

A Wise Investment in a Vital Profession

Veterinary medicine serves the health and well-being not only of animals, but also of people and the environment.

Below are many examples of how the veterinary profession and the school's teaching, research and public service programs have become increasingly important, both locally and globally:

The veterinary profession and UC Davis deliver many direct services to Californians:

- Thirty-three million Californians have access to outstanding animal care services at local animal clinics all across the state.
- The school's Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital provides referral services to veterinarians and serves more than 30,000 large and small animals each year.
- Livestock, horses, wildlife, zoo animals and companion animals in California and elsewhere benefit from the latest discoveries in animal health.
- Technology transfer and practical information on animal vaccines, treatments and disease prevention strategies reach the agricultural community through a network of faculty and staff throughout the state.
- Veterinary professionals hire UC Davis students—the school's DVM placement rate is 100 percent—who consistently score above the national average on certification exams.
- Graduates bring to their jobs the latest diagnostic, treatment and prevention techniques.

The 50th Anniversary Campaign offers opportunities to inform Californians about the broad scope of veterinary medicine and health issues.

- Students receive one of the most affordable research-based veterinary educations available today. While the DVM is the primary degree offered by the school, graduates may undertake advanced degrees (Master of Preventive Veterinary Medicine, MS and PhD) or focus on training in more than twenty disciplines in the largest and most diverse residency program in the world.

- Practitioners have access to comprehensive continuing education in order to help them keep pace with rapidly changing knowledge.

- Federal and regional food, drug, agricultural and environmental agencies utilize the scientific information generated by veterinary research at UC Davis.

- Biotechnology firms call upon specialists in veterinary research to carry out clinical safety trials, make advances in genetic therapies, and provide the basic scientific underpinning for applied research.

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UC Davis is the only public school of veterinary medicine in this huge state—California's \$6.2 billion food animal products economy ranks among the top ten countries in the world.

Be an Ambassador for Support of California Veterinary Education!

After news about our accreditation status broke, we received many calls expressing concern and a desire to help the School of Veterinary Medicine meet current challenges.

Here are some suggestions:

1. Contact your legislators. Tell them you want their support for public veterinary education at the University of California. *Phone numbers for your state senator and assembly member can be found in the state government section of your telephone book.*
2. Tell people about the incredible breadth of veterinary medicine and how the profession serves all Californians: animal lovers, consumers of food animal products, public health officials, wildlife stewards, food safety agencies, and others. *Several examples are included on pages 3 and 4.*
3. Visit the school Web site, <http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu>, for more information regarding school programs.
4. Share this edition of *Veterinary Medicine News* with friends and ask them to pass it on. Call (530) 752-1524 and we'll gladly send you additional copies. *Veterinary Medicine News* is also available on the World Wide Web at the URL above.
5. Learn more about the 50th Anniversary Campaign to underwrite excellence in veterinary education. Contact the Office of Development at (530) 752-7024.

Thank you for your ongoing support!