

Vet Med News

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Animal Cancer Care and Research Center opening a grand occasion for region's pets

Following the relocation and expansion of the oncology service from the Veterinary Teaching Hospital in Blacksburg, VA-MD Vet Med's state-of-the-art [Animal Cancer Care and Research Center](#) in Roanoke, Virginia, formally opened to treat patients.

A comprehensive cancer care and clinical research center offering integrated services, including medical, surgical, and radiation oncology, and frontline cancer diagnostics and treatment for dogs and cats, the center has begun the search for a permanent director to lead its team of cancer experts.

Around the College



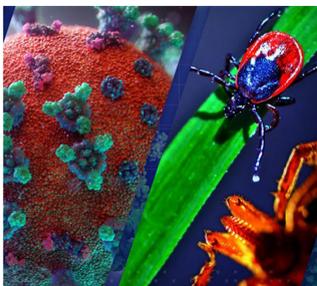
Virtual HokieTalk to be facilitated by Dean Givens

On Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. ET, Virginia Tech experts will explore COVID-19 policies and practices for the present, and important lessons from the past. Facilitator Daniel Givens, VA-MD Vet Med dean, will be joined by professor of history Tom Ewing, veterinary social worker Trish Haak of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, and professor of hospitality and tourism Nancy McGehee. Please register to receive a link for the event.



Annual competition brings together interprofessional students

VA-MD Vet Med's One Health Working Group held its annual One Health Case Competition on Nov. 7, in conjunction with international One Health Day, which falls on Nov. 3 every year. Held virtually on Zoom, the event included 15 student teams that collaborated to solve complex cases using a One Health approach.



New center announces team-building pilot grant awards

Drawing from the diverse faculty expertise within the Center for Emerging, Zoonotic, and Arthropod-borne Pathogens, a pilot grant program has funded 10 interdisciplinary teams to tackle complex zoonotic and vector-borne emerging infectious disease problems. VA-MD Vet Med researchers include Department of Biomedical Sciences and Pathobiology faculty Coy Allen, Nisha Duggal, Mohamed Seleem, James Weger-Lucarelli, and Lijuan Yuan.



2020 Zoetis award winners

Congratulations to Katie Boes, clinical associate professor of clinical pathology in the Department of Biomedical Sciences and Pathobiology, and Sherrie Clark, professor of theriogenology in the Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences, who received the Zoetis Distinguished Veterinary Teacher Award and the Zoetis Award for Veterinary Research Excellence, respectively.



COVID-19 repository for social scientists' response to pandemic

Virginia Tech's Institute for Society, Culture, and Environment is highlighting the research and expertise of the university's social scientists by way of a COVID-19 publication repository. Among those represented is Charlotte Baker, assistant professor of epidemiology in the Department of Population Health Sciences, who has been tapped by the media on multiple occasions to provide expertise during the pandemic.

Vet Med Alumni

[VA-MD Vet Med Alumni online](#) →



Alumna serves the world

A dual-degree graduate of VA-MD Vet Med who has traveled widely to promote global health and food security, veterinarian Lauren Dodd (MPH '19, MS '19) continued a family legacy of service when she commissioned into the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps in February. Capt. Dodd is in training at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, after which she'll be stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky, for three years.



In memory

Havah Beth Haskell (DVM '02) died Nov. 1, having battled breast cancer since early 2019. Upon completion of her veterinary degree, Haskell relocated to Arizona and eventually purchased, expanded, and sold Rolling Hills Pet Clinic, where she served as a talented and compassionate veterinarian, helping clients and their pets throughout southern Arizona.

Have a job posting?
Want to participate in student mentorship?

Enter your information in the [VMCVM Alumni/Practitioner-Student Exchange](#) to connect with the resources you need by sharing the resources you have. This page is shared with students, alumni, and practitioners in Virginia, Maryland, and West Virginia.

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Vet Med in the News

No One Really Knows How Long COVID Virus Lives on Food, Scientists Confirm

EAT THIS, NOT THAT!

Virginia Tech Awarded USDA Grant to Study Survival of SARS-CoV-2 on Food Supply Chain Surfaces

GLOBAL BIODEFENSE

SARS-CoV-2 deactivation on surfaces in 30 seconds with a copper paste

NEWS-MEDICAL.NET

Physical Rehabilitation at Veterinary College Enhances Pet's Quality of Life

VITAL VET

Losing Your Best Friend: Coping with a pet's death is never easy, but there are resources available

RICHMOND MAGAZINE

Time-tested Heaves Medication Options

EQUUS

Avoid Large Gatherings – Especially Those Outside Households – During Holiday Season, Say Virginia Tech Experts

HEALTH NEWS DIGEST.COM

Comprehensive cancer center for pets opens in Roanoke with dual mission to develop new treatments for humans

THE ROANOKE TIMES

Saving our Pets, Saving Ourselves; Finding New Cancer Treatments

WVTF

Swiss veterinarian traveling to U.S. to perform rare surgery on Marion dog

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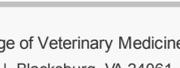
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