

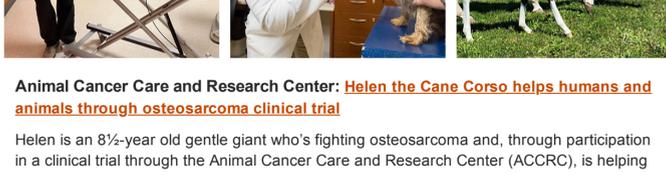
June 2023



Small Animal Community Practice re-energized in its commitment to clients and students

Small Animal Community Practice – CPRAC, commonly pronounced “SEE-prak” – is a clinic within the Veterinary Teaching Hospital at the college that accepts pets from a 35-mile radius of Blacksburg.

Hospital Success Stories



Animal Cancer Care and Research Center: Helen the Cane Corso helps humans and animals through osteosarcoma clinical trial

Helen is an 8½-year old gentle giant who’s fighting osteosarcoma and, through participation in a clinical trial through the Animal Cancer Care and Research Center (ACCR), is helping develop a new cancer treatment.

Veterinary Teaching Hospital: Eye tissue from one dog used to save another dog’s eye at Virginia Tech veterinary hospital

Clinicians at the college used corneal tissue from an eyeball lost by a dog brought into the hospital’s emergency room hours earlier, with consent from the owner, to replace that taken during a surgery to remove cancer from the eyeball of another.

Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center: Race against time: Saving the life of a newborn foal after complicated ‘red bag delivery’

Lacey Assets (Lacey), an 18-year-old paint broodmare suffering a first-time bout of placentitis, and her newborn foal were admitted to the Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center (EMC) in Leesburg, Virginia, as an emergency.

Around the College



Margie Lee named associate dean for research and graduate studies at veterinary college

Margie Lee '82, DVM '86, among the third class of graduates from the college in 1986 and one of its earliest Black graduates, has been head of the college’s Department of Biomedical Sciences and Pathobiology since 2018.



Bonnie Smith honored with emerita status

Bonnie Smith, associate professor of biomedical sciences and pathobiology in the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech, has been conferred the title of associate professor emerita by the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors.



\$300,000 seed planted in neurotrauma research consortium hoping to harvest multimillion-dollar grants

Michelle Theus is the program director of the new consortium for neurotrauma research, which has been awarded a \$300,000 seed grant by Fraun Life Sciences Institute for the purpose of building a research team and engaging in groundbreaking scientific investigation of TBI and its long-term effects to compete for multimillion-dollar program grants from the National Institutes of Health and the Department of Defense.



CareCredit accepted at veterinary college’s three teaching hospitals

Clients of Virginia Tech’s three veterinary hospitals now have a new way to pay. Financing pets’ veterinary care through CareCredit has been available since April at all three of the hospitals of the college – the Animal Cancer Care and Research Center in Roanoke, the Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center in Leesburg, and the Veterinary Teaching Hospital in the college’s main building at Virginia Tech.



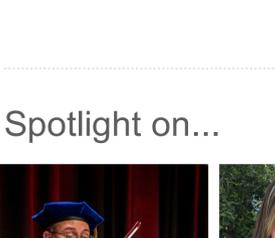
Appalachian drinking water quality and health data lacking, Virginia Tech-led study finds

Alasdair Cohen, assistant professor of environmental epidemiology in public health, has studied drinking water and health challenges in rural areas internationally and in California. Since arriving at Virginia Tech in 2019, he has been studying similar issues in rural Appalachia.



Stantons’ full-tuition scholarship gift makes veterinary college possible for Lemus of 2026 class

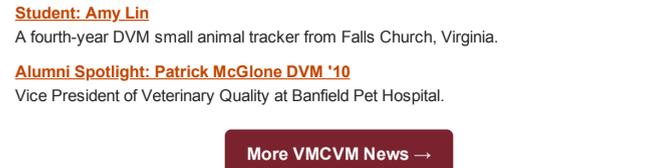
Michael and Jennifer Stanton had never stepped on the campus of the college when they financed their first four-year full-tuition scholarship in 2018. But now, it is Lemus, benefiting from the Stantons’ generosity, having completed her first year of studies as the latest recipient of the Michael and Jennifer Stanton Family Pet Veterinary Scholarship.



Jessica Dolinger to enhance pharmaceutical care at Veterinary Teaching Hospital

Jessica Dolinger recently joined the college as the pharmacy supervisor, who will oversee the day-to-day operations of the hospital’s pharmacy and support clinical services. Her responsibilities include administrative decisions, prescription fulfillment for outpatient and inpatient services, and interdepartmental collaboration to improve processes and care.

Spotlight on...



Faculty Spotlight: Tom Cecere '01, DVM '05, Ph.D. '12, DACVP–Anatomic Pathology

Assistant Head for DVM Curriculum Coordination and Associate Professor of Anatomic Pathology.

Student: Amy Lin

A fourth-year DVM small animal tracker from Falls Church, Virginia.

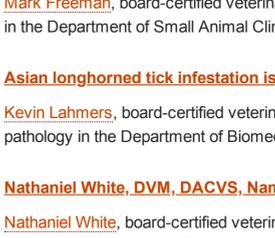
Alumni Spotlight: Patrick McGlone DVM '10

Vice President of Veterinary Quality at Banfield Pet Hospital.

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Kendall Taney among fewer than 20 recognized as American Veterinary Dental College Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Fellows

Kendall Taney '97, DVM '02, owner of the Center for Veterinary Dentistry and Oral Surgery in Gaithersburg, Maryland, is now one of the most highly recognized experts in how to help animals suffering from dental pain.

Vet Med in the News

Fourth of July story ideas: grilling safety, beer & food pairings, pets & fireworks, sun safety

The best dog food for weight loss of 2023, with tips from veterinarians

Mark Freeman, board-certified veterinarian and assistant professor of community practice in the Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences.

Asian longhorned tick infestation is a threat to Virginia livestock, including cattle

Kevin Lahmers, board-certified veterinarian and clinical associate professor of anatomic pathology in the Department of Biomedical Sciences and Pathobiology.

Nathaniel White, DVM, DACVS, Named 2023 Equine Industry Vision Award Winner

Nathaniel White, board-certified veterinarian and professor emeritus of equine surgery at the Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center.

Graduation inspiration for veterinarians at every stage of their careers

Bonnie Smith, associate professor emerita of anatomy, embryology, and physiology in the Department of Biomedical Sciences and Pathobiology.

Antibiotics for Goats: Availability and Usage

Kevin D. Pelzer, board-certified veterinarian and professor of production management medicine and epidemiology in the Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences.

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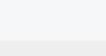
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