

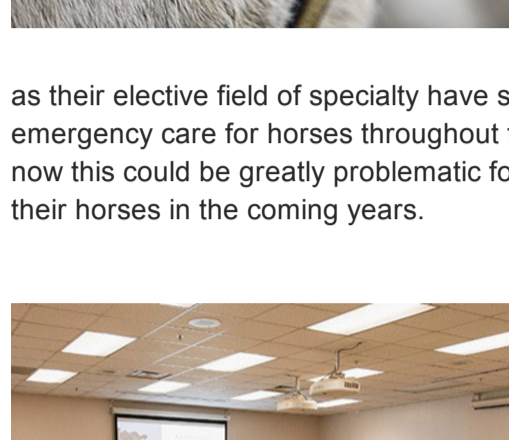
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Veterinary college alumni at forefront of effort to contain avian flu and its impacts

From personally escorting a sample on a flight from Virginia to Iowa for testing, to joining a delegation on a trans-Pacific flight to Japan to convince trading partners the U.S. poultry supply is safe, alumni from the college are on the front lines in the battle to control the impacts of the highly pathogenic avian influenza outbreak.

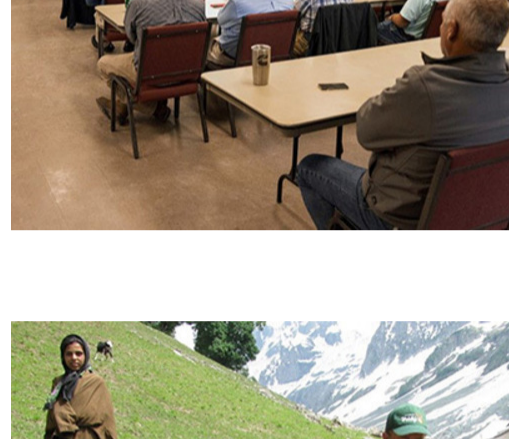
Around the College



Equine Veterinary Crisis - sustaining emergency and critical care services in an ever-changing landscape

There is a crisis silently brewing in the equine veterinary world.

The combination of older veterinarians leaving the field, current equine veterinarians leaving for better pay and work/life balance, and fewer numbers of veterinary students choosing equine as their elective field of specialty have seriously affected the availability of primary and emergency care for horses throughout the United States and beyond. And, if nothing is done now this could be greatly problematic for horse owners who need to seek medical care for their horses in the coming years.



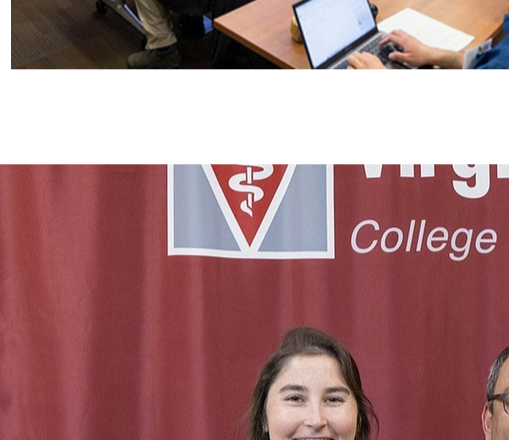
Veterinary college, Department of Corrections continue to benefit from two-decade partnership

Aligned by the common goal of improving Virginia agriculture, the college and the Virginia Department of Corrections continue to reap the benefits of a partnership now more than two decades old.



Veterinary college alum Bruce Bowman carries serving others to new heights around the world

Bruce Bowman has made a life and a living serving veterinary clients in his native Shenandoah Valley and citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia, but his Ut Prosim ("That I may serve") commitment has also overflowed across the oceans to the highest mountain passes on Earth.



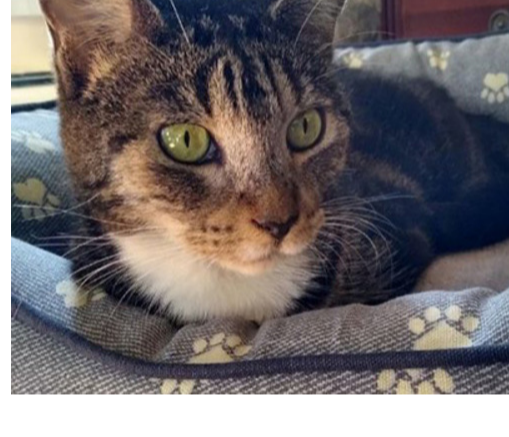
Mid-Atlantic regional workshop at Virginia Tech highlights value of T32 research training program for veterinarians

The scientific community needs more veterinarian scientists for biomedical research. A federal grant program administered at Virginia Tech is helping fulfill that need.



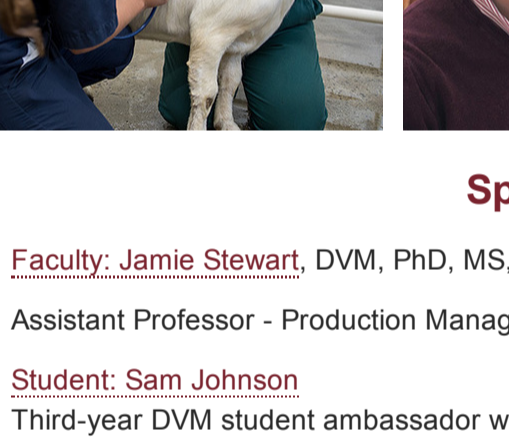
Something to be grateful for

On March 4, the veterinary college hosted the Evening of Gratitude, an annual event that celebrates and shows gratitude for the donors who have so generously supported the college.



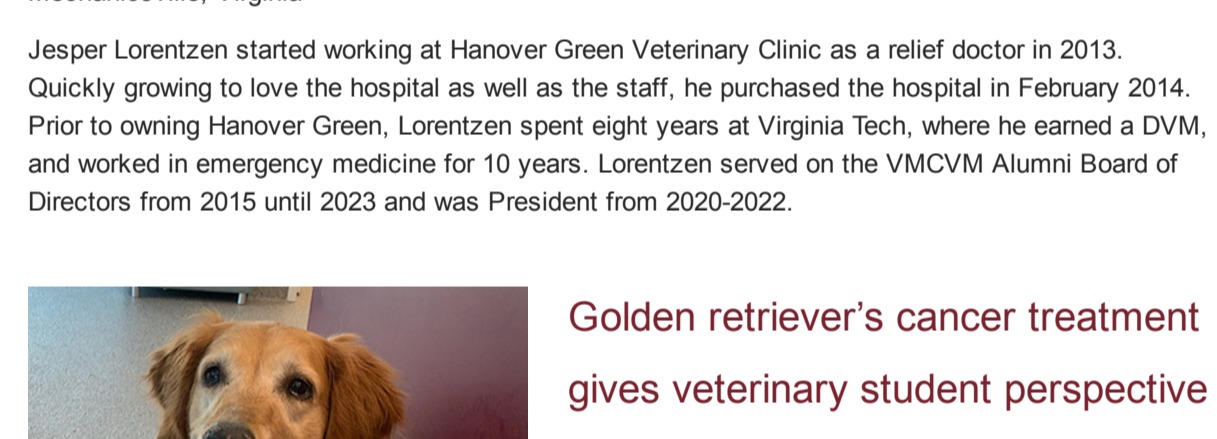
Latinx Veterinary Medical Association Chapter creates a home away from home

The college's Latinx Veterinary Medical Association (LVMA) chapter brings together people from across the college by hosting events like trivia nights, lunch and learns, and panels where Latinx/Hispanic faculty speak on their experiences in the field and the challenges they've faced.



Mona Lisa keeps making smiles thanks to cancer treatment, Petco Love funds

When adopting a cat, some people pick out their new feline friend from pictures online. For Gary and Rebecca Davis, Mona Lisa—Mony for short—was different.



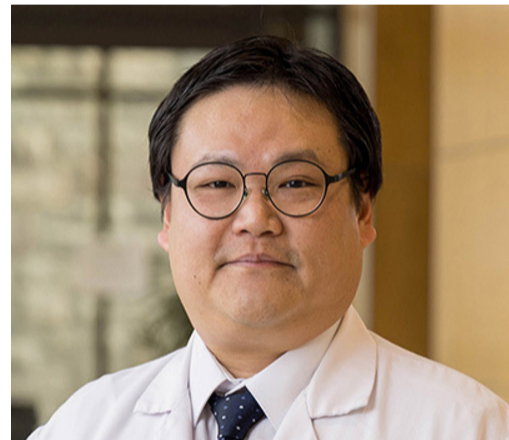
Spotlight on...

Faculty: [Jamie Stewart, DVM, PhD, MS, DACT](#)
Assistant Professor - Production Management Medicine

Student: [Sam Johnson](#)
Third-year DVM student ambassador who is a big Dolly Parton fan and knew he wanted to become a DVM student at the age of 5!

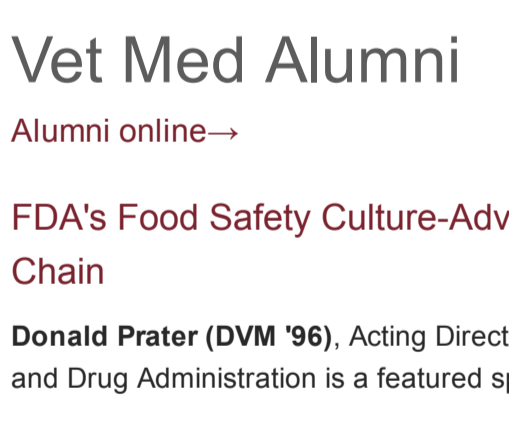
Alumni: [Jesper Lorentzen \(B.S. '00, DVM '04\)](#)
Owner, Hanover Green Veterinary Clinic
Mechanicsville, Virginia

Jesper Lorentzen worked at Hanover Green Veterinary Clinic as a relief doctor in 2013. Quickly growing to love the hospital as well as the staff, he purchased the hospital in February 2014. Prior to owning Hanover Green, Lorentzen spent eight years at Virginia Tech, where he earned a DVM, and worked in emergency medicine for 10 years. Lorentzen served on the VMCVM Alumni Board of Directors from 2015 until 2023 and was President from 2020-2022.



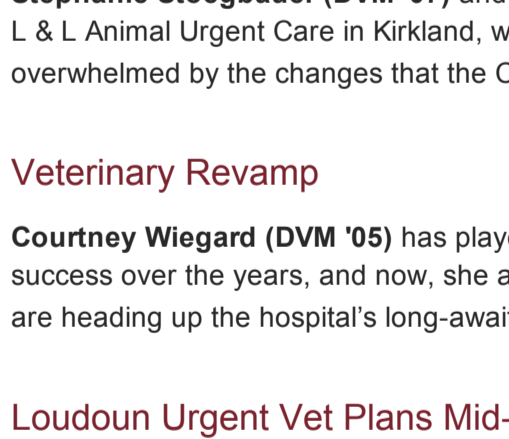
Golden retriever's cancer treatment gives veterinary student perspective as pet owner

A dog owner, a veterinary clinic assistant and a veterinary college student might see advanced radiation treatment of a pet from somewhat different perspectives. But Taylor Layton sees it from all three at once.



New clinician Songster-Alpin embraces teaching, spectrum of care

[Mary Songster-Alpin](#) has joined the college as a clinical assistant professor at the [Small Animal Community Practice](#).



From big cats to Blacksburg: Li-Jen Chang joins veterinary college

[Li-Jen Chang](#) recently joined the college as a clinical assistant professor of [veterinary anesthesia and pain management](#). In this position, Chang will spend most of his time working at the [Veterinary Teaching Hospital](#), one of the college's three hospitals.

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FDA's Food Safety Culture-Advancing Culture Throughout the Supply Chain

[Donald Prater \(DVM '96\)](#), Acting Director of the Office of Food Policy and Response, Food and Drug Administration is a featured speaker.

New woman-owned animal hospital coming to Kirkland: Urgent care facility fills critical gap for pet owners

[Stephanie Stoegbauer \(DVM '07\)](#) and her staff are putting the finishing touches on the new L & L Animal Urgent Care in Kirkland, which is designed to fill a needs gap in an industry overwhelmed by the changes that the COVID-19 pandemic brought.

Veterinary Revamp

[Courtney Wiegard \(DVM '05\)](#) has played a crucial role in Vinton Veterinary Hospital's success over the years, and now, she and Alyce Dantzer, the practice's general manager, are heading up the hospital's long-awaited expansion and renovation project.

Loudoun Urgent Vet Plans Mid-March Opening

Loudoun county has several animal hospitals that are open Monday through Friday during normal business hours and two emergency veterinary hospitals. [Rachael Dunn \(DVM '14\)](#) said she hopes to help bridge the gap between those two types of facilities by providing after-hours care for non-life-threatening cases.

Vet Med in the News

Breakthrough Discovery Unlocks Mysteries Surrounding Parasite Immunity and Development

[Utpal Pal](#), senior author of the study and a professor at the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine at College Park

Pioneer colonizers: bacteria that alter the chicken intestinal morphology and development of the microbiota

[Margie Lee \(BS '82, DVM '86\)](#), professor and department head, Biomedical Sciences and Pathobiology and interim director, Animal Cancer Care and Research Center

Fighting Foot Funk

[Travis Burns](#), associate professor of practice and chief of farrier services, Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences

EMS and PPID: What's the Same, What's the Difference?

[Liz MacDonald](#), clinical instructor of equine medicine, Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center

Virginia VMA Honors Mentor of the Year

[Roger Ramirez-Barríos](#), clinical associate professor of veterinary parasitology, Department of Biomedical Sciences and Pathobiology

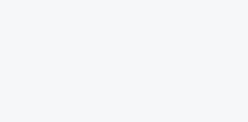
Be aware of the presence of Asian longhorned ticks in your state

[Sierra Guynn](#), clinical assistant professor of production management medicine, Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences

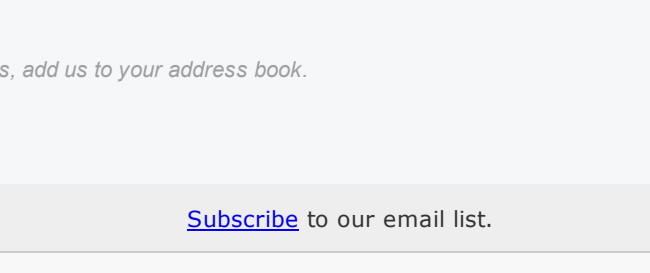
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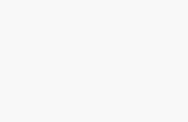


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