



Welcome to the **August 2009** edition of the LSU SVM's e-mail newsletter. In this issue, we'll talk about an [\\$11.1 million grant](#), [respiratory disease research](#) conducted at the SVM, a [new filly](#) born at the SVM, a [donation](#) for cancer research, a student [scholarship](#), the [loss of a faculty member](#), [supporting the SVM](#), [alumni events](#), [upcoming events](#), and [classified ads](#).



LSU VETERINARY SCHOOL RECEIVES \$11.1 MILLION GRANT

In July 2004, the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine received a \$9.9 million grant to establish a Center of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE). In July 2009, this grant was renewed for more than \$11.1 million. This Center grant from the National Center for Research Resources provides substantial funds to developing faculty for independent funding by the National

Institutes of Health (NIH) traditional mechanisms. The original grant lasted for five years and was competitively renewed for five more years. The COBRE grant provides funding and research capabilities that give assistant and associate professors the opportunity to establish research programs that will effectively compete for independent funding by NIH. *For more information about this significant segment of SVM research, please go to [http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/news & events.htm#\\$11.1 Million](http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/news & events.htm#$11.1 Million).*

Attending the reception celebrating the original COBRE grant in 2004 are (from left) Dr. William Jenkins, President Emeritus; Dr. Konstantin G. Kousoulas, Professor of Veterinary Virology and Director of the Division of Biotechnology & Molecular Medicine; Dr. Andrew Lackner, Director of the Tulane National Primate Research Center; Dr. Kevin Carman, Dean of the College of Basic Sciences; and Dr. Thomas Klei, Associate Dean for Research & Advanced Studies.

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VETERINARY SCHOOL RESEARCHERS INVESTIGATE RESPIRATORY DISEASES IN BOTH HUMANS AND ANIMALS

Four faculty members at the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine are investigating respiratory diseases. Three are focusing on diseases affecting humans, and the fourth is conducting research on respiratory disease in cattle.

Although the studies of this cluster of scientists seem diverse, the basic knowledge gained on the pulmonary systems response to various agents, and their laboratories' synergistic interactions will benefit advances in treatment and prevention of a variety of human and animal diseases. Their combined research is supported by more than \$3.8 million in extramural grants. The researchers are Arthur Penn, PhD is a professor of toxicology in the Department of Comparative Biomedical Sciences and director of the Inhalation Research Facility; Shafiqul Chowdhury, DVM, PhD, professor in PBS; Samithamby Jeyaseelan, DVM, PhD, assistant professor in PBS; and Maria Antonieta Guerrero-Plata, BSc, MSc, PhD, assistant professor in PBS. *To learn about their research projects, please go to [http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/news & events.htm#Investigate Respiratory Diseases](http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/news & events.htm#Investigate_Respiratory_Diseases).*

The respiratory disease researchers are (from left) Dr. Shafiqul Chowdhury, professor; Dr. Samithamby Jeyaseelan, assistant professor; Maria Antonieta Guerrero-Plata, assistant professor; and Dr. Arthur Penn, professor.

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INTRODUCING CADEAU!

A chestnut filly (young female horse) was born on Wednesday, May 27 as the result of a breeding that LSU pursued after receiving the filly's mother as a donation last year. To celebrate this birth, the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine (SVM) held a contest to name the filly. Over 60 entries were received, and on July 27, the LSU Equine Clinic faculty and staff voted on them. The winner of the naming contest is LSU student Nicole Karamichael of

Hoover, Ala., and her entry was "Cadeau," which means "gift" in French. *For more information about Duma and Cadeau, go to <http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/news & events.htm#Cadeau>.*

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HUNTER RETRIEVER CLUB FOUNDATION SUPPORTS CANCER RESEARCH

On July 22, representatives of the Hunter Retriever Club Foundation presented a \$1,500 check to the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine. On hand to receive the check were Dr. Tracy Gieger, assistant professor of veterinary oncology and radiation oncology, and Dr.

William Ratterree, oncology resident. The funds are to support a study being conducted at the LSU SVM's Cancer Treatment Unit. The study is an assessment of doxorubicin-induced cardiomyopathy in dogs using echocardiography. Doxorubicin is a powerful and effective chemotherapy drug used very commonly for the treatment of cancer in dogs. Damage to the heart muscle is an uncommon but devastating side effect of this drug. *For more information about the study, go to [http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/news & events.htm#Hunter Retriever Club](http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/news & events.htm#Hunter_Retriever_Club).*

From left, Barry Bellemare, Mike Evans, and Glenn Stelly of the Hunter Retriever Club present a \$1,500 check to Dr. Tracy Gieger (center) and Dr. William Ratterree (right) to support research at the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine.

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SECOND-YEAR VETERINARY STUDENT RECEIVES AKC CAR SCHOLARSHIP

Chad Malinak (Class of 2012), veterinary student at the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine, has received an American Kennel Club (AKC) Companion Animal Recovery Award. Every year, the AKC awards scholarships to students at American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) accredited schools of veterinary medicine. This year's scholarships include twenty AKC Companion Animal Recovery scholarships of \$5,000 each. *For more information about the AKC scholarship program, go to http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/news & events.htm#AKC_CAR_Scholarship.*

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LSU RESEARCHER IN FATAL ACCIDENT

W. James Catallo, PhD, associate professor of environmental toxicology in the Department of Comparative Biomedical Sciences, was killed Saturday, July 25 as the result of a motorcycle accident in Baton Rouge, La. Dr. Catallo collaborated with the Chemistry Department at the University of Louisiana at Monroe, the LSU School of Renewable and Natural Resources, and the Audubon Sugar Institute on research focusing on biomass (sewage sludge, waste forest and food matter, invasive and pest species, agricultural wastes) transformation in hydrothermal systems into usable products, such as petroleum hydrocarbon mixtures. He also investigated air toxins, including biochemical and cellular responses to inhaled hydrocarbons from burned fuels and flaring wastes, and worked on toxic tort and class action cases involving industrial and transportation accidents/fires and possible toxin exposure. Dr. Catallo received his BS from Tulane University in 1981 and his PhD from the College of William and Mary in 1989. He joined the faculty at the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine in 1994.

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DONATING A GIFT TODAY SUPPORTS STUDENT SUCCESS



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, "It's a Matter of Life and Debt" as the fund. Please call Judyth Wier, executive director for institutional advancement at **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 or 225-578-9565 or go to 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 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

August 3-4	Certified Animal Euthanasia Technician Training.
August 4-5	Chemical Capture for the Animal Control Professional.
August 6-8	Louisiana Animal Control Association Certification Academy.
August 6-8	Merck/Merial Summer Symposium, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N.C.
August 14	Freshman Leadership Experience
August 17	SVM Fall Semester begins
August 17	Classes begin, Years II and III
August 17-19	Year I Orientation
August 17-31	Third Year PBL
August 19	Family Orientation and Coating Ceremony
August 20	Classes begin, Year I
August 24	LSU classes begin
September 5	LSU Football vs. Washington, Seattle, Wash.
September 7	Labor Day Holiday
September 8	Classes resume, Years I, II and III

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 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 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.**

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