



Welcome to the **July 2008** edition of the LSU SVM's e-mail newsletter. In this issue, we'll talk about the [dangers of heatstroke](#), [legislative bills](#) affecting the SVM, the [Veterinary Teaching Hospital's accreditation](#), LSU SVM faculty and staff speaking at [AVMA Annual Conference](#), [Pets & Vets](#), [Distinguished Alumnus Award](#), [continuing education program](#), [alumni events](#), [supporting the School of Veterinary Medicine](#), [upcoming events](#), and [classified ads](#).



### LSU VETERINARY SCHOOL REMINDS PET OWNERS ABOUT THE DANGERS OF HEATSTROKE

Now that summer is here, it's good to remember that some pets require special care to avoid heatstroke. Dogs cannot tell you when their temperatures rise, and it is our responsibility to ensure that our pets have sufficient shelter from the sun, adequate water to drink, and a way to cool off as the heat rises. Take care when leaving your pets outside during the day, and never leave your dog in a hot car, even for a few minutes. *For more information, click [here](#).*

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### LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE PASSES TWO BILLS DIRECTLY BENEFITING THE LSU SVM

**House Bill 1287** provides \$4.54 million for the Large Animal Disease Isolation Unit payable out of the State General Fund. As you know, the SVM was recently placed on limited accreditation because we do not currently have a stand-alone isolation unit. These funds will enable us to address this accreditation issue while improving our hospital service.

**House Bill 2** provides \$10 million for Veterinary Medicine Roof Replacement and Facility Repairs payable from General Obligation Bonds. House Bill 2 also provides \$22.49 million for the planning and construction of the new Louisiana Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory.

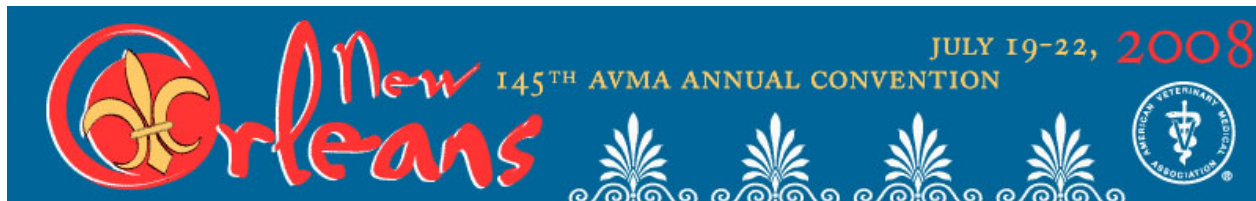
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## LSU VETERINARY TEACHING HOSPITAL RECEIVES ACCREDITATION

The LSU School of Veterinary Medicine's Veterinary Teaching Hospital & Clinics has again received accreditation following a comprehensive evaluation by the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA). The evaluation includes a quality assessment review of the hospital's facility, medical equipment, practice methods and pet health care management. Only 12 percent of all small animal veterinary practices in the U.S. have achieved accreditation by the American Animal Hospital Association. In order to maintain accredited status, the LSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital must continue to be evaluated regularly by the association's trained consultants. [For more information, click here.](#)

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## LSU SVM FACULTY AND STAFF SPEAK AT AVMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The American Veterinary Medical Association Annual Conference will take place in New Orleans, La., from July 19-23. Several members of the LSU SVM's faculty and staff will speak at this national conference.

### [Dr. Daniel J. Burba, Professor of Veterinary Surgery](#)

Sat 7/19, Food Animal/Equine, Equine Medicine, ***Management of Hoof Injuries and Defects in Horses***

Sun 7/20, Food Animal/Equine, Equine Medicine, ***Management of Septic Arthritis in the Neonate***

Sun 7/20, Food Animal/Equine, Equine Medicine, ***Management of Injuries of the Distal Limb in Horses***

Sun 7/20, Food Animal/Equine, Equine Medicine, ***Managing Navicular and Foot Pain in Horses***

### [Dr. Renee T. Carter, Assistant Professor of Veterinary Ophthalmology, with Drs. Mary Glaze and Kerry Ketring](#)

Mon 7/21, Veterinary Interactive Lab, ***Companion Animal Ophthalmology Diagnostic Lab***

### [Dr. Jacqueline R. Davidson, Clinical Professor of Veterinary Surgery](#)

Mon 7/21, Companion Animal Medicine, Rehabilitation, ***Rehabilitation in the Immediate Postoperative Period***

Mon 7/21, Companion Animal Medicine, Rehabilitation, ***Rehabilitation of Selected Orthopedic Conditions***

Mon 7/21, Companion Animal Medicine, Rehabilitation, ***Rehabilitation of Spinal Cord Injury***

Mon 7/21, Companion Animal Medicine, Rehabilitation, ***Rehabilitation to Improve Body Condition and Fitness***

Mon 7/21, Companion Animal Medicine, Practice Tips, ***How to Get Started in Rehabilitation with Minimal Investment***

**Dr. Jacqueline R. Davidson, Clinical Professor of Veterinary Surgery; Nina French, rehabilitation technician; and Dr. Susanne Lauer, Assistant Professor of Companion Animal Surgery**

Tue 7/22, Veterinary Interactive Lab, ***Physical Rehabilitation Techniques for General Practitioners***

**Dr. Michael Groves, Dean Emeritus**

Sat 7/19, Public and Corporate Practice, One Medicine, ***Epidemiology Hot Topics: The Accidental Epidemiologist, How an Inadvertent Choice Made for a Wonderful Career***

**Dr. Dennis McCurnin, Professor of Veterinary Surgery**

Sun 7/20, 8Personal/Professional Development, Ethics, ***Incentive Pay Plans for Veterinarians: Do They Work and Are They Here to Stay?***

Sun 7/20, Personal/Professional Development, Brown Bag Lunchtime Learning, ***Increase Efficiency: How to Make Your Practice Hum***

Mon 7/21, Personal/Professional Development, Practice Management, ***How Is Your Practice Doing Financially Compared to NCVEI's 15,000 Practices?*** with Karen E. Felsted

Tue 7/22, Personal/Professional Development, Practice Management, ***Hot Topics: Solutions to New Challenges in Practice***

Tue 7/22, Personal/Professional Development, Practice Management, ***Hot Topics: Grow Your Practice Even With Competition***

Tue 7/22, Personal/Professional Development, Practice Management, ***Hot Topics: You Really ARE Worth It! Charging Professional Fees***

Tue 7/22, Personal/Professional Development, Practice Management, ***Hot Topics: Stop the Revolving Door! Hire and Keep the Best***

**Drs. Christine B. Navarre, Professor of Veterinary Science, with Drs. LaRue Johnson and Seyedmehdi Mobini**

Sun 7/20, Veterinary Interactive Lab, ***Small Ruminant Practical Procedures***

**Dr. Javier G. Nevarez, Assistant Professor of Zoological Medicine**

Tue 7/22, Companion Animal Medicine, Wildlife, ***Louisiana Alligator Industry: A Veterinarian's Role in Conservation Medicine***

Tue 7/22, Companion Animal Medicine, Wildlife, ***West Nile Virus in Alligators: What You Need to Know About Risks, Diagnosis, Prevention, and Control***

Tue 7/22, Companion Animal Medicine, Wildlife, ***How to Maximize Your Resources by Making the Difficult Decisions in Wildlife Medicine***

Tue 7/22, Companion Animal Medicine, Wildlife, ***Wildlife Medicine and Rehabilitation: What You Did Not Learn in Veterinary School***

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## OVER 180 CHILDREN PARTICIPATED IN ANNUAL PETS & VETS PROGRAM

Over 180 children and over 50 adults participated in the LSU SVM's annual children's educational program, **Pets & Vets**. The program features various topics regarding veterinary medicine and basic information about pet and animal care. All presentations are free and open to the public, and the program is open to all children ages 6 and up. Parents are also invited to

attend the presentations with their children. The 2008 Pets & Vets presentations included **Bird Brains: Dummy or Einstein** with Dr. Tom Tully, **Choosing and Caring for Your Pet** with Dr. Sandy Merchant, **Learning to Walk Again: Physical Rehab for Pets** with Nina French, **The Wonderful World of Cows** with Dr. Marjorie Gill, **How Farm Animals Help People** with Dr. Dennis French, **Careers in Veterinary Medicine** with Dr. Joseph Taboada, **Alligators: Louisiana's State Reptile** with Dr. Javier Nevarez, **Raptors** with the Raptor Wildlife Rehabilitation Unit Co-Chairs, **Dogs Have a Lot of Guts** with Dr. Frederic Gaschen, **A Day in the Life of an Equine Technician** with Leslie Talley, **My What Big (Horse) Teeth You Have** with Dr. Chuck McCauley, **Anatomy and Locomotion of the Horse** with Drs. Ashley Stokes and Laura Riggs, and **How Pets Help Us** with Stephanie Johnson. Thanks to all of the faculty, staff and students who helped make this program such a success. For information on other LSU SVM public programs, go to [http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/public\\_programs.htm](http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/public_programs.htm).

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## NOMINATE A VETERINARIAN FOR THE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

The Distinguished Alumnus Award is a means to recognize alumni of the Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine for outstanding professional and personal achievements. The award, which consists of an individual plaque and the placement of the honoree's name on the honor wall in the School of Veterinary Medicine, will be presented at the Annual Conference each year.

**Eligibility:** Any veterinarian who received the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Louisiana State University before 1998 is eligible for the award.

**Criteria:** Candidates will be recognized for their accomplishments in veterinary medicine and/or contributions to the community through public service.

To be considered for the 2008 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 29, 2008**.

**Selection:** The Awards Committee will review nominations and vote on the recipient(s). The Awards Committee reserves the right to not select a recipient each year.

**Past Recipients of the Distinguished Alumnus Award:**

- 1990 Dr. Robert Lewis, '77
- 1991 Dr. Larry McCaskill, '81; Dr. Mark Mikelonis, '88; Dr. Jim Floyd, '81
- 1992 Dr. Allen J. Roussel, '77
- 2003 Dr. Mike Strain, '83
- 2004 Dr. Alfred Stevens, '79
- 2005 Dr. Gregory Rich, '85
- 2006 Dr. Mary Boudreaux, '79
- 2007 Dr. Robert Simmons, '77

We encourage you to participate in this wonderful tradition of recognizing our outstanding alumni by nominating a highly regarded peer who is deserving of this award. If you are one of the proud LSU SVM alumni, please consider nominating a fellow SVM alum today! [To download a nomination form, click here.](#)

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## LSU SVM HOSTS 77<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR VETERINARIANS AND VETERINARY TECHNICIANS

The LSU School of Veterinary Medicine will host the **77<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians** on October 18 at the School of Veterinary Medicine in Baton Rouge, La. "This year we are bringing in two nationally recognized speakers, Dr. Steve Marks and Dr. Sharon Kerwin, and the conference will focus on Companion Animals," said Dr. Dennis McCurnin, chair of the Continuing Education Committee. 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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## UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS IN NEW ORLEANS AND BATON ROUGE

Don't forget – Alumni reception during the [American Veterinary Medical Association](#) meeting is Monday, July 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Tropical Isle on 721 Bourbon St. in the French Quarter. **Please RSVP for this event to Gretchen Morgan at [gmorgan@lsu.edu](mailto:gmorgan@lsu.edu) or 225-578-9565.**

The SVM has tickets available for the [North Texas vs. LSU football game](#) on September 13. Tickets are \$45 each. First come, first served. Limit four tickets per alumnus. **Please contact Gretchen Morgan at [gmorgan@lsu.edu](mailto:gmorgan@lsu.edu) or 225-578-9565 to reserve your tickets.**

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. **For information on these alumni events, contact Gretchen Morgan at [gmorgan@lsu.edu](mailto:gmorgan@lsu.edu) or 225-578-9565. For information on other upcoming alumni activities, click [here](#).**

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## SUPPORTING THE LSU SVM

### Estate and Charitable Gift Planning

On Halloween night in 1959, LSU football player Billy Cannon made his famous fourth-quarter, 89-yard punt return for a touchdown that beat Ole Miss 7-3 in Tiger Stadium. Many people were not able to witness this event in LSU history, but they did hear about it through the "Voice of Tiger Football" J.C. Politz. "He really made you feel like you were at the game," said his niece Kathy Politz. Politz was a radio and television sportscaster who called games for LSU, Southern University, the St. Louis Cardinals and more. He was also a U.S. Army Corps waist gunner on a B-24 during World War II. Politz passed away on April 25, 2006, at the age of 81.

Out of his profound love for LSU and his love for animals (particularly his mixed breed dog Hobbs), Politz left an estate gift of \$100,000 to the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine. Politz's gift was used to create the Philanthropic Partners Fund, which is an account for unrestricted donations to the SVM. The revenue in the fund will be will be channeled to the SVM's greatest needs.

You can create a permanent legacy for the LSU SVM through an estate gift. For specific information, you should consult your tax advisor or a professional estate planner. Additional information is available on the LSU Foundation website ([www.lsufoundation.org](http://www.lsufoundation.org)) under Estate and Charitable Gift Planning or you may contact Gwen Fairchild, Director of Planned Giving, LSU Foundation, 225-578-5496.

You should notify the School of Veterinary Medicine or the LSU Foundation when an estate gift to benefit the School has been established with your estate planner. Donors who make gifts to LSU through estate plans are eligible for voluntary membership in the LSU Foundation's 1860 Society. Members of the 1860 Society share in the pride of LSU and enjoy the satisfaction of shaping the future of its students, faculty and academic enrichment programs.

Gifts through the estate plans of individuals and families are always encouraged because of their far-reaching impact upon the School of Veterinary Medicine. Useful vehicles for estate gifts include:

- Wills
- Living trusts
- Securities
- Real estate or retained life estate (Life insurance policies, Retirement plan assets, Retained life estate)

- Charitable lead annuity trusts
- Charitable lead unitrusts

Certain plans provide attractive tax benefits and life-income provisions for the donor during their lifetime, for example:

- Charitable remainder trusts
- Charitable gift annuities



To learn about other ways that you can help the SVM, please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 225-578-9826 or visit our website at [www.vetmed.lsu.edu](http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu) and select “Support the LSU SVM.”

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

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| July 19-23       | <a href="#">American Veterinary Medical Association</a> Annual Conference. New Orleans, La.  |
| July 21          | <b>LSUSVM Reception at the AVMA Annual Conference.</b> 6:30 p.m. Tropical Isle, 721 Bourbon Street in the French Quarter, New Orleans, La. |
| July 31-August 3 | Merck/Merial Summer Symposium, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich.  |
| August 4-5       | Certified Animal Euthanasia Technician Training.   |
| August 5-6       | Chemical Capture for the Animal Control Professional.  |
| August 7-9       | Louisiana Animal Control Association Certification Academy.  |

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

**Houston, TX – Full or Part Time Associate position** available immediately for multi-doctor small animal practice. Newly remodeled clinic southeast of downtown. Well equipped with Idexx Vetest, Lasercyte, blood gas, automatic x-ray developer, Cardell PulseOx/EKG/NIBP, and Avimark. Competitive salary and benefits. **Contact Dr. Kathy Palmer (LSU 2003)** at (713) 643-5723 or [docpalmr@yahoo.com](mailto:docpalmr@yahoo.com).

**Practice for Sale:** Located in the historical city of Natchitoches, La., in NW Louisiana. Will include a 7 yr. 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 e-mail Dr. David James (LSU 1988) at [bluejames@suddenlink.net](mailto:bluejames@suddenlink.net).**

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