Collaborations Routine for Veterinarians

Multi-disciplinary collaborations come naturally to the school’s team of faculty, staff and students to solve clinical health problems, investigate research theories and provide course instruction.

Clinical Collaborations – Clinical faculty routinely work with colleagues in other VMTH services to care for patients with multiple health issues. They also work with physicians, biomedical engineers, and even entomologists to bring forward new treatment options to help critically sick or injured animals. Recently, veterinarians worked with:

- A biomedical engineer to help regrow a dog’s jawbone after cancer surgery.
- A human physician to treat a dog with a near-fatal swallowing disorder.
- An entomologist to save a horse with an extreme case of laminitis.

Research Collaborations – Faculty partner across departments and with colleagues across campus in engineering, medicine, agriculture, and many others to develop solutions for autism, cancer, seizures, genetics, food safety, infectious diseases, air pollution and more. These collaborations further demonstrate the power of a One Health approach to issues that impact animals, people and the environment.

The Seven Strategic Goals

- Educate world leaders in academic veterinary medicine
- Perform high-impact transdisciplinary research
- Develop cutting-edge clinical programs
- Promote animal and human well-being
- Maintain school infrastructure and sustainable resources
- Retain excellent faculty and staff
- Promote academic, government, industry collaboration

Teaching Collaborations – Faculty from different departments join together to implement the new curriculum in the integrated block format. This approach highlights innovative cases and materials that stimulate student interest and understanding of basic and clinical instructional foundations. The school is also a partner in the Consortium of Western Regional Colleges of Veterinary Medicine, which is designing a teaching academy to promote best practices in veterinary medical and biomedical education.