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Officer Jason Bettencourt and Sendy return to the Veterinary Teaching Hospital for a check-up.

LSU Police Dog Saved by LSU Veterinarians

With the help of the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine, a member of the LSU Police Department is recovering from liver failure. Sendy, a two-year-old female German Shepherd, is one of two new police dogs with the LSUPD. She became ill on September 20. Her handler, Officer Jason Bettencourt immediately took her to the LSU SVM Veterinary Teaching Hospital, where it was determined she ingested a toxic agent. The immediate prognosis was not good, but after one day, Sendy's condition began to improve. Now she is doing fine. **To read more about Sendy's story, [click here](#), and to read about the new LSU canine program, [click here](#).**

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SVM Welcomes New Faculty Members

Dr. Tara Snook has joined the faculty as an assistant professor of veterinary dermatology in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences effective September 10, 2007. Dr. Snook received her DVM from Iowa State University and completed her Rotating Small Animal Medicine and Surgery Internship at Bay Area Veterinary Specialists in California. Dr. Snook also successfully completed a Dermatology Residency at the University of California-Davis in 2006. Since then she has served as a dermatology clinician at the Louisiana Veterinary Referral Center in Mandeville. Dr. Snook is married to Dr. Eric Snook, a resident and PhD candidate in the Department of Pathobiological Sciences.

Dr. Romain Pariaut has joined the faculty as an assistant professor of veterinary cardiology effective September 15, 2007. Dr. Pariaut was recruited earlier this year while he was serving a senior veterinarian position in the Cardiology Service at the University of California-Davis. He completed his Studies of Veterinary Medicine (DV) at the School of Veterinary Medicine, Lyon, France, and defended his doctoral thesis at the Medical School of Lyon in 2002. He completed an Internship in Small Animal Medicine & Surgery and a Specialty Internship in Emergency & Critical Care Unit, both in the School of Veterinary Medicine in Lyon, France, and then served there as a Clinical Instructor in the ECC Unit. Dr. Pariaut completed a residency in Cardiology at Cornell University and served as a staff veterinarian and Cardiology consultant in Lyon, France. Dr. Pariaut is a double-board certified Diplomate in ACVIM (Cardiology) and ECVIM-Cardiology/Companion Animals.

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Morgan Named to Alumni Position

The LSU School of Veterinary Medicine is pleased to announce the appointment of Gretchen Morgan as coordinator of alumni and public programs. Gretchen has served the School as an assistant director of development, EHSP administrative coordinator, and clinical specialist. She has been very involved in the advancement efforts of the School, including LSU alumni receptions and visits to alumni practices. She has been actively working with the small animal clinic to identify grateful clients in support of the Forever LSU campaign, and she has been an integral part of the fundraising effort for the Wildlife Hospital of Louisiana. "Gretchen's knowledge of the School and her skills in event planning will be a great asset to the future of our advancement program. She will do a great job working with our alumni and our students," said Pat Edwards, director of institutional advancement.

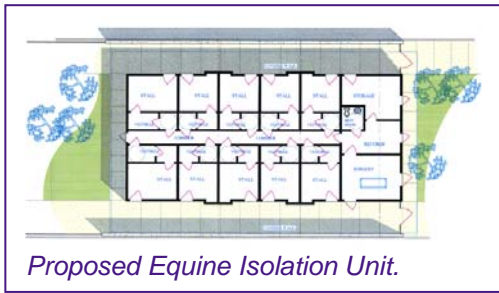
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SVM Salutes

Dr. Tim Morgan, assistant professor of veterinary clinical medicine, and **Nobuko Wakamatsu**, clinical track assistant professor, both in the Department of Pathobiological Sciences, successfully completed the board examination of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists. The SVM now has seven Board-certified pathologists.

At the recent **Banfield Symposium** in Portland, Oregon, LSU SVM alumni who work for Banfield received the highest client satisfaction scores of alumni from any of the other schools and colleges of veterinary medicine. LSU was awarded a wooden bowl representing the Client Satisfaction Award. Approximately, 30 of our alumni were present to receive the bowl along with Dr. Tom Tully, professor of veterinary clinical sciences; Steven Winkler, director of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital & Clinics; Dr. Kirk Ryan, assistant professor; and Dr. Joseph Taboada, associate dean for student and academic affairs. The award has been given each year for the past four years, and this is the second time in the last four years that LSU has received the award. Congratulations to our alumni who are working so hard to meet the needs of their patients and their clients!

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Proposed Equine Isolation Unit.

Stallion Service Auction Benefits Equine Isolation Unit

In an effort to help raise funds to expand and renovate its facilities, the Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine will be holding its 7th Annual Stallion Service Auction with proceeds going to the School's Equine Health Studies Program (EHSP). Stallion owners are invited to enlist the service of their animals to help increase the success of this multiple-breed benefit auction. Proceeds from the effort will be directed toward the

construction of a new state-of-the-art Equine Isolation Unit for the LSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital. A series of four auctions will be held. The bidding for the first auction will begin on October 15, and all auctions are for breedings that will take place in 2008. **To contribute a stallion breeding to our roster, to view a current list of stallion breedings available or to register to bid, please visit www.LSUEquine.com.**

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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 before the Louisiana Tech vs. LSU Homecoming Game! **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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Continuing Education Events at the SVM

The LSU SVM is offering four continuing education opportunities in 2007-08. The next CE event is the **Annual Conference for Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians**, which provides CE credits as well as alumni activities. The annual **Dermatology Conference** is scheduled for Saturday, December 2. Dr. Sandra Merchant, service chief for the dermatology service, is in charge of the program. Details will be sent soon. On February 12-13, Keith Amass of Safe Capture will present **Chemical Immobilization of Animals**. On Saturday, April 19, the SVM will host a **Small Animal Medicine Conference**, which will be headed by Dr. Frederic Gaschen, associate professor of companion animal medicine. Please join us at the LSU SVM to get your continuing education credits.

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Architectural rendering of the Wildlife Hospital of Louisiana.

Support the School of Veterinary Medicine

Jenkins Heads WHL Advisory Council

Dr. William L. Jenkins, president emeritus of the LSU System and former dean of the LSU SVM, and his wife Peggy are co-chairs of the Wildlife Hospital of Louisiana Advisory Council. The WHL Advisory Council is helping to raise \$10 million to construct a free-standing facility and establish an



endowment fund for operating expenses. The WHL currently treats approximately 1,700 patients each year in two rooms in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital at no cost to those Good Samaritans who bring in the animals. The WHL is the primary medical and surgical wildlife referral center in Louisiana and provides compassionate medical care for injured wildlife with the goal of returning the animals to their natural habitat. The new building will include an auditorium to provide educational programs on wildlife conservation and the relationship between animals and humans. **To learn more and to make a donation to the Wildlife Hospital of Louisiana at LSU, please contact Pat Edwards at (225) 578-9870 or pedwards@vetmed.lsu.edu. For information on how you can help the SVM, contact Pat Edwards or visit our website (www.vetmed.lsu.edu) and select "Giving a Gift."**

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Fall Issue of La Veterinaire

The fall issue of La Veterinaire contains stories about a new herpes virus created at the LSU SVM that kills cancer cells, new and retiring faculty members, the new LSU tiger mascot, a clinical case study from the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, fundraising plans for the Wildlife Hospital of Louisiana, an alumni profile of 1983 graduate Dr. Mike Strain, and much more. Please send comments about the newsletter or story ideas to Ginger Guttner, public relations coordinator, at gguttner@vetmed.lsu.edu or 225-578-9922.

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Upcoming Events

- October 11-12 **Fall Holiday**, Years I-III
- October 13 **LSU Football v. Kentucky**, Lexington, Ky.
- October 20 **Auburn v. LSU Football**, Baton Rouge, La.
- October 31 **Dean's Grand Rounds: "The Pet Food Recall"** presented by Dr. Charles Thibodeaux with Hill's Pet Nutrition and Dr. Mark Acierno, assistant professor companion animal medicine. 8:00-9:00 a.m. SVM Auditorium.
- November 3 **LSU Football v. Alabama**, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
- November 4 **Louisiana Academy of Veterinary Practice Meeting**. 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. SVM Auditorium.

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

Practice for Sale: Located in the historical city of Natchitoches, La., in NW Louisiana. Will include a 7yr. old building, and ~1ac. property on a busy highway. The building includes small animal(2413sq.ft.), and large animal(1337sq.ft.) areas all enclosed. Some contents included are computer, blood analyzers, X-Ray, and boarding kennels. Some owner financing possible. For further info. Email bluejames@suddenlink.net.

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