**Strategy 3.3:** Capitalize on the large and diverse clinical caseload to support excellence in translational and clinical research.

**Date:** Fall Quarter 2012

**Summary of Activities:**

- Initiated search for administrative support for the clinical trials center. Position will work closely with campus to streamline the grants and contracts process with a small percentage of time devoted to marketing.

- Working with corporate relations unit in the Office of Research to develop master agreements and contract templates to facilitate clinical trials.

- Starting the process of GLP (good laboratory practices) certification for the VMTH clinical laboratories, beginning with clinical chemistry and hematology. Dr. Daniella Carrade has recently been hired as the Research and Development Manager of the VMTH Clinical Laboratories. She oversees the Central Receiving Unit and GLP development within the labs.

- Beginning to investigate potential space options to serve as a permanent location for the clinical trials center in or around the VMTH.

**Upcoming Activities/Initiatives:**

- Institute search for a clinical trials coordinator.

- Facilities planning for a new hospital with incorporation of support facilities for a clinical trials center including:
  - Co-location of services likely to be involved in clinical trials.
  - Close access to laboratory support and research facilities.

**Accomplishments:**

- Foster a culture of clinical trials in the School of Veterinary Medicine and the VMTH:
  - Reward research through merits and promotions
  - Require research projects during resident training
  - Encourage and support student participation in research