New CVDLS Equine Analytical Chemistry Lab
Is Dedicated to Kenneth L. Maddy

Reflecting a cooperative alliance between UC Davis and the California horse racing industry, a new laboratory at the School of Veterinary Medicine will provide routine drug testing for horses that race in thoroughbred, harness and quarter-horse events in California.

Faculty members at the laboratory will also study the effects of medications and other products on the health and performance of all types of horses.

The 29,000 square-foot, $7.4 million Kenneth L. Maddy Equine Analytical Chemistry Laboratory is part of the existing California Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory System (CVDLS).

The facility is named for retired California senator Kenneth Maddy, an avid horseman and long-time supporter of veterinary education. Funding for the facility and its programs, made possible through industry support, comes from a small portion of simulcast wagering receipts in accordance with legislation authored by Senator Maddy.

“The naming of the laboratory recognizes Ken Maddy’s substantial and enduring contributions to California’s animal agriculture, the horse industry and the School of Veterinary Medicine,” says UC Davis chancellor Larry Vanderhoef.

“As a client and avid horseman, Ken has been a boon to the health and welfare of all horses,” says veterinary school dean Bennie Osburn. “The Equine Analytical Chemistry Program is just one example in which he foresaw the benefit of linking service and regulatory needs with academic research to protect the integrity of the racing industry.”

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Kudos

William Balaban of Davis received the 1999 School of Veterinary Medicine Distinguished Service Award for his devotion to the human-animal relationship and his support of the Center for Animals in Society, Pet Loss Support Hotline, Rainbow Room, Physical Therapy Facility and student scholars, and for ideas that have served as catalysts for many special school programs.

Patricia Conrad, professor of pathology, microbiology and immunology, received the 1999 Carl J. Norden Distinguished Teacher Award.

Dwight Hirsh, professor of microbiology, received the 1999 national organization of students (SAVMA) Teaching Excellence Award in basic sciences presented at the annual meeting of the American Veterinary Medical Association last July. Student committees at each school nominate teachers for outstanding teaching methods in the basic or clinical sciences. These awards provide students with an opportunity to honor teachers and who have made their learning experiences particularly valuable.

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