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SVM Seeks Help with Animal Recovery and Evacuation Due to Hurricane Katrina

We at the School of Veterinary Medicine, like everyone else in the country, are overwhelmed by what we have seen on the news in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. In an effort to help our colleagues and fellow citizens, the School is working with the Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry, the Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association, the Louisiana Animal Control Association, and the Louisiana SPCA to provide shelter and care for those pets that have traveled with their owners from the flooded areas and animals that have been rescued from those areas.

The School's faculty, staff and students are volunteering their time at the Parker Coliseum on the LSU campus and the Lamar-Dixon Expo Center in Gonzales, La., where animals are being sheltered. This is not something that will end in a few days. The School will require on-going support from the community. While we have received huge amounts of supplies from all across the country, there is still a need for monetary donations to help the School offset costs involved in helping to run the shelter on the LSU campus.

There are three funds to which donations can be made: the Spirit of Veterinary Medicine Hurricane Katrina Animal Relief Fund, which helps to defray costs incurred by the School; the John D. Rhoades Veterinary Student Aid Fund, which helps LSU veterinary students who find themselves in a financial crisis either now or down the



Volunteers and pet owners check on animals sheltered at the LSU AgCenter's John M. Parker Coliseum.

road due to they and their families having lost jobs and so much of what they own in this disaster; and the Dr. Walter J.

Ernst, Jr. Veterinary Memorial Foundation, which is managed by the LVMA and will provide funds directly to state animal shelters

Monetary donations for the two LSU funds should be made payable to the LSU Foundation and sent to the Office of Institutional Advancement, LSU School of Veterinary Medicine, Baton Rouge, LA 70803. Please put "Animal Relief Fund" or "Rhoades Student

Support Fund" on the memo line. Monetary donations can be made to the Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association by calling 1-800-524-2996 or 225-928-5862. You can also download a donation form at the LVMA website at www.lvma.org, or send a check or money order made payable to the Dr. Walter J. Ernst, Jr. Veterinary Memorial Foundation, 8550 United Plaza Blvd., Suite 1001, Baton Rouge, LA 70809. Please put "Katrina Fund" in the memo line. You can make on-line donations by visiting the School's website at www.vetmed.lsu.edu.

It is during times of adversity and tragedy that people must come together. The School of Veterinary Medicine, along with state and local animal organizations, wants to do our part by caring for as many animals as possible. For up-to-date information about the animal recovery and shelter efforts and what you can do to help, please go to www.vetmed.lsu.edu. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Sincerely, Dr. Michael G. Groves, Dean



Dr. Claudio Natalini, an associate professor of veterinary anesthesiology, and Trinkia Adamson (Class of 2007) examine a cat brought into the triage unit at the LSU AgCenter's John M. Parker Coliseum.

La Vet Salutes

Congratulations to **Dr. Steven Barker**, professor in the Department of Comparative Biomedical Sciences. His article "Matrix solid-phase dispersion," which was published in the *Journal of Chromatography A*, was one of the top 50 most cited articles in the journal in the period 2000-2004.

Dr. Daniel J. Hillmann, professor of veterinary anatomy and cell biology in the Department of Comparative Biomedical Sciences (CBS); **Jeffrey Schumacher**, class of 2007; and **Alison Kruchkowski**, class of 2009; traveled to Seward, Alaska, to attend the 36th Annual Conference of the International Association for Aquatic Animal Medicine, from May 14-18. Jeffrey Schumacher delivered an oral presentation entitled *W – The Whale: How the Intrinsic Muscles and Cartilages of the Bowhead Whale*

Larynx May Influence the "Politics" of Mysticete Vocalization. On May 20, all three traveled to Barrow, Alaska, to visit with Drs. Craig George and Robert Suydam of the Department of Wildlife Management for the North Slope Borough. While in Barrow, both Jeffrey and Alison were privileged to attend and assist in the Eskimo substance harvest of a 51-foot male Bowhead whale. Jeffrey presented a talk on the anatomy of the Bowhead whale larynx to the Barrow community. The talk was sponsored by the Ilisagvik College, the UIC, BASC, and the North Slope Borough. Dr. Hillmann was seeking renewed funding for joint studies conducted with Drs. William Henk (CBS) and H. H. Bragulla (visiting scientist) from Berlin, Germany.

Dr. Dario Marchetti, associate professor of tumor biology in the

Department of Comparative Biomedical Sciences, and his associates have published the following journal article: Neeta Sinnappah-Kang, Adam Kaiser, Bryan Blust, Robert Mark, and Dario Marchetti, **Heparanase, TrkC and p75NTR: their functional involvement in human medulloblastoma cell invasion**, *Int. Journal of Oncology*, Vol. 27: 617-626, 2005.

Dr. Mark A. Mitchell, an associate professor in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences, was invited to present Grand Rounds at the Miami Children's Hospital in Miami, Fla., on June 3, 2005. The title of his presentation was "Zoonotic disease concerns for children." Dr. Mitchell was also invited to participate in collaborative research with the hospital

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Dr. David L. Huxsoll, former dean of the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine (pictured here with his wife Beverly), retired on June 30, 2005. Dr. Huxsoll received his DVM in 1961 from the University of Illinois, and he received his Ph.D. in microbiology from the University of Notre Dame. Dr. Huxsoll had a distinguished 28-year career in the U.S. Army, and he was the first veterinarian to command the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases. In June 1990, he retired from the army to join the SVM faculty as Associate Dean for Research and Advanced Studies. He was chosen as Interim Dean in 1993 and promoted to Dean in 1995. In 1999, Dr. Huxsoll stepped down as dean to pursue his interest in research on infectious diseases, and he was named Director of the USDA's research facility on Plum Island, New York. He resigned from this position in June 2004 and returned to the SVM as a special assistant to Dean Michael G. Groves.

Veterinary Teaching Hospital & Clinics Provide Array of Services and Skills

The LSU School of Veterinary Medicine operates the Veterinary Teaching Hospital & Clinics, a referral hospital for both small and large animals. The VTH&C consists of several medical services and includes many specialties.

The VTH&C's service areas are anesthesiology; bird, zoo and exotic medicine; companion animal medicine, including cardiology, dermatology, rehabilitation, surgery, and ophthalmology; oncology; radiology; equine medicine and surgery; farm animal health management; and theriogenology.

The VTH&C is expanding the emergency case numbers from surrounding areas to provide students with more emergency case exposure. The VTH&C is striving to increase the number of cases to provide more educational opportunities for the students. "The Veterinary Teaching

Hospital is a very important facility to veterinary medical education as it sets the standard of practice for all graduates to follow after graduation," said Dr. Dennis M. McCurnin, director of the VTH&C. "The equipment and facilities must be state-of-the-art to provide the highest level of practice standards. This has become more difficult as state support to higher education has been reduced nationally. We have become more dependant on referring DVMs and our clients to provide the cases and financial support necessary to carry out our mission. We are able to continue to meet the needs of everyone we serve through improved management and support of our faculty, staff, students, and referring DVMs. Our aim is to try and become more like referral specialty practices while continuing to provide a quality education."

Companion Animal Services Encompass Many Specialties

Companion Animal Medicine

The Companion Animal Medicine service is comprised of four Board-certified internists. In January 2006, Dr. Fred Gashen will join the medicine service as a fifth Board-certified internist. Subspecialties are covered by the internal medicine staff (renal, gastrointestinal, neurology,

endocrinology, infectious disease, respiratory, etc.)

Special diagnostics include EMG, video-cystoscopy, video-endoscopy, urethral pressure profiles/urodynamic studies, and 24-hour critical care management of internal medicine patients. The medicine service receives regular appointments Monday through Thursday and emergency referrals Monday through Friday all year long.

diagnostics include electrocardiography (ECG), echocardiography with colorflow Doppler, ambulatory ECG monitoring (Holter monitors and event recorders), and blood pressure measurement, among others. The cardiology service works with all other services in the VTH&C. In addition to diagnosing and managing all forms of cardiac disease, the Cardiology service also provides interventional procedures such as artificial pacemaker implantation, heartworm

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Companion Animal Medicine Service

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Dipl. ACVD, professor

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Dipl. ACVD, professor

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Dipl. ACVIM, associate professor

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ACVIM, ACVR (Oncology),

associate professor

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Dipl. ACVIM (Cardiology),

associate professor

Susan Eddlestone, DVM,

Dipl. ACVIM, assistant professor

Eric S. Storey, DVM, MSc,

assistant professor

Mark J. Acierno, DVM, MBA,

Dipl. ACVIM, assistant professor

Cardiology

The Cardiology service is comprised of a single Board-certified cardiologist, **Keith N. Strickland, BSc (Zoology), DVM, Dipl. ACVIM (Cardiology),** associate professor. The SVM is currently recruiting another cardiologist to make the cardiology service a two-person service that is able to provide year-round service. Special



Mickila Tate, a fourth-year veterinary student, helps Dr. Mark Acierno, assistant professor of companion animal medicine, examine Freeway.

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embolectomy, etc. The Cardiology service receives referrals and consultations Monday through Friday (when Dr. Strickland is on clinical duty, which is approximately 65% of year). Once an additional cardiologist is added to the service, year-round service will be available.

Dermatology

The Dermatology service has two faculty members, **Carol S. Foil, DVM, MS, Dipl. ACVD**, professor; and **Sandra R. Merchant, DVM, Dipl. ACVD**, professor. Drs. Foil and Merchant are dermatologists with national reputations based on the strength of numerous publications and continuing education presentations. Dr. Foil is the chief consultant on the Dermatology folder on Veterinary Information Network. The service also includes a resident, who is a veterinarian selected for a training program of 2–3 years in the specialty.

The Dermatology service sees 25–30 referral patients per week, and the School's dermatologists also see a limited number of primary care cases weekly. They consult as necessary with other VTH&C services, such as oncology, internal medicine, surgery, exotic, and large animal services.



Dr. Janet Bailey, a resident (center), works with Beth Lagattuta (left), who received her DVM in May 2005, and Michelle Lambert (right), a technician.

Specialized services include allergy testing and video-otoscopy.

Companion Animal Surgery

The Companion Animal Surgery service provides year-round support for companion animals seen in the VTH&C and is composed of five Board-certified surgeons. The service offers expert care for pets requiring surgery. CAS is supported by five experienced, dedicated, specialty-trained surgeons who are all certified by the American College of Veterinary Surgeons. The service also includes three residents and four medicine/surgery interns that are rotated between the Companion Animal Medicine and Surgery services.

Companion animal surgeons offer expertise in both soft tissue/general surgery, and orthopedic/neurosurgery. The surgeons have extensive experience in all facets of surgery and have access to state-of-the-art equipment including CT scan, ultrasound, laparoscopy, thoracoscopy, laser, and orthopedic implants. They believe that proper care for your pet extends beyond surgery and provide intensive postoperative care and rehabilitation services through the Intensive Care Unit and the Companion Animal Rehabilitation unit. Certified personnel trained in pain management

and animal-specific physical therapy, including acupuncture, spinal manipulation therapy and muscle stimulation, combined with unique access to specialized rehabilitation equipment such as underwater treadmill and force plate gait-analysis, all

Companion Animal Surgery Service

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Dipl. ACVS, associate professor

Loretta Bubenik, DVM, MS,
Dipl. ACVS, assistant professor

Susanne Lauer, Dr.med.vet.,
Dipl. ACVS, assistant professor

contribute to this facet of companion animal surgery.

Ophthalmology

Eric S. Storey, DVM, MSc, assistant professor, oversees the Ophthalmology service, which boasts state-of-the-art equipment, including a Viasys ERG to test retinas prior to cataract surgery, an Ocumetrics Fluorotron Master fluorophotometer to measure the concentration of fluorescein dye in any part of the eye that is clear, a Millennium microsurgical unit that enables surgery to be performed on both the front and back of the eye through an incision the size of a 25 gauge needle, and a Zeiss OPMI MDu microscope and Insight SDI-BIOM attachment that are used in retinal and vitreous surgery.

Companion Animal Rehabilitation (CARE) Program

In 2004 the VTH&C expanded its companion animal care with the **Companion Animal Rehabilitation Center** to include rehabilitation and weight management for patients with orthopedic problems and/or neurological dysfunction. The CARE Center is affiliated with the **Companion Animal Orthopedic and Neurosurgical Service** and an average of six patients (mostly dogs) are treated on a daily basis.

The **CARE Center** takes a multimodal approach to enhance injuries. Available modalities include

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Cancer Treatment Unit Provides State-of-the-Art Oncology Treatment

The Veterinary Teaching Hospital & Clinics receives eight to 12 cancer referrals a week and treats approximately 750 cancer patients each year. The oncology service consists of two board-certified oncologists, **G. Neal Mauldin, DVM, Dipl. ACVIM (Oncology, Internal Medicine), ACVR (Radiation Oncology)**, and **Glenna Mauldin, DVM, MS, Dipl. ACVIM (Oncology), ACVN**; **David Hunley, DVM**; two medical oncology residents; and three radiation oncology technicians.

The Cancer Treatment Unit at LSU is the first of its kind in the southeast, allowing LSU veterinarians to treat animals with cancer using all three major

methods: chemotherapy, radiation and surgery. The Cancer Treatment Unit's improved services will allow veterinary oncologists to conduct clinical research that has not been possible in the past. The Cancer Treatment Unit/Radiation Therapy Facility encompasses 2,000 square-feet and is adjacent to the Small Animal Clinic. The unit houses a computer-controlled linear accelerator equipped with a multi-leaf collimator, as well as a dedicated chemotherapy suite, a radioactive iodine room for treatment of hyperthyroid cats and 3D radiation therapy planning.



Dr. Rachel Reiman, a resident, and Jenny Cassibry, RVT, a technician, examine one of the VTH&C's oncology patients in the Cancer Treatment Unit.

Expanded Small Animal ICU Offers Improved Facilities

The Veterinary Teaching Hospital & Clinic's (VTH&C) small animal intensive care unit underwent extensive renovations in 2004 and can now accommodate four times as many patients as before. The renovation increased the number of cages to 43 and the number of runs was increased from two to six. According to Dr. Dennis McCurnin, director of the School's VTH&C, the ICU needed more cage space to accommodate an increase in the number of oncology patients. "We don't hospitalize animals for as many things as we used to, so there is less demand for ward space. There is, however, an increased demand for ICU space," said Dr. McCurnin. "Animals that have received chemotherapy or radiation therapy as part of cancer treatment have had their immune systems compromised and need to be closely monitored." Besides adding more cages and runs, the renovated ICU also has new exam tables, lights, and computers. There is also additional emergency power available to the new facility. With more space also comes more personnel. The ICU has gone from two veterinary technicians (one during the day, and one at night) to nine technicians offering around-the-clock care. "This is a state-of-the-art facility, and it is necessary for the quality of care that we're trying to provide," said Dr. McCurnin. "I invite any veterinarian visiting the School or the Baton Rouge area to come by and take a look at the new ICU."

Radiology Service Provides Imaging Support for Small and Large Patients

The Radiology service provides year-round 24-hour imaging support for all patients seen in the VTH&C and recently completed a conversion of both large and small animal radiology over to digital radiography. The service is composed of **G. Neal Mauldin, DVM, Dipl. ACVIM (IM, Onc), ACVR (Rad, Onc)**, associate professor and service chief; **Santos Ramirez, DVM, MS, Dipl. ACVIM, ACVR**, assistant professor; **Beth Partington, DVM, Dipl. ACVR**, adjunct associate professor; and **Robert D. Pechman, Jr., DVM, Dipl. ACVR**, professor emeritus. The service has an in-house CT scanner, a Picker PQ 5000. An outside hoist allows the imaging of equine patients, so the unit is fully functional for both large and small animal patients. Two additional ultrasound machines have been acquired, including a Logiqbook color flow Doppler unit that is available in the ICU on a 24/7 basis. The service has also implemented a digital archiving system for CT scans and other digital imaging systems, which allows patient images to be archived and reviewed from computer workstations.

Equine Health Studies Program Continues to Grow

The Equine Medicine & Surgery service sees approximately 2,800 patients each year. The service provides year round 24-hour support services for equine patients seen in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital & Clinics (VTH&C) and is composed of 11 faculty members and also includes four residents and two interns. "The LSU Equine Clinic provides comprehensive veterinary medical, surgical and reproductive care for ill and injured horses in Louisiana and the surrounding region," said Dr. Moore. "This advanced and compassionate care is provided by a team of caregivers led by board certified specialists. Our goal is to provide effective and efficient service to the horse-owning public and timely communication and consultation with private equine practitioners."

Equine Intensive Care Unit

The VTH&C built a new equine intensive care unit in 2004. This 10-stall facility enables the School to provide comprehensive, advanced veterinary care for the ever-increasing number of horses requiring emergency and critical care services. The emergency and critical care field has been rapidly evolving and becoming a

more common practice in veterinary medicine. According to the Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society, an Emergency & Critical Care Center is a facility specifically designated to be operated, staffed and equipped 24 hours a day to provide a broad range of veterinary emergency and critical care services.

The LSU Equine Clinic is open for emergency admittance, evaluation and treatment of critically ill and injured horses 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. On-duty veterinarians are available for consultation or for referral of horses. The Equine ICU is staffed by veterinary technicians or nurses that provide around-the-clock monitoring, administer treatments to hospitalized horses, and assist with the diagnostic work-up of horses admitted on an emergency basis. A

team of board-certified veterinary specialists provide comprehensive, advanced veterinary medical, surgical and reproductive (obstetrical) care. Veterinary specialists in anesthesiology, clinical pathology, ophthalmology and radiology are on call to provide consultations, ancillary services



Dr. Dan Burba, professor of veterinary surgery, examines a warmblood horse in the School's Equine Lameness and Performance Evaluation Pavilion.

or assist with horses admitted on an emergency basis.

Approximately 20-25% of horses admitted to the VTH&C require some level of emergency and critical care services. Critically ill horses are generally referred to this 24-hour

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The equine intensive care unit has 10 stalls, a clinical pathology laboratory, and a television monitoring system.

Equine Health Studies Program

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facility by veterinarians in Louisiana and surrounding states. The level of care required is dependent upon the underlying disease and the extent of the accompanying abnormalities.

The new equine intensive care unit is a 4,000 square foot, 10-stall centralized, climate-controlled, state-of-the-art facility that contains 6 (12'x12') stalls for housing adult horses and 4 (12'x16') stalls specially designed for housing mares with sick foals. Additionally, one of the stalls is designed to accommodate horses with orthopedic/neurologic injuries/illnesses; the walls and floor of this stall are heavily padded and it is equipped with an overhead mechanical hoist to assist horses that are unable to stand alone via sling support. The equine intensive care unit also has an on-site clinical pathology laboratory for monitoring blood biochemical, blood gas and metabolic parameters. The facility is immediately adjacent to the equine surgery suites, diagnostic procedures rooms and the imaging (radiology, ultrasound and CAT scan) facilities. Additionally, television monitors in the equine intensive care unit enable remote monitoring of horses in isolation and enteric precaution stalls by the on-duty ICU personnel.

Equine Isolation Unit and Reproduction Unit

As part of the School's ongoing efforts to improve service, the Equine Health Studies Program is raising funds for two new facilities: an Equine Isolation Unit and an Equine Reproduction Unit. The Equine Isolation Unit will facilitate advanced treatment of horses with infectious and potentially contagious disease, and the Reproduction Unit, which will provide a state-of-the-art facility for the veterinarians and researchers along with more space and equipment. The reproduction facility will be used

for all reproduction patients, not just horses. The facility will have an appropriate room for embryo work, a room for semen processing, and stalls for delivery and monitoring of pregnant mares and for breeding management of mares and stallions.

For more information about the School of Veterinary Medicine, please visit www.vetmed.lsu.edu.



For information about the Equine Health Studies Program, please visit www.equine.vetmed.lsu.edu.

Companion Animal Medicine . . .

(Continued from page 4) the underwater treadmill, therapeutic ultrasound, neuromuscular electrical stimulation, cryotherapy, thermotherapy, passive range of motion exercises, joint mobilization and exercises incorporating therapy balls, Cavaletti rails, walking carts, and therapy bands. Pain management may entail drug therapy, massage, acupuncture or spinal manipulation depending on the patient's problem.

Controlled physical rehabilitation and analgesia are considered essential for successful functional recovery after femoral head and neck excisions, articular surgeries and internal and external fracture repair. The benefits of aquatic rehabilitation include buoyancy, superficial heating and

Service Phone Numbers

Anesthesiology

Dr. Claudio Natalini 225-578-9528

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Dr. Stephen D. Gaunt 225-578-9595

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Cardiology Dr. Keith Strickland

Companion Animal Medicine Dr. Mark Neer

Rehabilitation Dr. Susanne Lauer

Surgery Dr. Giselle Hosgood

Dermatology Drs. C. Foil and S. Merchant

Ophthalmology Dr. Eric Storey

Radiology and Oncology Dr. G. Neal Mauldin

Large Animal 225-578-9500

Equine Dr. Rustin M. Moore

Food Animal Dr. Dennis French

Theriogenology Dr. Dale Paccamonti

hydrostatic pressure leading to decreased joint impact, reduced postsurgical edema and pain, increased range of motion, and increased muscular blood flow and relaxation.

Drs. Jackie Davidson and Susanne Lauer are both certified canine rehabilitation practitioners and would be happy to consult with you regarding surgical and non-surgical cases in your practice. For more information or appointments, please contact Nina French (technician) or the rehabilitation clinician through the LSU Small Animal Front Desk: (225) 578 9600.

Two Services Sees Patients On and Off the Farm

Farm Animal

The Farm Animal Health Management service sees approximately 600 patients in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital & Clinics (VTH&C) each year and performs approximately 180 surgeries. In addition, the hospital's ambulatory service cares for many more animals. The service provides year round 24-hour support services for farm animal patients seen in the VTH&C, as well as caring for animals in the field.

"We strive to educate students in the realities of the veterinary profession by allowing them hands-on examinations, diagnoses and treatment opportunities for all large animals. The students respond well to this effort, and we are grateful to our clients for allowing us to serve them as well as our students," said Dr. French.

Farm Animal Service

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Phillip G. Hoyt, DVM, professor
Marjorie S. Gill, DVM, MS, Dipl. ABVP, professor
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Theriogenology Service

Dale L. Paccamonti, DVM, MS, Dipl. ACT, professor and service chief
Bruce E. Eilts, DVM, MS, Dipl. ACT, professor
Sara K. Lyle, DVM, MS, Dipl. ACT, instructor

Theriogenology

The Theriogenology service sees horses that are admitted to the equine clinic, as well as those patients that are cared for as part of the School's ambulatory practice where veterinarians visit patients on the farm to provide breeding services and pregnancy examinations.

The theriogenology unit handles breeding management and semen-freezing for dogs as well. The clinic is certified by the American Kennel Club as a semen freezing center. The service provides year-round reproductive diagnostic and therapeutic support for patients seen in the VTH&C, and is composed of three Board-certified theriogenology specialists, one theriogenology resident and one equine practice resident who rotates between theriogenology, equine medicine, and equine surgery.

Anesthesiology Service Provides Pain Management for All Hospital Patients

The Anesthesiology service at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital & Clinics helps animals deal with pain. **Claudio Natalini, MV, MS, PhD,** assistant professor and service chief, is a specialist in anesthesiology and the delivery of anesthesia and pain management. The Anesthesiology service handles the perioperative needs of the School's patients; pain management duties do not end just because the surgery is complete. The veterinarians in the service administer anesthesia during surgery, and then assess an animal's pain after surgery in order to help alleviate it. Pain management aids in an animal's recovery and has been shown to reduce hospital stays and recovery time. The Anesthesiology service is available for pain management consultation during business hours at (225) 578-9528 and also includes Dr. Lauren Beebe; a clinical instructor; a resident; and three technicians.

Best Friend Gone Program Benefits Clients and Students

The Best Friend Gone project provides assistance when a pet has died or death is anticipated. Assistance is also provided to those clients making treatment decisions (e.g., cancer, diabetes, etc.). Assistance is provided via telephone counseling, private counseling, referral, reading lists, and information on animal loss. Assistance is provided to clients of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital & Clinics (VTH&C), as well as to

clients of surrounding area veterinarians. The veterinarian may request the contact or the client may initiate contact.

Pet owners receive the animal's paw print and a condolence card. The counselors also make arrangements for cremations and take care of the remains upon return depending upon the client's request. Support is also provided to VTH&C faculty and staff regarding client issues such as grief. Recovery from grief can be made

easier through knowledge of the process and sharing feelings with others who understand. The Best Friend Gone project is coordinated by Stephanie Johnson, MSW, LCSW, who is licensed by the Louisiana State Board of Certified Social Work Examiners.

Bird, Zoo and Exotic Medicine Service Examines Pets and Wildlife

The Bird, Zoo & Exotic Medicine (BZEM) service sees approximately 1,200 patients each year. In addition, BZEM supports the Raptor and Wildlife Rehabilitation Unit, which accepts approximately 1,700 patients each year. The BZEM service provides year round 24-hour support services for all bird, exotic and wildlife patients seen in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital & Clinics. The service is composed of three full-time veterinarians, as well as a resident and an intern.

The BZEM service is committed to provide the most up-to-date treatment protocols and client service found anywhere in the world regarding avian/exotic animal species. Communication and information regarding pet care and treatment are a cornerstone to the service. Questions regarding the BZEM service or referral cases can be directed to Dr. Thomas Tully, (225) 578-9557 or ttully@vetmed.lsu.edu.

Wildlife Hospital of Louisiana

The Wildlife Hospital of Louisiana was founded in 1981 at the School of Veterinary Medicine. It partners with area rehabilitators, wildlife agencies, marine mammal stranding groups, and zoological parks to provide care for injured and orphaned wild animals. Endangered animals are commonly treated at the hospital. The Wildlife Hospital has more than 1,700 native and migratory animals presented annually. In addition to providing medical and surgical care for these wildlife patients, the WHL provides educational presentations to school and civic groups. By sponsoring one of our education raptors, you can help contribute to the conservation message we deliver to the citizens of Louisiana.

Wildlife are treated by Dr. Mark Mitchell, associate professor; Dr. Thomas Tully, professor of veterinary clinical sciences; Dr. Javier Nevarez,

an instructor; as well as a resident and an intern. The majority of the animals treated are birds, but the wildlife hospital also treats wild mammals and reptiles. "Wildlife is presented by concerned citizens, animal control officers, and officers from the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries," said Dr. Mitchell. "Wild animals are brought in usually because of negative interaction with humans." This includes infectious diseases, toxicity, being hit by cars, and gunshot wounds. Funds are currently being raised to construct a freestanding wildlife hospital on the grounds of the School of Veterinary Medicine.

Bird, Zoo and Exotic Medicine Service

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November 4-6

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Baton Rouge, LA*

*Fall Family Picnic and Alumni Reception
Friday, November 4 at 4:00 p.m.*

*Class Reunions will be held for 1980, 1985,
1990, 1995, and 2000. Other activities include
the Alumni Luncheon & Distinguished Alumni
Award Presentation, the Alumni Tailgate Party
sponsored by IDEXX Laboratories, and the LSU
Homecoming Game against Appalachian State!
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SVM Welcomes New Faculty

Dr. Masami Yoshimura joined the faculty of the School of Veterinary Medicine in July 2005 as an assistant professor in the Department of Comparative Biomedical Sciences. He received his Doctor of Science degree from the Department of Biophysics at Kyoto University in Kyoto, Japan. While Dr. Yoshimura is originally from Japan, he lived in Maryland and Colorado before coming to Louisiana. Dr. Yoshimura received his post-doctoral training from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), specifically the Laboratory of Biochemistry and Metabolism and the Laboratory of Molecular and Cellular Biology at the NIH's National Institute of Diabetes & Digestive & Kidney Diseases. Dr. Yoshimura is the recipient of a research project grant from the NIH, and his research interest is in the molecular and cellular biological aspect of the regulation of cyclic AMP signal transduction, particularly the effects of alcohol on this important signaling pathway in the central nervous system.



A Moment in the History of Veterinary Medicine



A Series by Dean Emeritus Everett D. Besch

The first two years of the School of Veterinary Medicine's tenure were somewhat frustrating with inconsistencies in federal and state policies and irregularities in program development. Many individuals from within the University, the state and federal offices worked diligently to resolve issues and smooth the path needed to proceed effectively. Early in 1970, the School's motto was established: "Lache Pas La Patate," meaning, "don't drop the potato," but for our purposes, "hang in there; we'll make it." In the early 1980s, aside from the *N.I.P.*, the dean's biweekly letter, the *LSU SVM News Magazine* began publication, and the dean's page was entitled, "Pas Partout," loosely meaning, "cutting through the stuff." "Pas Partout" dealt with issues associated with the School or the profession-at-large.

The following is an excerpted, revised and/or updated version of the 1985 "Pas Partout" article, "A Few Points on Professionalism."

In 1950, when I entered the Texas A&M School of Veterinary Medicine, the veterinary medical profession was a small homogeneous group supported by 17 training institutions (the Purdue University did not take a class until 1959). The private sector of the profession was composed of mostly "general practitioners," and the public sector was at its highest number of participants compared to subsequent years. There were no specialty boards, although two were in formation (the American College of Veterinary Pathology and the American Board of Veterinary Public Health both formed in 1951). The public-at-large did not readily cater to veterinarians (my class was told at graduation that society had survived successfully without graduate veterinarians, and it was up to us

individually to create a presence that was an asset to our community), and in many areas, practitioners were called "horse doctors" as a derogatory term. The profession was struggling to overcome the stigma of the past (i.e., poor public recognition and acceptance [in 1950, the AVMA directory lists less than 17,000 veterinarians in the United States and 142 veterinarians in Louisiana]).

World War II had exposed the medical profession to the competencies of veterinarians and, in 1948, the American Public Health Association, after an extensive study, declared the profession of veterinary medicine to be a bonafide health and medical profession. Slowly the long-standing public image of the veterinarian began to change. The transition came quickly and, by 1965, the profession was on the way to becoming a recognized component of mainstream America.

The increase in the size of the profession has caused a move from that of a small homogeneous group to a large heterogeneous structure. The consequences of such a move has resulted in fewer professional alliances. The membership of the profession because of the heterogeneity of its structure now relates with subgroups, specialties or other associations rather than the state or national parent organizations. We are becoming less impressed with the symbolism and ritual that once was highly regarded with the profession. Perhaps we are more mature and/or more skeptical.

Associated with this evolution, there has been a dilution of the definition of the term "professional," which appears to have been accepted by contemporary society. Anyone receiving remuneration for his/her services automatically becomes a professional. Such acceptance has had

a corrosive effect on the credibility of participants of the classical professions, i.e., law, medicine, and theology. Unfortunately, the mass media encourage rather than discourage this erosion.

Abraham Flexnor, in 1915, listed six criteria of a profession:

- Professions involve essential intellectual operations with large individual responsibility.
- They derive their raw material from science and learning.
- This material is used in a practical and definite manner.
- They possess an education communicable technique.
- They tend to self-organization.
- They are becoming increasingly altruistic in motivation.

Vannevar Bush, in 1957, stated, "... Public opinion is not formed by the radio and the press, or even by those who control these media (although they try). It is formed by that minute fraction of the population that thinks and speaks, by that small but powerful minority, disagreeing on every issue . . . that influences because it labors to understand . . . that significant group of those who think well of the professions . . . it is their duty to think for their fellows. On them rests much of the burden of guiding this country of ours on its strange but hopeful course."

What is a profession?

- Its members are the possessors and custodians of a special field of knowledge, acquired by long, assiduous study.
- It is a loose grouping of individuals, a voluntary binding together of independent members, deriving no sustenance from the association and staying within the code of the association.

- c. Every professional has a symbolism and ritual of its own.
- d. It has a means for maintaining standards and for disciplining those who violate the code usually backed up by civil law.
- e. Primary characteristic of a profession is that the members minister to the people. This implies no servility, no apology, nor any inferiority. They minister with dignity, demand respect to their skills and insist on being heard.

Why this emphasis on professionalism?

- a. Contemporary veterinary medicine, a learned profession, a medical and a health profession, should have a membership that has a clear understanding of what it means to be a medical professional.

b. The heterogeneity of organized veterinary medicine of today has strained the bonds of professional cohesiveness. We must adapt to these changes effectively while maintaining our professional identity and mission.

- c. The expansion of the profession has been rapid and will continue to expand (the 2005 AVMA directory lists 83,336 veterinarians in the United States and 1,155 veterinarians in Louisiana). A major component of our group has little interest in or knowledge of what has given rise to the present social identity, social image, or social power of the profession. Many veterinarians have accepted the premise that what exists today has always existed for the profession and should be expected.
- d. Cultivation of a professional

attitude, a professional conscience, a professional demeanor is the responsibility of the individual and is to be expected along with the privilege of being admitted to the profession.

- e. Many of the changes that have occurred to and within the profession during the last 30 years are associated with the evolution of the arts and sciences of veterinary medicine. Some have occurred as a result of changing societal patterns or life styles, some are the result of the impact of the mass society, and some have occurred because of divergent personal viewpoints on what constitutes acceptable professional behavior for members of the veterinary profession.

Paula Manship's Love for Animals and Medicine Benefits Veterinary School

Mrs. Paula G. Manship has again demonstrated her generosity to the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine with the donation of three in-light surgical cameras for the Veterinary Teaching Hospital and Clinics.

The cameras will allow many more veterinary students to see a more direct view of the surgical field and also allow for transmission of the surgical procedure live to remote classrooms.

"Mrs. Manship's gift will have a lasting effect on our students, interns, and residents who are involved in surgery," said Dr. Dennis McCurnin, head of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital and Clinics. "We will be able to perform our surgeries and at the same time teach other students who may be watching the procedure. This will have a very positive influence on our teaching ability."

"Aunt Paula wanted to be a doctor," said her niece, Nadine Carter Russell, "but during the time when she grew up, it wasn't possible for a woman to be a doctor. She has always been interested in medicine."

During a visit to the School of Veterinary Medicine, Mrs. Manship and Ms. Russell viewed two surgeries – cataract surgery on a cat and orthopedic surgery on a horse – and at that time realized the educational opportunities that the cameras would provide for the veterinary students.

"Aunt Paula and Uncle Charles always had dogs, and she grew up surrounded by animals, including ducks, pigs, and rabbits," said Ms. Russell. "She learned how to ride horses by riding an old mule at Uncle Jay's (C.J. Brown) farm. Many years ago, she had a pet squirrel named Crip, who came when he was called."

Both Mrs. Manship and Ms. Russell have supported local humane societies. Amelia, who was most



In 2003, Mrs. Paula G. Manship cut the ribbon, officially opening the School's Cancer Treatment Unit.

recently adopted from the Capital Area Animal Welfare Society (CAAWS), follows a long line of strays and shelter adoptees.

Tweaky was found in a parking lot by Ms. Russell and was named after a robot on the Buck Rogers television show. "Tweaky shared the house with Aunt Paula and Uncle Charles for many years," said Ms. Russell. Mrs. Manship established the Tweaky Fund

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Paula Manship . . .

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at the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine to provide assistance for the special needs of serious and catastrophic companion animal cases. The Veterinary Teaching Hospital maintains strict criteria for use of this fund.

Mrs. Manship also established the Arabella Fund, named in honor of her niece's dog, to support programs with CAAWS, including veterinary services and supplies at the School and an educational program for grade-school children to promote responsible pet ownership.

"I think that Donnie Boy, a camel-colored Cocker Spaniel, was Aunt Paula's favorite. Donnie Boy went on errands everywhere with her, and often in Uncle Charles' coat pocket," said Ms. Russell. And then there was Addie Pants, a fox terrier, named for the *Morning Advocate*, the local newspaper published by the Manship family.

Mrs. Manship has supported the School of Veterinary Medicine in many other areas. Prior donations have provided for the construction of the Cancer Treatment Unit, which was dedicated in January 2003, and the Equine Intensive Care Unit, which opened in October 2004.

"We want people to realize how many areas need touching," said Ms.

Russell. "People may see the School as a cow or dog hospital, but we want people to know what is done here. The School needs touching – it needs people to support it."

The Wildlife Hospital of Louisiana will soon begin fundraising for the construction of a new facility that will improve the medical care for injured wildlife with the goal of returning animals to their natural habitat. Mrs. Manship has generously provided one of the initial donations for the Wildlife Hospital of Louisiana.

"We are so grateful for Mrs. Manship's generosity and interest in veterinary medicine," said Dr. Michael Groves, dean of the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine. "The School has made tremendous advances over the last few years, and much of our progress, especially in the area of private giving, can be traced directly to Mrs. Manship's kindness. Everyone likes to support a winner, but it is important to note that Aunt Paula came to our aid at a low point in our state and private funding. Her faith in the School and support for our cancer treatment and equine health studies programs truly helped jump-start the improvements we have seen during the last five years."

Mrs. Manship's interest in LSU covers many areas, including the LSU Museum of Art, the School of Music, the College of Art and Design, the College of Arts and Sciences, the LSU

Rural Life Museum, Hilltop Arboretum, and the LSU AgCenter. Mrs. Manship is an avid LSU Tiger fan, who has spent many a fall Saturday night in Tiger Stadium.

Both Mrs. Manship and Ms. Russell are committee members for the School's International Exhibition of Animals in Art and are collectors of many pieces of artwork from previous shows. They have also attended and hosted guests at the School's Veterinaire Extraordinaire Gala held each fall in New Orleans to promote the veterinary medical profession.

Mrs. Manship continues to maintain close watch of the animals in her care, providing heating pads in the winter for the feral cats, whom she has named O.C. (Outside Cat) and Gentleman Caller. "Her bird feeders always attract hummingbirds, which she loves," Ms. Russell said. "There are many ducks and geese on the lake for her to watch."

"Ms. Paula and Ms. Russell are like guardian angels looking over Baton Rouge," said Dr. David Senior, head of the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences. "They have made contributions to our community that will have a far-reaching impact on the quality of life in our city and certainly in support of care for animals and advancement of the veterinary profession in Louisiana."

Spirit of Veterinary Medicine Hurricane Katrina Animal Relief Fund

Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____ to help the Hurricane Animal Relief Efforts.

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Please make your check payable to the LSU Foundation and put "Animal Relief Fund" on the memo line. Funds will be used to help the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine provide veterinary care for animals sheltered at the LSU AgCenter's John M. Parker Coliseum.

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School of Veterinary Medicine, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803*

LSU Places Third in Hill's SEC Challenge

The LSU School of Veterinary Medicine finished in third place in the Hill's SEC Veterinary Medicine Alumni Challenge, a competition based on the percentage of alumni donations of \$25 or more made during the 2004-2005 fiscal year.

Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc. announced the results of the challenge at the American Veterinary Medical Association

meeting in July. The six participating SEC veterinary schools — LSU, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi State, and Tennessee — gathered prior to each college's alumni reunion. Dr. Catherine McClelland with Hill's revealed the ranking by unveiling oversized checks as development officers, deans, and faculty from each school eagerly awaited the results. The cash awards will be used to fund veterinary student scholarships at each college.

The challenge results were:

- 1st: Auburn \$7000 (24%)
- 2nd Georgia \$6000 (23.7%)
- 3rd LSU \$5000 (21.1%)
- 4th Tennessee \$4000 (20%)
- 5th Ms State \$3000 (16%)
- 6th Florida \$2000 (13.4%)

Alumni donations this year totaled almost \$60,000 and these gifts are already helping many areas — some unrestricted gifts and many others supporting the Mary Bird Perkins Student Support Fund, Cancer Treatment Unit, Equine Health Studies Program, Wildlife Hospital of Louisiana, Veterinary Medicine Library, and the Everett D. Besch Professorship.

Donation Opportunities

Hurricane Katrina has had a terrible effect on Louisiana and many of the Louisiana State University veterinary students are from south Louisiana. Many of them and their families have lost much of what they own. The John D. Rhoades Veterinary Student Aid Fund has been set up to help students who need emergency financial assistance. Students who need emergency financial assistance either now or in the future can get help from monies that are donated to this fund. To donate to this fund, please complete the form below.

2004-2005 Alumni Donations

Year	Class Agent	# Donors/Class	% Donors	Amount
1977	Steve Gaunt	15/34	45%	\$2,545.00
1978	Don Duplantier	6/44	14%	\$3,440.00
1979	Alfred Stevens	10/46	22%	\$3,960.00
1980	Jim Achorn	26/78	34%	\$4,495.00
1981	George Robinson	18/78	24%	\$3,315.00
1982	Gary Levy	34/76	45%	\$2,900.00
1983	Charles Carville	22/75	30%	\$3,615.00
1984	Tim Armstrong	7/75	10%	\$760.00
1985	Mica Landry and Brett Berryhill	9/74	13%	\$1,450.00
1986	Donna Kleinpeter	14/73	20%	\$3,025.00
1987	Becky McConnico	17/74	23%	\$2,010.00
1988	Laurie McElroy	10/70	15%	\$865.00
1989	Tammy Smith	14/73	20%	\$4,125.00
1990	Phillip Cancilleri	15/77	20%	\$2,776.00
1991	Fred McMullan	14/64	22%	\$2,420.00
1992	Andy Plauche	19/57	34%	\$1,830.00
1993	Carrie Cowling Fox	9/56	17%	\$1,615.00
1994	Amy Gill	19/62	31%	\$2,615.00
1995	Teresa W. Allen	7/70	10%	\$1,340.00
1996	Maureen Potts-McGlynn	17/65	27%	\$3,350.00
1997	Rici Galanie	8/74	11%	\$690.00
1998	Jennifer Ritchie	14/71	20%	\$1,310.00
1999	Trish Marullo	12/66	19%	\$625.00
2000	Diane Raburn	7/80	9%	\$615.00
2001	Diane Wilson	11/75	15%	\$1,655.00
2002	Britta Leise, Stephen & Lacie Lee	11/79	14%	\$445.00
2003	Sara R. Blakesley	19/74	26%	\$950.00
2004	Andy Daters	12/77	16%	\$400.00
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John D. Rhoades Veterinary Student Aid Fund

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Alumni Tracks

1990

Dr. Tim Paladino was named "Best Vet" by the *Arkansas Times*. Dr. Paladino and his wife have triplets and twins, ages 4 and 6 respectively, and he is the owner of Allpets Animal Hospital in Little Rock, Ark., as well as a satellite office in Roland, Ark.

1999

Dr. Larry J. Shelton, Jr. is Chief of the Non-Human Primate Section and Acting Chief of the Department of Animal Medicine for the Division of Veterinary Medicine at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in Maryland. Dr. Shelton was promoted to the rank of Major on July 1 and recently became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine.

2004

Dr. Gregory C. Griffeth was appointed to a residency in dermatology at the Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital at the University of Pennsylvania. He completed a small animal rotating internship at the University of Tennessee Veterinary Teaching Hospital before starting the two-year program at Penn.

Banfield Welcomes Alumni from LSU School of Veterinary Medicine

Banfield, The Pet Hospital® recently hired four veterinary graduates of the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine:

- Crystal Cossey Lewis, DVM (LSU '05), practicing in Duluth, Ga.;
- Miranda Greer, DVM (LSU '05), practicing in Tyler, Texas;
- Janine Bradberry Barrett, DVM (LSU '04), practicing in Jacksonville, Fla. ; and
- Tonya Hardy, DVM (LSU '96), practicing in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Banfield, The Pet Hospital, operates a national practice with over 450 clinics and more than 1,000 veterinary clinicians. Currently, 31 LSU School of Veterinary Medicine alumni are members of the Banfield practice. Based on data from a national telephone research firm who polled Banfield clients following their visits, LSU alumni ranked first in client satisfaction. As a result, Banfield presented the Client Satisfaction Award to the LSU SVM at its 2004 annual meeting.

Baby Vets

1999

Dr. Angie Rehn Gearhart and her husband Jim had their second child, Jack Robert, on June 9, 2005. Jack weighed 9 lbs. 7 oz. and was 20.5 in. long. He was welcomed home by his big brother Will. The Gearharts reside in Jonesboro, Ark.

2000

Dr. Amy Robinson and her husband Matt welcomed home Meghan Delaney on January 18, 2005.

Meghan weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. The Robinsons reside in Fairchild AFB, Wash.

Dr. Daschelle Roice-Lewis and her husband Mark announce the birth of their daughter Allesondra Shae, who was born on February 8, 2005. Allesondra weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. This is their first child. Daschelle purchased Tatum Point Animal Hospital in Phoenix, Ariz., in October 2003. It is a small animal clinic, and the website address is www.tatumpointanimalhosp.com.

In Memoriam

Dr. Darryl J. Roberts (LSU '95) passed away on June 19, 2005, at the age of 43. Dr. Roberts was born in Pascagoula, Miss., and made his home in Nashville, Tenn. He graduated in Accountancy and Law from the University of Mississippi and practiced law as an Assistant District Attorney in New Orleans, La., and Gulfport, Miss. He then pursued a career as a veterinarian, graduating from the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine in 1995.

Dr. Roberts completed a surgical residency at The Ohio State University and worked as a small animal surgeon at Gulf Coast Veterinary Surgery in Houston, Texas, and Affiliated Veterinary Specialists in Nashville, Tenn. Prior to his death, Dr. Roberts was opening his own clinic, St. Francis Veterinary Referral Center, in Gallatin, Tenn.

Dr. Roberts is survived by his wife Stephanie Hrachovy Roberts, Nashville, Tenn.; his son Benjamin Caleb Roberts, age 5, Nashville, Tenn.; his mother Louise S. Roberts, Pascagoula, Miss.; his brothers Greg Roberts and David A. Roberts, both of Pascagoula, Miss.; and his sister Linda Louise Harrison and her husband James M. Harrison of Pascagoula, Miss.



Are You On-Line?

The LSU School of Veterinary Medicine has created an Alumni Email List.

This list will enable Dean Groves to update you with immediate news of the School.

In addition, your Class Agent can keep you current on news from your classmates and your class reunion information.

Don't be left off the Dean's List!

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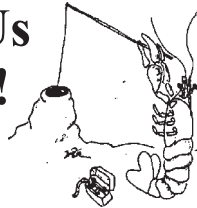


In the June 2005 issue of La Veterinaire, it was incorrectly stated that Dr. Veronica Paul Duncan (LSU '05) and her mother Dr. Debbie P. Guillory (LSU '83) were the first mother-daughter pair to both graduate from the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine. The actual first mother-daughter pair to graduate from the SVM are Dr. Jayme Looper (LSU '97) and her mother Dr. Linda Ford (LSU '89), pictured above. Dr. Ford (right) owns Noah's Ark Veterinary Clinic in West Fork, Ark. Dr. Looper is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Radiologists (Radiation Oncology) and practices at VCA Aurora Animal Hospital in Aurora, Ill. Dr. Looper completed an internship at the University of Florida in 1998 and then went into private practice in Denver, Colo. She also completed a residency in radiation oncology at North Carolina State University in 2004.

LSU SVM Alumni --

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Calendar of Events

- September 28 *Phi Zeta Research Emphasis Day*
- October 6-7 *Fall Holiday*
- November 4 *Fall Family Picnic*
- November 4-6 *SVM Annual Conference*
- November 5 *Appalachian State v. LSU (Homecoming, Baton Rouge, La.)*
- November 24-25 *Thanksgiving Holiday*



Mike the Tiger's new enclosure is complete and Mike will be back for the first home game! Standing with Dr. David Baker (second from the left), Mike's veterinarian and a professor at the School of Veterinary Medicine, are (from left to right) Harold Reed, Brian Pertucci, and Rob Wooderson, all of Gibbs Construction, the builders of the enclosure.

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