

## A Wise Investment in a Vital Profession

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- Everyone receives the dividends of research dedicated to managing and curing diseases that afflict animals and humans.

### **UC Davis serves the health of all California food animals, horses, companion animals, wildlife and our environment:**

- The 21-facility *Oiled Wildlife Care Network* provides for rescue and rehabilitation of marine animals and birds affected by oil spill events along the California coastline.

- The *Fish Health Service* conducts studies for the California Department of Fish and Game to protect state fisheries and wild fish species, especially trout and salmon.

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### **In 1997, UC Davis was rated the No. 1 institution of veterinary medicine by US News & World Report.**

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- In 1997, the five laboratories of the *California Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory System*, in cooperation with the California Department of Food and Agriculture, conducted 1.8 million tests on cattle, poultry and other food animals to ensure food safety, control of zoonotic diseases and preservation of animal well-being.

- UC Davis educates more graduate students in a greater number of biomedical fields than any other veterinary school.

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***“With a public and private support base, the school can overcome concerns regarding finances and facilities, and meet California’s need for veterinary medicine in the 21st century.”***

**—Dean Bennie Osburn**

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- Twenty percent of the nation’s board-certified veterinary pathologists have been educated at UC Davis.

- Use of the J-5 vaccine against *E. coli*, developed by faculty researchers of the *Dairy Food Safety Laboratory*, saves California dairy producers an estimated \$11–24 million each year.

- The *Aquatic Toxicology Laboratory* analyzes water samples for state and regional water agencies and collects data on how chemicals affect the growth and development of various organisms that live in our waterways.

- *Veterinary Medicine Extension* serves all 58 counties by linking veterinary researchers with county farm advisors, practicing veterinarians, animal producers and consumers. Extension specialists provide teaching, research and service programs on disease prevention, production quality control, biotechnology, food safety and animal well-being.

### **The UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine is focusing on these increasingly important areas:**

- Comparative medical research to find causes and cures for animal and human diseases.

- Food animal productivity and the well-being of livestock and poultry.

- Animal well-being—care for companion, show, service, and competitive animals; the human-animal bond.

- Public health—inspection of food products, on-farm food safety, and protection from zoonotic diseases.

- Wildlife and environmental health—animal conservation and preservation of animal biodiversity.

- Global trade—protection of animals from emerging and foreign animal diseases.

- Animal alternatives in teaching and research.



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