Detection Dogs
These super sniffers locate items as small as a paper clip
How do you like the new look for our Outlook? Starting with this issue, we are changing from 6 issues per year in newsletter format to 4 issues per year in magazine format. We are hopeful that, as our College grows, we will be able to bring you more news, show you more activities, and better communicate with all of our constituents in this new format. Email or call me with your thoughts.

This issue is also the kick-off for our new advancement theme for the College: A Work of Heart. These words capture both the love that is such a key piece of the human-animal bond, and the work that goes into building a community of educators, learners, and healers in veterinary medicine. We have lots of heart-felt work ahead. The first of our A Work of Heart annual campaigns started with solicitation letters mailed around Valentine’s Day. These letters encourage annual giving to the College by all of our friends and supporters, and therefore were mailed to all of our Outlook recipients. Please give generously if you can, and, if you cannot, feel free to pass your letter on to someone else who may be interested in the work that we do. We are now working with the rest of the University to prepare for a Capital Campaign kickoff next December; our Work of Heart will be the veterinary piece of that campaign. This spring we will celebrate the groundbreaking for our second building, a big Work of Heart.

In January and February we have been busy recruiting new faculty and students to the College. We interviewed faculty candidates on January 24 and 25, and have extended offers that were accepted by two outstanding candidates. Read more about them in the Summer 2005 Outlook. A second set of interviews for faculty positions will be held March 21-22. Thank you to Drs. Peggy Barr and Stephen Waldhalm, chairs of the faculty search committee for this important work. Prospective student interviews were held the weeks of February 7th and 14th under the guidance of Dr. Lara Rasmussen, chair of the Admissions Committee, and Ms. Marie Anderson, Director of CVM Admissions. The truly indefatigable Admissions Committee reviewed 328 complete files (an increase of 35% over last year), and interviewed 216 candidates (an increase of 43%). Acceptances will be mailed March 15.

On February 7-9 I was privileged to be among guests for the grand opening of the new Banfield Teaching Hospital at the Universidad Nacional Autonomica de Mexico (UNAM) in Mexico City. Banfield CEO Dr. Scott Campbell, Mars President Ms. Pamela Mars, and others joined UNAM CVM Dean Dr. Luis Zarco and Associate Dean Dr. Francisco Trigo in dedicating the hospital, which will provide primary care to companion and exotic animals as part of UNAM’s veterinary education. Their previous hospital is being remodeled to a referral hospital for intern and resident training.

“Life is as dear to a mute creature as it is to man. Just as one wants happiness and fears pain, just as one wants to live and not die, so do other creatures.”

- His Holiness the Dalai Lama

Shirley D. Johnston, DVM, PhD
Congratulations to Ms. Christine Alvarado (DVM 2007), who was selected for a summer 2005 externship with NIH/Charles River Laboratories at the Alamogordo Primate Facility, Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico. All expenses and a stipend will be paid.

Farewell to Dr. Jamie and Mrs. Norine Amend, founding faculty and staff of the CVM, who will retire to a home in Northern Washington State in March. Congratulations to both on the arrival of their first grandchild, baby Laurel, in Seattle in January.

Farewell to Drs. Dru Forrester and John Jacobson, founding faculty of the CVM, who will be moving to Topeka, Kansas in March, where Dru will take a position with Hill’s Pet Nutrition. Congratulations to both on their new opportunities.

Congratulations to Dr. Carmen Fuentealba, who assumed the position of Associate Dean for Clinical Programs at the College, effective January 1, 2005. Dr. Fuentealba is a founding faculty member of the College. She has a DVM and MS (Pathology) from the Universidad Austral de Chile in Valdivia, and a PhD (Pathology) from the University of Liverpool. She came to us from the Atlantic Veterinary College at Prince Edward Island, Canada, where she was a faculty member in veterinary pathology and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

Congratulations to Ms. Vinutha Gowda (DVM 2007), who was selected to represent the CVM at the Smith-Kilborne USDA Foreign Animal Disease Program at Cornell University and Plum Island in Connecticut May 31-June 8, 2005.

Congratulations to Ms. Melissa Lucas (DVM 2007), on her appointment to a USDA/APHIS internship in Everett, Washington, in the summer of 2005.

Welcome to Dr. Phil Nelson, who joined the CVM as Executive Associate Dean for Preclinical Programs on January 31, 2005. He has a DVM from Tuskegee Institute and a PhD (Immunology/Biotechnology) from North Carolina State University. Dr. Nelson leaves an Associate Dean position at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi State University, where he was an outstanding champion both for diversity in our profession and for the Problem-Based learning curriculum. Dr. Nelson is the 2005 Chair of the Iverson Bell Symposium, to be held in conjunction with the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges in Washington, DC, March 10-11, 2005.

Congratulations and thanks to Dr. Tom Phillips, who assumed the position of Associate Dean for Research, effective March 1, 2005. Dr. Phillips was recruited to the CVM in the Summer of 2003 from a research position at Scripps, La Jolla. He became Assistant Dean for Research in the summer of 2004, and served as acting Associate Dean for Preclinical Programs from November 2004 through January 2005. His DVM is from the University of Missouri, and his PhD (Immunology/Virology) from the University of Wisconsin.

Kudos to Dr. Amy Raines and THANK YOU to the Professional Relations Division of Banfield, The Pet Hospital for a gift of $5,000 to pay for books in the PBL rooms of the first year students.

Congratulations to Dr. Rosalie Trevejo, Assistant Professor of Veterinary Epidemiology, and her husband, attorney Curt Edmonson, on the birth of their first child, daughter Stella Marie, on January 21, 2005.

Welcome to Ms. Leigh Wiemann, who joined University Advancement as Director of Development (80% time in Veterinary Medicine) in January, 2005. Ms. Wiemann comes to us from a position as Associate Director, Foundation and Corporate Relations, at Claremont McKenna College in Claremont. She has had a distinguished career in advancement, human resource management and as a management consultant. Leigh was educated at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona (BS, Human Resources Management).

Congratulations to Ms. Avery Woodworth (DVM 2007), who was selected for a June, 2005, AVMA Student Congressional Fellowship in Washington, DC.
If your detective skills are sharp, you may guess we’re talking about canine cops trained to locate drugs, bombs, and human cadavers. The College of Veterinary Medicine welcomed five such detection dogs and their handlers to campus in January for a demonstration by Master K-9 School for Police Service Dogs. The energetic four-footed sleuths successfully tracked down illegal drugs, inert explosive material, and cadaver scents intentionally hidden on campus for the event.

Dan LaMaster, owner of Master K-9, said, “If you pick the right dog that is genetically programmed, you can teach that dog detection skills in five days. The entire training course lasts two weeks, because it takes the human handler longer to learn the material.”

So what makes a good detection dog? Certain instincts, drives, and character traits make specific breeds ideal candidates for the job—Labs, retrievers, German shepherds, and Belgian Malinois (pronounced MAL-in-wah) are preferred. Natural drives like hunting and retrieving are strong in these breeds. They also score points for less obvious inherited behavior, such as checking air currents for odors in addition to sniffing the ground. The dogs use a radar technique, searching up and down, left and right, back and forth, tracking where the scent is—and where it is not—to identify the source.

Rudy, a handsome Belgian Malinois cross-trained as a police dog, demonstrated this technique to locate his “prey” drugs planted by LaMaster. When Rudy found the drugs, he immediately sat at the location, which is called a “passive alert,” and was rewarded with his favorite toy as procedure dictates. Leaping and joyful, Rudy exhibited no sign that a year ago he had been shot in the line of duty and suffered temporary paralysis.

LaMaster imports all his dogs from Europe where, in his opinion, more controlled breeding results in fewer medical problems.
problems and assures a greater availability of quality, young dogs. European dogs are also more cost-effective, as they arrive at Master K-9 trained with a sport background. A fully trained detection dog is a $10,000 to $15,000 investment for the law enforcement agency purchasing the dog.

Dogs are partnered with human handlers, trained and certified as a team, and may work together until the dog is 10 to 11 years old, when the handler often adopts the retiring partner. Dogs can be cross-trained as police dogs and detection dogs. But some are not meant to be police dogs, as in the case of Luca, who was too hard to handle and literally on death row when LaMaster turned him into a skilled cadaver dog. Dogs like Luca play a key role in helping the families of victims find answers leading to emotional closure and in helping the justice system prove a crime.

Courageous, confident, strong, and inspired to discover, professional detection dogs help make our world a safer place. We give them two paws up.

The Master K-9 Detection Dog event was sponsored by WesternU’s Veterinary Behavior Club, Ms. Kathleen Johnson (2007), President. ♥

Student Clubs at the WesternU College of Veterinary Medicine

Veterinary Behavior Club, Faculty Advisor – Dr. Victoria Voith

American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA)
Faculty Advisor – Dr. Beth Boynton

American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP)
Student Chapter
Faculty Advisor – Dr. Joe Bertone

Animal Shelter Veterinarians Student Chapter
Faculty Advisor – Dr. Lara Rasmussen

Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights (AVAR)
Student Chapter
Faculty Advisor – Dr. Lara Rasmussen

Cloven Hoof Club
Faculty Advisor – Dr. Brian Aldridge

CVM Research Interest Group
Faculty Advisor – Dr. Tom Phillips

International Veterinary Student Association (IVSA)
Faculty Advisor – Dr. Suzana Tkalcic

Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association (SCAVMA) Faculty Advisor – Dr. Tracy Murchie

Veterinary Business Management Association
Faculty Advisor – Dr. Robert Mason

Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care Society (SVECCS)
Student Chapter
Faculty Advisor – Dr. John Jacobson

Veterinary Pathology Interest Group
Faculty Advisor – Dr. Carmen Fuentealba

Wildlife, Exotic, Zoo, and Environmental Veterinary Medicine Club (ZEWCC)
Faculty Advisor – Dr. Lara Rasmussen
CVM Student Profiles - Class of 2008

Megan Dispenza
I am originally from Oberlin, Ohio where I raised dairy cattle and sheep. I recently received my BS in cell biology and physiology from Arizona State University. My experience includes working in small and large animal practices, and when I graduate I intend to focus on large animal medicine.

Cassandra Erickson
I was born and raised in Plains, Texas. In December 2003, I graduated from Texas A&M University with a BS in biomedical science. After many years of experience, I became a surgery technician at Texas A&M University’s Veterinary Teaching Hospital. With the support of my husband and family, I intend to become a small animal surgeon.

Kelly Everson
I am an Indiana native with my permanent residence being Noblesville, Indiana. My formal education includes receiving a BS from Purdue University and MS from Southern Illinois University Carbondale. My animal family includes four horses, two dogs, and a cat. When time permits, I really enjoy training horses.

Carolyn Foster
I was born and raised in California. I received a BS in Biological Sciences from California State University, Sacramento. I look forward to a rewarding career in equine and food production medicine upon my graduation. I feel very fortunate and excited to be a part of the Class of 2008.

Mitchell Fults
I graduated from UC Irvine in 2003, during which time I worked as a technician, and through various organizations worked with an assortment of wild animals. Upon graduation from WesternU in 2008, I plan on getting board certified in emergency medicine and practice on small animals, exotics and wildlife.

Nathan Fynaardt
I was raised the son of a small animal veterinarian in Torrance, California. From an early age, I participated in veterinary practice, from “broom-pusher” all the way to veterinary technician. After graduating from the University of California, Santa Barbara, I applied to vet school and here I am.

Janie Guirgis
I grew up in southern California, but am originally from Egypt. This past summer I married my wonderful husband and received a BS in animal science and a minor in psychology. I have always been interested in small animal practice. Specifically, I plan to pursue veterinary dermatology.

Miriam Harvey
I was born in Sao Paulo, Brazil and at the age of 16, I moved to Escondido, California. In 2002, I graduated with a BS in biology from San Diego State University. I have always been interested in small animal medicine, but in the past two years I started to develop an interest in exotic animal medicine.

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Hiroko Hata
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Stephen Hodgeson

I was born and raised in southern California, later moving to southeastern Oklahoma. My dream of being a veterinarian is coming to fruition after a decade-long career in law enforcement. My interests are in all species of animals and I plan to open a mixed animal practice in the area upon graduation.

Daniel Jankovits

Born and raised in Los Angeles, I received a BA in biology from California State University, Northridge. I am fascinated with veterinary medicine and have decided to specialize in orthopedic surgery; however, I am still open-minded to other options. With the support from the faculty and my family, it will be an amazing journey.

Roxanna Khorzad

I grew up in Chicago, Illinois. After receiving my BS from UW-Madison in molecular biology, I worked as a teacher and as a biotechnologist for several years. My passion, though, has always been in veterinary medicine. I feel so fortunate to be at a school with such an innovative program.

Deena Leong

I am originally from northern California. I graduated from the University of California, Davis. I have a BS in psychology, with an emphasis in the biology of psychology. I am currently interested in poultry medicine. I have interned with Lakeville Growers in Petaluma, California and have worked with free-range, organic, antibiotic-free meat poultry.

Jill Morrow

I am a Brea, California native with a BS degree from UC Davis in animal science. My career interests include small animal medicine and surgery. I am very excited to be a veterinary student and I am incredibly thankful for the wonderful support and encouragement of family, friends, and faculty.

Terence Krentz

I am originally from Honolulu, Hawaii where I earned my BA at the University of Hawaii. After working in outside sales, I returned to school to pursue veterinary medicine. I have a wonderful husband and two dogs. I want to have a small animal practice, that utilizes traditional and holistic veterinary medicine.

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Dana Miller

I grew up in Massachusetts and graduated from Colby College with a biology degree. My veterinary experience and exposure include marine mammal, laboratory, and small animal medicine. I plan to pursue small animal medicine with an exotic pet emphasis after graduation. I live in Covina, California with my supportive husband Tim.

Genevieve Mak

I was born in New York City and completed my BS in animal science at Cornell University. Hobbies include reading anything and everything, creative writing, and watching anime. My interests are small animals, exotics, and possibly doing diagnostics and laboratory work.

Mandy Myers

I was born and raised in beautiful, sunny southern California. I recently graduated with a BS in animal science from Cal Poly Pomona. I currently have a special interest in veterinary anatomical pathology, but I am keeping my options open. In addition to school, I am busy training my new puppy.
I grew up in Tucson, Arizona and received a BS in zoology from Oregon State University. I have ridden horses all my life and began pursuing my veterinary dream volunteering at the non-profit Esther Honey Animal Clinic in the Cook Islands. My interests include equine, marine, international, and rural medicine.

Miranda Noseck

I was born and raised in Red Bank, New Jersey. I graduated from Virginia Tech in 2001 with a BS in animal science. Interests include small animal neurology and surgery. Outside of school I enjoy playing soccer and fishing on the Jersey Shore.

Jeremy O'Neill

I was raised in Canada, where I attended UBC. Following graduation, I volunteered at a Vietnamese tropical disease hospital and was consequently seduced by the California sun to research marine strain dependent retinopathies at USC. I am currently keeping an open and enthusiastic mind to a veterinary career in anything!

Lucia Pham

I was raised in Texas and have lived and worked on a ranch for much of my life. My experiences on my family’s ranch made me realize how important it was to care for animals. My interest is in large animals, especially beef cattle and horses.

Mia Provost

I am from Indiana, where I worked as a veterinary technician while pursuing my bachelor and master of science at Purdue. I have a dog and a cat, proud parents, and a wonderful longtime boyfriend. I am happy to be a student at WesternU, where I can pursue my dream of becoming a small animal veterinarian.

Beth Pintzow

After graduating with a BS in animal science from Iowa State University, I migrated from the midwest to the San Francisco area where I happily resided until gaining acceptance into WesternU’s DVM program. My passion lies in companion animals, but I am also eager to explore the realm of public health.

Alayson Phelps

Born and raised in northern California, I graduated from UC Santa Cruz with a BS degree in MCD biology. I have worked in a mixed animal practice as a technician for four years and worked with marine mammals for one year. My interests encompass small and marine mammals, immunology and surfing.

Erika Roldan

After receiving a degree in finance and accounting, I began to volunteer with several animal rescue organizations. The perplexity of wild and stray animals threatened by human activity inspired me to address these concerns by redirecting my career. Following my education, I plan to work with an animal rescue and rehabilitation center.

Jennifer Schmidgall

I am from San Francisco, California originally, and did my undergraduate work at the University of California, Santa Cruz in biology. My initial interests were in research, and much of my experience is in equine research. My career goals are up in the air, but I am leaning towards small animal practice.

Julia Schoellenbach

In 2003, I received my BS in general biology from UC San Diego. I am pursuing a career in veterinary pathology and I would like to serve in the area of diagnostics. I am honored and blessed to be a part of WesternU Class of 2008.

Danielle Shaffer
Dr. Amy Raines was raised on a small farm in eastern North Dakota. She completed her pre-veterinary requirements at North Dakota State University, then off to veterinary school in Ames, Iowa. After graduation in 1988, she took a job in a mixed animal practice in North Dakota and was the only veterinarian for a 90-mile radius. This was her first encounter with Problem-Based Learning. When her husband, Dean, finished his term in the Air Force in 1989, they moved to his home state of Texas, where she became the second DVM in a small animal practice in west Texas. The nearest referral hospital was 4 hours away in Dallas, so if a pet needed a myelogram and a back surgery, she did it!

It was in west Texas that Dr. Raines discovered ratites ( ostriches, emus, rheas, cassowaries, kiwis). The exciting, and sometimes frustrating, thing about working with these birds was that no one knew anything. The best part of the experience was learning new things and then sharing that knowledge with other veterinarians and producers through farm consultations, seminars, wet labs, book chapters and journal articles. She was able to carry out and publish research on the pathogenicity of adenovirus in ostrich chicks in 1994. She also served as the President of the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Ostrich Association (1995-1997), Vice President of the American Ostrich Association (1997), as well as President of the American Ostrich Association (1998-2003).

Dr. Raines joined Banfield, The Pet Hospital, in 1997, and she became Chief of Staff and Hospital Director of the Norman, Oklahoma hospital. She served terms on the Board of Second Chance Animal Sanctuary as Secretary, Vice President, and President. She also volunteered time to mentor senior veterinary students from Oklahoma State University one to two days a week when they came to the sanctuary to perform surgeries on pets prior to adoption.

In February of 2004, Dr. Raines accepted a position as Banfield Medical Director in Southern California, and, in July of 2004, accepted a faculty position with WesternU College of Veterinary Medicine. Her dual role has been exciting and challenging and, as a practitioner who has worked with many veterinarians and students over the years, she believes PBL is the way to learn. She shares her home with husband Dean, son Clancy, 8, three bloodhounds and a cat.

Victoria Voith

Dr. Victoria Lea Voith joined the CVM faculty at WesternU as a Professor of Animal Behavior in July, 2004. Dr. Voith is a graduate of the Ohio State University (OSU) College of Veterinary Medicine. Her interest in the field of animal behavior began while in veterinary school. Immediately after graduation, she began formal studies in the field of behavior and, with two other comparative psychologists, founded an animal behavior clinic in Columbus, Ohio. She and her colleagues were convinced that principles derived from the behavioral sciences could be applied to animal behavior problems—particularly those that, generally, were not being successfully treated by veterinarians. Although solving behavior problems was initially an adjunct to basic science pursuits, over the years the application of scientific principles to treat behavior problems of animals developed into a field of its own.

Dr. Voith is a charter diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists.

Dr. Voith received advanced training in psychology and animal behavior in graduate schools at OSU (MS Ethology) and University of California, Davis (PhD Neuroanatomy/Behavior). She has taught animal behavior at several universities and developed the Animal Behavior Clinic at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine.

She has worked as a visiting scientist and clinical trial investigator for veterinary pharmaceutical companies. Immediately prior to coming to WesternU, she served as city veterinarian for Animal Services in the Environmental Health Department of the City of Albuquerque.

Dr. Voith’s outside interests are search and rescue dogs and almost any horse-related activity. She also likes the water and is looking for people with whom to canoe and kayak.

INTERESTED IN SHAPING THE FUTURE OF THIS WONDERFUL PROFESSION?

The WesternU College of Veterinary Medicine Admissions and Scholastic Standing Committee (ASSC) is looking for veterinarians who are interested in serving on the committee for a 1-year (renewable) term. May 2005-06. Our public members are instrumental in bringing balance and insight into our selection process, and we welcome those who would like to be considered for these membership positions.

Responsibilities include: meeting attendance and participation, candidate selection via file review and interview participation, and annual admissions process evaluation.

Time commitments include:

- **Sept-Dec**—Organizational meetings and some training (2-3 meetings, 3hrs each); some subcommittee/individual work on policy and procedure
- **Jan-Feb**—File review (approximately 24hrs worth of work); interview training (1 meeting, 3-4hrs)
- **Feb**—Interview weeks (4 full days or 8 half days)
- **Mar-Aug**—Organizational meeting for process evaluation (2 meetings, 2 hrs each)

If you are interested in this membership position, please send letter of intent to:

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Thank you for considering this opportunity.
Always In Our Hearts: Stories from the WAVE Program

“The Willed Body Program for Veterinary Medicine, WAVE

The College of Veterinary Medicine’s Reverence for Life Commitment promises that animals will not be harmed for our teaching programs. A key element of this commitment is the WAVE (Willed deceased Animals for Veterinary Education) Program, which reaches out to animal owners like Jaimie to ask that they consider donating their beloved pets’ remains to anatomy and clinical skills education at the College (The WAVE Program is modeled after the Human Willed Body Program at WesternU). Over 500 deceased animals—including beloved friends like Sundance—have been donated to the College in the last two years. These special animals are providing a greater quality of education to future generations of veterinarians.

All donations to WAVE must be deceased due to age, serious illness or injury. An animal that has no owner to approve the donation of its remains will not be accepted. When you know the death of your beloved pet might be imminent, and you live within 40 miles of the College, please ask your veterinarian about donating to WAVE. Your veterinarian may contact Ms. Tami Jones at (909) 469-5597 to make all arrangements.

Always in Our Hearts: Stories from the WAVE Program will appear as regular feature in each issue of Outlook.

“SUNDANCE”
By Jaimie Sun Siegel, DVM ’07

It all started with an argument—an argument between a horse and a trainer. Who would have ever thought that, by being a “bad” and “untrainable” horse, my beloved Sundance would find her way into my heart. But when that trainer decided she was too difficult to work with, he gave her away, free of charge, to an eager little girl who turned out to be her perfect match. Over the next 12 years, Sundance grew old and I grew up; and we held on to each other every step of the way. When it was time to say good-bye to my oldest friend, I knew she had more to give. The WAVE program gave us that chance.

Always In Our Hearts: Stories from the WAVE Program

SUNDANCE
By Jaimie Sun Siegel, DVM ’07
Excitement for third year rotations building

On February 16, 2005, a dozen small animal veterinarians from Los Angeles practices that will serve as sites for third year student rotations in August 2005, came to campus to meet the Class of 2007. It was an exciting day, as students had a chance to hear about the plans we have for them and about the time they will spend learning in practices. Groups of three students will spend two weeks each in a variety of practice disciplines. Four of the sixteen two-week rotations will be completed in a small animal practice setting, one of those being an emergency clinic setting. A Q&A session between the veterinarians and the students was preceded by a two-hour lunch meeting with the Clinical Site Coordinators, to appraise them of the goals and objectives that the College has for the students in their practices. The excitement from the CSCs almost matches that of the students who are about to embark on this adventure in their education.

ABOVE: Students in the Class of 2007 listening to presentations by third year small animal rotation Clinical Site Coordinators. From right, Mike Kavanagh, Jennifer Nudelman, Kathleen Johnson, Hillary Hickam, Nicki Field, Ciara Vollaro, Sybil Polanco, Pernilla Edstrom and Lisa Price.

LEFT: Dean Johnston (at podium) and Associate Dean Robert Mason (in doorway) introduce the Class of 2007 to third year small animal rotation Clinical Site Coordinators.

“I, who had had my heart full for hours, took advantage of an early moment of solitude, to cry in it very bitterly. Suddenly a little hairy head thrust itself from behind my pillow into my face, rubbing its ears and nose against me in responsive agitation, and drying the tears as they came.”

-- Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Each of us has experienced the comfort of an animal companion. They touch our hearts with their quiet, inquiring eyes and are contented to be our companions throughout all of our joys and sorrows.

As a school of veterinary medicine, we have taken the health of all animals into our hearts in the same way that these gentle friends unquestioningly accept our human struggles. They have become our work. Let our work become part of your work. A gift to the College of Veterinary Medicine will help educate the veterinarians who take such good care of our gentle friends. Each gift makes a tremendous impact on our small, pace-setting community. Your confidence in and support of our mission speaks volumes.

To make your gift, call (909) 469-5678.

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CVM Calendar

Feb 28-Mar 4.......................................................... Midterms Week
Mar 7-11.......................................................... DVM Students’ Spring Break
Mar 10-13......................... AAVMC 2005 Annual Meeting & Iverson Bell Symposium
Mar 16-18.......................................................... CARES Symposium
Mar 21-22.......................................................... Faculty search interviews
May 9-13.......................................................... Finals Week
Jul 7-9.......................................................... 2nd International Conference on Communication in Veterinary Medicine (ICCVM) Blue Mountain Village Resort, Collingwood, Ontario
Jul 16-20.......................................................... Annual AVMA Meeting, Minneapolis
Aug 1.......................................................... First day of Orientation, Class of 2009 First day of Practice Management Course, Class of 2007
Aug 6........................ University Convocation and CVM White Coat Ceremony
Aug 8........................ First day of class, 2005-2006 academic year
MISSION STATEMENT:

The College of Veterinary Medicine is committed to serving society and animals through the preparation of students for the practice of veterinary medicine, veterinary public health and/or veterinary research in an educational program of self-directed learning, reverence for life and clinical education through strategic partnerships. The college sustains a vibrant diverse faculty by encouraging advancement through personal and professional development and research. This creates an environment of competent, caring, ethical professionals, where cooperative learning, public service, and scholarship can flourish.