



SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, January 14, 2007
ALUMNI RECEPTION AT NAVC
7:00-9:00 pm
Marriott World Center
Orlando, FL

Monday, February 19, 2007
ALUMNI RECEPTION AT WVC
7:30-9:30 pm
Mandalay Bay Hotel
Las Vegas, NV

Saturday, September 8, 2007
ALUMNI REUNION & COMEBACK
CELEBRATING THE REUNIONS OF CLASSES 1987, 1992, 1997, AND 2002
Grafton Campus

Please contact Sara Fish in the Alumni Relations Office at (508) 839-7976 or vetalumni@tufts.edu with any questions or to RSVP for any events.

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DEAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Tufts Alums,

The most exciting news of the fall semester came in October, when we learned of two generous gifts by friends of Cummings. Gabe Schmergel, a member of our Board of Overseers, and his wife Valerie structured a \$1 million gift that will support the Cummings Veterinary Fund (unrestricted support that includes student financial aid), an internship in Wildlife Medicine, and Wildlife Clinic operations. The Schmergels' generous gift recognizes the work of the Wildlife Clinic faculty and staff and provides key funding for their efforts.

Agnes Varis, also a long-time supporter of the veterinary school and member of the Board of Overseers and Board of Trustees of the university, will provide a \$4 million naming gift for a planned campus center. Preliminary plans for the center were created with input from students and faculty and include an expanded campus dining area, spaces for students to study, relax, exercise and conduct student organization and bookstore business, and space for faculty offices. The proposed site for the new center is a historic brick building located centrally on campus. The naming gift provides tremendous momentum towards a long-cherished goal at Cummings of a campus center that will serve as a focal point for interaction and collegiality across the school. We will now complete the planning for the building and seek additional philanthropic support with the hope of commencing construction in the coming year.

Both of these wonderful gifts resulted from the work of many, but especially of our advancement team led by Shelley Rodman and Brian Lee. In addition many faculty members have contributed by graciously giving of their time to support advancement efforts.

If you are on campus, please stop by the Dean's Office. I look forward to meeting more of you as my time at



Dean Deborah T. Kochevar

Cummings continues. The first three months have been busy and exciting and have assured me that Cummings is an outstanding place to be!

Best Regards,

Deborah T. Kochevar, DVM, PhD, DACVCP
Dean

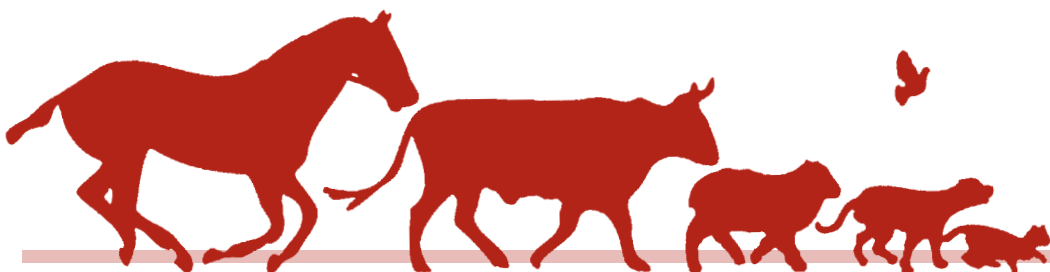
P.S. Preparing to go to press we received more good news! David McGrath, V86, and his wife Donna have pledged \$1.5 million for the campus center. We are well on our way!

ALUMNI REUNION & COMEBACK

Alumni from all over New England and other parts of the country gathered on campus on Saturday, September 9, 2006 to celebrate the annual Reunion & Comeback. The classes of 1986, 1991, 1996, and 2001 enjoyed their milestone 20th, 15th, 10th, and 5th reunions. Alumni from all classes enjoyed Open House with their families, a picnic lunch, continuing education, and then a wine country themed reception and dinner where Dr. Linda Ross was inducted into the Faculty Hall of Fame, Dr. Lisa Freeman J86, V91, NG96 received the Outstanding Alumnus Award, and many got to meet our new Dean, Dr. Deborah Kochevar, for the first time. Save the date for next year - Reunion & Comeback is scheduled for Saturday, September 8, 2007! Please contact Sara Fish in the Alumni Relations Office at (508) 839-7976 or email VetAlumni@Tufts.edu for more information or if you would like to get involved in the planning for your class reunion.

Front row: Gretchen Kaufman's daughter, Ronna Kabler's daughter, Bonnie McCarthur's daughter, Jeff Kaplan's son.

Second row: Ronna Kabler, Susan Zuroff & Dwight Baghdoyan's daughter, Bonnie McCarthur's daughter, Michele Kudisch, Michele Kudisch's daughter, Mary Patterson, Katrina Altmaier's daughter, Katrina Altmaier. **Third row:** Elaine Gilleece, Gretchen Kaufman, Susan Zuroff, Bonnie McCarthur, Liz Bradt's daughter. **Last Row:** Terry Norton, Tom deMaar, Dwight Baghdoyan, Michael Court, John Rosseel, Tom Crosson, Liz Bradt, John Barton.



TUFTS UNIVERSITY VETERINARY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, 2006

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear fellow alumni,

As we celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, I am inspired to think about all the reasons why I am thankful for my time spent at Tufts. Not only am I thankful for the education and clinical experience that I received, but I am thankful for what the Cummings School has become on a whole. We can hold our heads high when we think about the fact that we are alumni from a school that is one of the best vet schools in the country, a school that is a major player in the biotech world, and a school that has produced so many local, and in some cases, nationally or world-wide community leaders. If you are thankful for all of the ways Tufts has helped you become who you are today, I hope you will consider becoming more involved in the Tufts community - become a class representative for the Veterinary Alumni Association where you can help shape alumni and student programs, get involved with student mentoring or PBL where you can share your knowledge and experience with future Tufts alumni, and support the Cummings Veterinary Fund by making a donation that will assist student financial aid, the hospitals, or the area of greatest need. I invite you to join the Cummings Veterinary Fund 25 Club by donating just \$25 for each year since you've graduated. We are entering yet another stage in our development with the arrival of Dean Kochevar, taking us into an exciting period in the 21st century. I hope you will take a few minutes to think about how Tufts has affected your life, and the many reasons for which we can all be so thankful.

Sincerely,



William D. Rosenblad V95
 President, Tufts University Veterinary Alumni Association



Bill Rosenblad, V95

VETERINARY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SEEKS CLASS REPS

Would you like to become more involved with alumni and TCSVM activities? Become a class representative for the Tufts University Veterinary Alumni Association (TUVAA)! It's easy - just join us for dinner and share your ideas for alumni and student activities. The TUVAA meets on a quarterly basis, the next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 17, 2007** on campus. If you are interested in joining, or would like more information, please contact Sara Fish in the Alumni Office at vetalumni@tufts.edu or call 508-839-7976.

VETS FOR DIVERSITY

Vets for Diversity (VFD) is an organization open to students, alumni, faculty and staff that recently started to foster diversity on campus and establish a friendly environment for students from various backgrounds. The group works to promote learning about the diversity on campus and hosts various activities such as panel discussions on what diversity can bring to the veterinary field, the cultural settings of current events, and issues involving ethnicity, religion, culture, orientation, race and gender that effect the TCSVM campus. Also, this organization hosts various recreational activities aimed at bringing the entire Tufts community together.

Currently, the group is seeking Tufts alumni speakers to talk to students about personal experiences of working with clients of diverse cultures, ethnicities and orientations, and understanding how different cultures and countries view animal care. VFD would also love to hear from alumni of color and/or of different orientations who had to face challenges starting in the field of veterinary medicine and how they overcame those challenges.

Another one of VFD's goals is to allow students to assist underprivileged animal owners in Worcester and Boston. The group would like to match students with doctors who offer low-cost healthcare to pets in either their own clinics, non-profit organizations, or shelters. Are you a veterinarian in the Worcester or Boston area that helps underprivileged neighborhoods by providing this type of care? If so, VFD would like to have students work with you on a regular basis (possibly for selective credit) in order for them to have a sense of what it's like to work in those special circumstances.

If you would like to get involved, please contact the Alumni Relations Office at VetAlumni@Tufts.edu or call (508) 839-7976.

From the Horse's Mouth

V86

Jeff Kaplan writes "Recipe for exhaustion: Mix one veterinarian with thousands of feline patients and their devoted-in-the-extreme owners over the course of twenty years. Stir in one wife and four children. Blend thoroughly!"

V95

Helen Januszewski tells us that "2005 was a very good year!" Her daughter, Sophia Rose was born (three weeks late!) on October 20, 2005. She joins Cecilia, who is now four. Helen is still working part-time at Buck Hill Veterinary Service, a large animal ambulatory practice in Spencer, Mass. that she joined in 1997. She says "I love being home with the kinds and I love getting out and engaging my brain...and speaking in complete sentences - which doesn't always happen at home..."

Rob Nicholson began working at TCSVM as a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Teaching and Research Resources in March of 2006. He tells us that he loves being back at Tufts. Rob and **Deb Veo Nicholson V95** live in Upton, Mass. with their cats, chickens, and sheep.

V96

Ellen (Messner) Rogers tells us that she started attending art school with an interest in combining art and science. She will be a Junior at the Maine College of Art in Portland, Maine in the Fall of 2006.

V97

Mich Chen says "California weather is great; I am sorry for everyone in the snow!"

V98

Hilary Wheeler reports that she is still practicing in Morgan Hill, Calif. doing small animal medicine and surgery. She recently graduated from the IVAS acupuncture course and tells us that she is gradually and successfully integrating acupuncture into her veterinary practice. Hilary is also busy at home with her new baby, Carisse Donohoe, born May 11, 2006, who is "under the watchful eye of her three-year-old big brother, Aiden." She says "life is incredibly busy but we are enjoying all the changes."

V99

Jennifer Dunlap tells us "my equine veterinary practice has reached our three year goal with construction of a new clinic. St. Bernard rescue and rehabilitating Thoroughbreds off the track continue to be a prime focus in her spare time.

Kelly Wolfenson Guay reports that she, Gil, and stepson Andrew Guay, welcomed a baby girl, Gabriella Maria, on March 31, 2006. She weighed 8lbs and was 20.5 inches long. As of her 7th month birthday, Gabriella is now 29" and 21 1/4 lbs. She loves animals (Kelly says it is a "good things with five pets!") and is working on trying to walk with help.

V00

True Ballas reports that "after six years of Emergency/Critical Care, I finally decided to reclaim my life, my health, my relationships, and quit my job!" True is now doing relief work in New Mexico and "plotting ways to improve the appalling state of existence for most animals in New Mexico."

Kelly Bentley tells us "my husband Neil and I welcomed a son, Ryan, on April 26, 2006. He joins big brother, Colin." Kelly continues to work part-time at the Weston Veterinary Clinic with **Neil Storey V97** and **Mike Krawshuk V97**.

V02

Lisa Swanson recently married Chris Stanley in Vail, Colorado. They currently live in Denver while Chris finishes his medical residency. They eventually hope to settle near their families in South Dakota. Lisa says "Classmates, please let us know if you come out this way!"

V03

Natalie (Staryk) Paul and her husband, Michael, welcomed a son named Anthony in March of 2006. She tells us that Anthony is very active and likes animals.

V04

Wendy Haumaier is an associate in a small animal/exotic general and referral practice. Since graduation her grandchild, Jacob, was born on December 23, 2004 and another grandson is due in December of 2006. Wendy attended ICE 2005 and the ACVIM conference in 2005 and 2006.

Mina Khoii

(pictured here with her boyfriend John) is enjoying living and working in Hawaii on the Island of Oahu.



V05

Rebecca Quinn tells us that she is enjoying her new life as a Texan and an internal medicine resident at A&M.

Meagan Smith reports that she is in her first year of a two-year residency program in Equine Field Service and Sports Medicine.

10TH ANNUAL OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS AWARD PRESENTED TO LISA FREEMAN

As an accomplished leader in the field of veterinary medicine, Dr. Lisa M. Freeman J86, V91, NG96 was chosen as the 2006 recipient of the Outstanding Alumnus Award. Dr. Freeman accepted the award at the Veterinary Alumni Reunion on September 7, 2006. This award is intended to honor the selected individual for the good name that he or she brings to Tufts University Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine, the veterinary profession, and their community through their distinguished accomplishments.

Lisa is a long standing colleague and friend to me, our school, and our profession. Her enthusiasm for teaching and clinical research touches so many people in our community. She really is an outstanding alumnus of our school! – Steve Rowell V83, Recipient of 1998 Outstanding Alumnus Award



Dr. Steve Rowell and Dr. Lisa Freeman

DR. LINDA ROSS INDUCTED INTO TUVAA FACULTY HALL OF FAME



Dr. Linda Ross

Last year, the Tufts University Veterinary Alumni Association solicited nominations from veterinary alumni for inductions into the newly created "Faculty Hall of Fame". This honor was created to acknowledge faculty members for their outstanding commitment to excellence in teaching. One or more faculty members will be inducted annually to recognize, encourage and maintain the exceptional teaching at our school.

A respected professor at Tufts University Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Linda A. Ross was chosen by TCSVM alumni as this year's inductee into the Faculty Hall of Fame. A certificate was presented to Dr. Ross at the Veterinary Alumni Reunion on September 7, 2006, and her name has been added to the plaque displayed in the lobby outside of the Varis Lecture Hall.

I'm very honored to receive this award. I have been at Tufts' Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine almost since its beginning, and have taught every veterinary student that has graduated. I have devoted most of my professional career to teaching and to Tufts, and becoming a member of the Faculty Hall of Fame means a great deal to me. Thank you!! – Dr. Linda Ross

VETERINARY SCHOOL UP TO THE "CHALLENGE"



Front row: Dean Kochevar, (Molly), Debbie Linder V09, Lindsey Nielsen V09, Kevin Koernig V09, Caitlin Vincent V09, Rebecca Russo **Back row:** Nadia Stegeman V08, Janine Calabro V08, Emily Christenson V08, Kerrienne Kalbko V07, Lisa Freeman V91 **Not shown:** Sam Jennings V08, David Ndegwa, Theresa Pancotto V07, John Rush, Rob Simoni V00

Sixteen members of the Cummings Veterinary School community will be among the 200 Tufts runners participating in the 5th Annual President's Marathon Challenge. Dean Deborah Kochevar will set the pace for the Grafton delegation as they compete in the Boston Marathon on Monday, April 16, 2007. Tufts President Larry Bacow challenges each runner to raise \$2,500 for the university (students only have to raise \$1000). The Cummings contingent will direct their sponsorship to the acquisition of fitness equipment for the exercise room in the new Campus Center. To learn more and to support our runners, go to <http://www.tuftsmarathonchallenge.com/>

Team Jumbo West

Rob Simoni	Pathology Resident (and V00)
Janine Calabro	V08
Caitlin Vincent	V09
Kevin J. Koernig	V09
Debbie Linder	V09
John Rush	Dept. of Clinical Sciences
Lisa Freeman	Dept. of Clinical Sciences (and V91)
Rebecca Russo	Admissions
Nadia Stegeman	V08
Theresa Pancotto	V07
Kerrienne Kalbko	V07
David M. Ndegwa	Dept. of Biomedical Sciences
Debbie Kochevar	Dean
Emily Christenson	V08
Lindsey Nielsen	V09
Sam Jennings	V08

STUDENT RESEARCH DAY

Covering topics ranging from cellular signaling, to avian influenza, to wildlife health and ecology, 31 Tufts' Cummings Veterinary School students presented their summer research discoveries at the school's annual Veterinary Student Research Day on October 18th. These presentations represented tremendous effort by students and their faculty mentors, whose research was funded the National Institutes of Health (NIH) as well as private organizations.

The following students earned cash prizes based on their written reports and oral

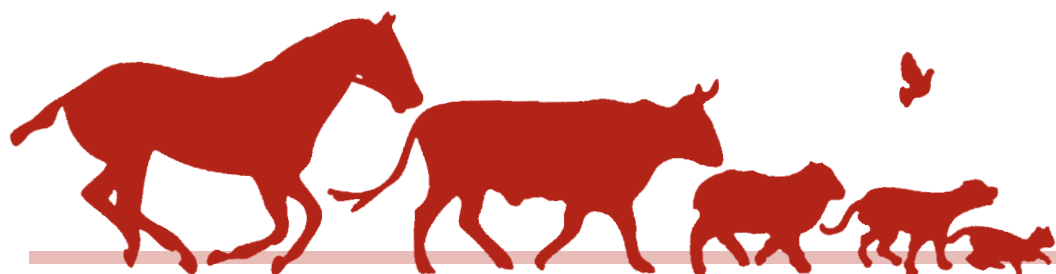
presentations of their NIH-funded research projects:

- **1ST PLACE:** Cona Anwer V08, (mentored by Dr. Dominik Faissler), "Outcome of Dorsal Laminectomy in Dogs as a Treatment for Cervical Dorso-Lateral Spinal Cord Compression"
- **2ND PLACE:** Joanne Schumacher V08, (mentored by Dr. Abhineet Sheroan), "Monoclonal Antibody Therapy Following Lethal Shiga Toxin Injection in Mice"

- **3RD PLACE:** Marcie Lipper V08, (mentored by Dr. Art Donohue-Rolfe), "Lambda Red-Mediated Recombinogenic Engineering of the Toxin-Converting Phage of Enterohemorrhagic E. coli"

Tufts launched the student summer research program in 1990 to encourage veterinary students to learn how to conduct basic and clinical research under the mentorship of faculty. The program has grown increasingly popular among third-year students interested in applying their skills toward advancing animal and/or human health through veterinary research.

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WELCOME CLASS OF 2010

On Monday, August 28th eighty enthusiastic individuals began their tenure as veterinary students in the class of 2010 here at the Cummings School. The class is comprised of a diverse group of future veterinarians:

TUFTS UNIVERSITY

Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine Class of 2010

Total Applications	696
Class Size	80
Number of Massachusetts Residents	42
Mean Undergraduate GPA	3.58
Mean GRE Scores	
Verbal	600
Quantitative	700
Analytical	5.0
Mean Age	25
Range	21-45
Number with Advanced Degrees	8
Male/Female Ratio	9/71
	11%/89%

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

Animal Behavior	1
Animal Physiology & Neuroscience	1
Animal Science	21
Animal Science/Management	1
Applied Psychology	1
Biochemistry	1
Biochemistry & Molecular Biology	1
Biology	32
Biology/Animal Science	2
Biology/Archaeology	1
Biology/Chemistry	1
Biology/English	1
Biology/History	1
Biology/Psychology	1
Biopsychology/English	1
Brain and Cognitive Sciences	1
Combined Sciences	1
Communications	1
Ecology & Evolutionary Biology/English	1
Environmental Studies	1
History/Fine Arts	1
Medical Biology	1
Molecular and Cellular Biology	1
Neuroscience	2
Psychology	1
Romance Languages - Hispanic Study	1
Zoology	1

TOP FOUR UNDERGRADUATE INSTITUTIONS

Cornell University	6
University of Massachusetts at Amherst	6
University of Vermont	5
University of New Hampshire	4

TO: The TCSVM Alumni Community
FROM: Dr. George Saperstein
SUBJECT: Become a Part of our Azuluna™ Project

Do you or do you have a client who keeps laying hens and would like to make some extra cash? We are working under a USDA grant to produce premium branded livestock products from local producers for local consumers. The brand is called Azuluna™ and one of our products is blue-green table eggs from Ameraucana chickens. The birds are fed a balanced diet and given access to pasture. More about the brand and process can be found at our website www.azulunabrands.com. Whole Foods would like to sell these branded eggs at their stores in Providence,

RI, Hadley, MA, and West Hartford, CT. We are also supplying Roche Brothers supermarkets in Acton and Sudbury, MA and need producers to take over as suppliers for them. If you know of any prospective producers, ask them to call Dr. George Saperstein (508-839-8725). We will sell them ready-to-lay pullets at cost in the spring of 2007, train them to process the eggs, provide the processing equipment, and sell them the labels and packaging. They will receive \$1.75 per half dozen for the eggs delivered to the store and their names may be used by the store in their advertising.

What's New with You?

Inquiring minds want to know!

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