Welcome to the LSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital
LETTER FROM OUR DEAN

The LSU School of Veterinary Medicine’s Veterinary Teaching Hospital serves two purposes: it provides compassionate, state-of-the-art, specialized care for its patients, and it serves as the classroom for the last 15 months of our professional students’ veterinary curriculum. This issue features our hospital and the outstanding faculty, staff, and students who care for our patients.

The hospital accepted its first patients in the fall of 1975 and was housed in the “Interim Facility,” metal buildings adjacent to what is now the School of Veterinary Medicine Building, which was not completed until 1978. It seems like a lifetime ago that we initiated our clinical practice and were very warmly embraced by the veterinary medical community in the state and region. When the practice started, our first class of professional students was in their third year (their clinical rotations were very limited), so our staff was extremely central to the care and maintenance of patients. I can remember, on more than one occasion, being called out of class to attend to an emergency case. The 10 or so clinical faculty and the 36 third-year students really merged as a team. The clinical environment was small yet functional for the care of both large and small animals, and everyone chipped in to get the day’s and night’s work done. It was a great learning environment for students and faculty alike, and we all grew as professionals rather quickly.

We have come so far in the last 36 years. We have been fortunate to invest in some of the finest diagnostic and therapeutic modalities, including extraordinary diagnostic imaging technologies (computed tomography [CT] and magnetic resonance imaging [MRI]), hemodialysis, and radiation therapy, to mention a few. We treat approximately 25,000 cases each year in our hospital, where more than 100 veterinary students receive their hospital training and about 30 interns and residents receive specialized post-graduate training. When a referring veterinarian sends us one of his or her clients for specialized care, or when an owner brings us a pet for treatment, the pet is not the only one who benefits. Your patronage has an impact on the future of veterinary medicine; each case that comes through the door is another educational opportunity for our students, interns and residents.

We take tremendous pride in the service that we provide for our patients, and we are grateful to the clients who entrust their animals to our care and the veterinarians who refer patients to us.

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 COVER IMAGE
Brittany Marble (Class of 2012) with Cayenne, a Warmblood mare, one of the many patients at the LSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

 BACK COVER IMAGE
On May 16, 75 veterinary students received their Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from the LSU SVM at their commencement in the LSU Union Theater. Dean Emeritus Michael G. Groves was the commencement speaker. Since 1977, the LSU SVM has graduated 2,494 veterinarians.

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We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our hospital. We serve animals from the greater Baton Rouge area, Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Texas, Florida, Georgia and beyond. We offer services in cardiology, ophthalmology, internal medicine, dermatology, emergency medicine, exotic medicine, oncology, surgery, pathology, diagnostic imaging, theriogenology (reproduction), farm animal medicine, equine medicine, and physical rehabilitation. The LSU School of Veterinary Medicine’s first students started class in January 1974; the hospital started seeing patients in the fall of 1975 in a temporary facility set up next to the present location of the Veterinary Medicine Building, which was completed in 1978. The following photographs depict the different services offered by the hospital and the dedicated veterinarians, staff and students who work there.
TOP: Small Animal Receiving is often the client’s introduction to the LSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital. This is where the patients are checked in before being examined and treated.

CENTER LEFT: Small Animal Clinic cashiers. The VTH is a $7 million annual operation

CENTER RIGHT: Detailed medical records are kept on every patient.

BOTTOM RIGHT: The Small Animal Clinic has five exam rooms where students and clinicians meet with clients and their pets. This is an important part of the diagnostic process as our patients cannot speak for themselves.
TOP: Students in the small animal medicine rotation discuss patient diagnosis and management daily.

CENTER RIGHT: A whooping crane undergoes endoscopy (a camera is inserted for internal examinations).

BOTTOM RIGHT: The Treatment Room is the hub of the hospital where thorough examinations and diagnostic procedures are conducted by clinicians, technicians and students.

CENTER LEFT: Students in the ophthalmology rotation give a Boston terrier an eye exam. Veterinarians on this service also perform cataract surgeries and retina reattachment surgeries.

BOTTOM LEFT: The Cardiology Service includes an examination area and this Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory, where pacemakers and defibrillators are implanted.
TOP LEFT: The Dermatology sees over 2,000 cases each year, not included hospital consults. Out of five board-certified dermatologists in Louisiana, two care for patients at the LSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

CENTER LEFT: The Small Animal Intensive Care Unit provides 24-hour monitoring for our patients.

BOTTOM LEFT: The Veterinary Teaching Hospital is the only place in the Gulf Coast region to offer Continuous Renal Replacement Therapy (treatment for acute renal failure) and one of only two places in the southeastern U.S to offer hemo-dialysis.

TOP RIGHT: The Bird Zoo Exotic Medicine Services provides medical care for 2,000 exotic pets and wildlife.

BOTTOM RIGHT: The Cancer Treatment Unit provides chemotherapy and radiation therapy for 300-400 cancer patients each year.
TOP LEFT: The Anesthesiology Service prepares animals for surgery and other procedures for which they need to be under anesthesia. Sophisticated monitoring is required.

CENTER LEFT: The Small Animal Surgery Service does both orthopedic and general (soft tissue) surgeries.

BOTTOM LEFT: The Clinical Pathology Service runs a 24-hour, 7-day-a-week service lab that runs about 15,000 samples annually, including CBCs (Complete Blood Count), chemistry panels, urinalysis, and cytologies.

TOP RIGHT: The Theriogenology Service provides reproduction services for our patients including breeding management, artificial insemination, and semen freezing.

BOTTOM RIGHT: The Veterinary Teaching Hospital’s pharmacy fills (Number) prescriptions for our patients and for animals in the hospital.
TOP LEFT: The Large Animal Receiving Staff are always ready to serve with a smile.

TOP RIGHT: Students engage in farm animal care for animals such as cows, pigs, goats and alpacas. (Ambulatory or number of patients)

CENTER: Horses are rolled into the surgery suite after anaesthetic induction.

BOTTOM: The Equine Surgery Service sees approximately 1,000 cases each year (including non-surgical cases) and performs 250-300 surgeries each year.
The Equine Intensive Care Unit provides 24-hour care for equine medicine patients who require constant monitoring and for horses following surgery.

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) is a powerful imaging technique used in both small animals and large animals, such as the horse shown here.

In addition to MRI, the Diagnostic Imaging Service also provides Computed Tomography (CT), another sophisticated imaging technique that provides three-dimensional views of internal organs and tissues for diagnosis.

The large animal radiograph room (TOP RIGHT) and small animal radiograph rooms (BOTTOM RIGHT) provide digital images that can be shared with owners and referring veterinarians.
New faculty expected later this summer and in the fall are:

Charles Lee, PhD, joined the LSU SVM faculty as an assistant professor in Comparative Biomedical Sciences in May 2011. Dr. Lee received his BS in 1996 from the California Institute of Technology and his PhD in 2004 from the University of California, Berkeley. He did his post-doctoral work at the University of Chicago. Dr. Lee will be teaching gross anatomy and neuroscience to first-year veterinary students. He will also be conducting research in neuroscience and the auditory system, specifically looking at responsive neurons in the thalamus (mid-brain).

Kenneth Pierce, DVM, will be an assistant professor of ophthalmology in VCS starting July 15. He received his BS from Tuskegee University in 2001 and his DVM from LSU in 2005. He is currently a comparative ophthalmology resident at Michigan State University.

Caryn Reynolds, DVM, will be an assistant professor of cardiology in VCS starting August 22. She received her BS from the University of New Mexico in 1997 and her DVM from Colorado State University in 2006. She is currently a cardiology resident at the University of Pennsylvania.

Duane Robinson, DVM, PhD, will be an assistant professor of companion animal surgery in VCS starting September 15. He received his DVM from Ontario Veterinary College at the University of Guelph, Canada, in 2007 and is working toward his PhD in veterinary medicine at the University of Minnesota, where he is also a small animal surgery resident.

Julia Sumner, BVSc, will be an assistant professor of companion animal surgery in VCS starting August 15. She received her BVSc from the University of Sydney in Australia in 2001. She is currently a small animal surgery resident at the University of Wisconsin.
We Asked Students Blanca Colon, Adam Handy, and Emily Kiel

Why do you want to be a veterinarian?

BLANCA: From my childhood memories, I mostly remember myself taking care of animals. My father used to bring all different species of animals to the house (dogs, cats, chickens, goats, rabbits, ducks, guinea pigs, turtles). Somehow, I was always fascinated by all of them. If one of them got sick, I was the doctor (or pretended to be the doctor). I wanted to become a veterinarian because I realized that there is nothing else that would provide me more personal satisfaction than saving an animal’s life. Working with animals makes me feel complete, enthusiastic, unstoppable, excited and focused.

ADAM: Veterinary medicine is a great vehicle for influence and service at many levels. Your options are limitless as to where you can go and what you can do in the field. I never grew up wanting to be a veterinarian. It was later in college that I was introduced to the profession and developed a great respect for it.

EMILY: All animals, whether large or small, are precious to God and incredibly important in our lives. I want to be one who gives them value and the ability to live a full, healthy life.
Why did you choose to apply to LSU?

BLANCA: I wanted to join a diverse student body and a well recognized veterinary program. I was also attracted by the warm Louisiana culture and its people.

ADAM: Although the application process was highly competitive, I felt if any school was going to give me a chance, it was LSU (I was a Louisiana resident and attended Louisiana Tech). LSU offered me the best chance at getting my foot in the door to being a veterinarian.

EMILY: LSU SVM has a great reputation, and I wanted to be close to my family.

Do you feel prepared to enter the next phase of your career?

BLANCA: I am definitely prepared to handle the demands of the veterinary profession. I am very excited about this new opportunity and am looking forward to joining a family-oriented practice with the goal of providing outstanding patient care.

ADAM: While most students are excited to start the next chapter in their veterinary careers, there is still a healthy apprehension that leaves you wondering if you will ever truly be prepared for what’s waiting for you at the next level.

EMILY: Maybe not now, but every day I see myself growing more and more. It’s been really neat to see how many board examination practice questions I know now compared to the fall and how I am beginning to recognize and understand diagnoses of clinical cases.

What is your best memory of your time here at LSU SVM so far?

BLANCA: There are so many memories from my time at LSU that is hard to mention just one, but I will always remember my classmates; we were a family. As in every family, there were laughs, tears, madness, stress and celebrations. Those were the types of experiences that made us better human beings and made our learning experience an enriching one. When I search for a memory, I see a mental collage of each doctor’s face from the Class of 2011. I am blessed to have had the opportunity to meet so many different people who share a passion for veterinary medicine.

ADAM: My best memories are random things: watching people fight to stay awake in lectures, noting personal quirks when it comes to taking tests, watching everybody blush during reproduction lab. The most memorable thing is seeing the community that has developed between us as we experience so many things for the first time together here at school.

EMILY: Playing kickball with my anatomy quadrant first year in the now annual kickball game! It was wonderful to have fun with those who’d worked so hard together.

How many pets do you currently have?

BLANCA: Four dogs (Maya, Guanina, Opalo, Canela), one cat (Bongo), and one parrot (Noa).

ADAM: Two dogs (Lulu and Bella).

EMILY: One dog (Gretchen, a miniature Dachshund), who lives with my parents in Shreveport and Eliza (a guinea pig), who lives with me in Baton Rouge.

Where are you from?

BLANCA: San Juan, Puerto Rico

ADAM: Collinston, La.

EMILY: Shreveport, La.

Where do you plan to practice after graduation?

BLANCA: A small animal practice in Louisiana, Florida, or Puerto Rico.

ADAM: At this time, it is likely that I will return to north Louisiana and pursue a career in small or mixed animal practice. Opportunities for something different could be just around the corner.

EMILY: I’m still open to so many options! Right now, I’m considering mixed animal practice, and I’d love to live somewhere that gets all four seasons.

The LSU SVM is pleased to be able to highlight these three veterinary students. We wish you could meet all of our more than 350 students (DVM, MS, and PhD candidates). They are all truly extraordinary.
Christopher Mores, SM, ScD, associate professor in the Department of Pathobiological Sciences, has received an award from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) to join the group Models of Infectious Disease Agent Study (MIDAS). This research network uses computational modeling techniques to better understand the spread of contagious diseases and to calculate the potential impact of public health measures.

Dr. Mores is the principle investigator for a project entitled, “Predicting vector-borne virus transmission and emergence potential.” The award will provide more than $3 million over the next five years for Dr. Mores and his consortium of researchers from LSU, Tulane University, and the University of New Mexico, to investigate and predict the transmission and potential for emergence of various arthropod-borne viruses (or arboviruses), particularly dengue.

Dengue is an arbovirus transmitted by mosquitoes, primarily *Aedes aegypti*. It is one of the few arboviruses that almost exclusively affects humans, causing over 50 million cases annually. Dengue historically has been a tropical disease, but international travel has facilitated the expansion of its range into other parts of the world.

Dengue can cause high fever, chills, headache, pain behind the eyes, rash, mild bleeding of the nose or gums, and excruciating joint and muscle pain (hence the common name of “break-bone fever”). Since dengue is caused by a virus, there is no specific treatment. While this traditional form of disease is very painful and convalescence is slow, most patients recover fully.
However, more serious manifestations called dengue hemorrhagic fever (DHF) or dengue shock syndrome (DSS) appeared in the mid-20th century. The symptoms of DHF and DSS are the same as the typical form of the disease at first, but as the initial fever declines, the patient starts vomiting and develops abdominal pain and difficulty in breathing. Skin hemorrhages, bleeding nose and gums, and internal bleeding may also occur, and capillaries become “leaky,” allowing plasma, the fluid component of blood, to seep from the vessels into the body cavity. This may lead to circulatory system failure, shock, and death if not recognized early and treated properly. Incidence of these severe forms of dengue is increasing. There are four serotypes, or strains, of the dengue virus, but infection with one serotype does not confer immunity to the others, and some data indicate that infection with a second serotype puts individuals at higher risk for these severe disease forms.

“Dengue is spreading into the southern and southwestern United States,” said Dr. Mores. “Most of the dengue cases detected in the U.S. are imported, but the number of locally acquired cases is increasing. The entire Gulf coast is at potential risk from dengue,” Dr. Mores said. “Our borders are constantly being challenged by this introduced virus—it is being brought in by travelers and becoming established in local mosquito populations. Since 2009, we’ve seen local transmission of dengue in the U.S. when people vacationing in Key West became infected after being bitten by local mosquitoes. Furthermore, in 2010, Puerto Rico witnessed an extensive outbreak with over 10,000 cases reported. The vector density needed to achieve transmission is very low, so it doesn’t take many infected mosquitoes to trigger an outbreak.”

The aim of Dr. Mores’s project is to use mathematical modeling to more accurately forecast the transmission of dengue and other arboviruses, predicting them before they begin or detecting them while still in the early stages, and to help the public health community get an accurate estimate of the scope of a burgeoning outbreak to better guide responses.

“What we intend to do is look at the whole system of vector-borne viral diseases to help us get a better estimate of the transmission and emergence potential of these viruses through incorporation of clinical, field, and experimental data into theoretical models,” said Dr. Mores. “We will also be looking at other mosquito-borne viruses such as chikungunya and Rift Valley fever, which also have the potential to expand into the southern U.S. via infected travelers, animals, and vectors, and become entrenched in local mosquito populations.”

“Dr. Mores has assembled a diverse and talented team to study the spread of insect-borne diseases, like dengue fever, which threaten to emerge in the U.S.,” said James Anderson, Ph.D., who helps manage the MIDAS program at the National Institutes of Health. “The team will first concentrate on establishing the factors that drive the spread of dengue and assessing the impact of community-based and international intervention strategies. They will then seek to apply their findings to modeling the spread of other insect-borne diseases, an approach that will nicely complement the other projects in the MIDAS consortium.”
Clinical Case

Annie Salpietra and her family went out of town for a few days and left Bat, their 5-year-old Chihuahua, with friends. They returned home on May 30 to find that Bat had a honking cough that got worse when he got excited or stressed. Annie took Bak to a local emergency clinic, where was examined and then referred to the LSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

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Chihuahua receives tracheal stent, a first for LSU

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Bat was given anti-inflammatory medications and was kept in an oxygen cage, but he got excited when he saw Annie and was unable to breathe. He was given a sedative and placed back in the oxygen cage.

On June 2, Bat went into respiratory arrest and was intubated. Dr. Krista Keller, companion animal medicine and surgery intern, spent the entire night by Bat's side in the Small Animal Intensive Care Unit.

Once it became evident that Bat's condition could not be managed with medication, Dr. Mark Acierno, associate professor of companion animal medicine, suggested inserting a tracheal stent to keep the trachea from collapsing. Dr. Acierno had performed this procedure previously, but this is the first time this procedure has been done at LSU.

On June 3, Dr. Acierno and Dr. Katrin Saile (LSU SVM 2006), assistant professor of veterinary surgery, placed the tracheal stent. The stent is a human vascular stent and is 12 millimeters wide and 39 millimeters long. The stent, which is collapsed, is inserted into the trachea using an introducer, which is covered by a sheath. As the sheath is removed, the stent expands around the introducer. The procedure took approximately one hour and was conducted in the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory so that fluoroscopy could be used; fluoroscopy is an imaging technique commonly used by physicians to obtain real-time moving images of the internal structures of a patient through the use of a fluoroscope.

Bat was kept intubated following the procedure. He remained in the ICU for three days because he had developed pneumonia, which was successfully treated with antibiotics. On June 6, he was discharged from the hospital, and he is doing fine.

“All the hours in the day nor any combination of words would ever aid me enough in describing my thankfulness and the love I feel toward the LSU Veterinary Hospital and its staff,” said Annie. “Dr. Keller treated Bat like her own. It meant everything to me to see the bond between them. Jeff Rubin was also someone I developed a profound respect for. He updated me on Bat's condition during any free time he had. Bat's surgical team was remarkable; he was never just a dog to them. I would not just refer someone to LSU now but force them (if not bring their animal up there myself).” 🐾
ASHLEY STOKES, DVM, PhD
(LOU SVM 2001, 2003)
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR OF THE PRE-VETERINARY MEDICINE PROGRAM UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

What inspired you to enter the LSU SVM DVM/PhD program?
I’ve always enjoyed the study of physiology and scientific questions. I loved science as a kid, and that love stuck with me and after completing my undergraduate degree at the University of Alabama, I worked in research for LSU in Oceanography. At the LSU SVM I knew I wanted to pair research with veterinary medicine so I asked to pursue the DVM/PhD program, which was not yet fully developed. The administration was very supportive, and we developed the program to ensure a solid graduate education while I was concurrently enrolled in the DVM program.

What was your primary area of research?
My area of research at LSU was the cardiovascular and inflammatory aspects of equine laminitis. I’ve been able to expand my work now to other species, especially beef cattle. I am very lucky in that my current position at the University of Hawaii allows for research, teaching, and veterinary practice/outreach. I get plenty of veterinary hands-on time working with the various animal industries of Hawaii and the South Pacific. I also get to pair this with research that is both applied and basic science in nature. This combined with teaching provides me with a great balance of activities and interests that makes each day different and exciting.

What was LSU SVM like when you attended?
I was fortunate to work in the Equine Health Studies Program during a time of tremendous growth and advancement under the leadership of Drs. Charles Short, Peter Haynes, Rustin Moore, and Frank Andrews. The experience I gained during my time at the LSU SVM was outstanding. In addition to the classroom and research opportunities, I was able to work closely with the leadership of the EHSP in many facets of the program. The EHSP combines clinical expertise with cutting-edge research and important outreach to the equine industry.

What are some of your most memorable moments from LSU?
My memories are full of fun times with amazing friends and colleagues that I miss dearly! My SVM class of 2001 was the greatest (ever!) as well as my peers and mentors during the PhD program and time as a faculty member. Hurricane Katrina and the efforts that followed were of course very memorable, but it was the people that made my time at LSU wonderful. I do have to mention that the LSU Tigers football team winning the National Championship twice of course was a highlight! A funny moment was when I graduated from the combined program my family asked if law school was next (guess it shouldn’t be a surprise that I’m starting an MBA program this fall).

I’m loving living in Hawaii with my dog Belle, who has decided living the life of a beach dog suits her quite well. Living in such an amazing place with great year-round weather has let me fulfill a long-time goal of competing in triathlons, and I recently competed in a full Ironman (2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike, and 26-mile run). Professionally, I was recently elected to serve on the campus-wide faculty senate to represent my college and also completed a year-long national leadership program that develops leaders in land grant institutions to link research, academics, and extension in order to lead more effectively in an increasingly complex university environment. I have been very blessed to have these tremendous opportunities.
What made you want to be a veterinarian?
My older brother and his neighborhood friends raised beagles and also collected snakes, lizards, etc. Some of my first memories involved animals. We had a beagle (Regal), a cat (Kuma), and a parrot (Pepe). I was always fascinated with the combination of knowledge and caring that was demonstrated by our veterinarian. Also, my brother talked of being a veterinarian but ended up concentrating more on sports. Since I was not as good an athlete, I was able to focus on becoming a veterinarian.

What does the LSU SVM mean to you?
LSU SVM and LSU have always felt like home to me. Since I was first introduced to the university as a wide-eyed youngster attending those mystical Saturday night football games in Tiger Stadium, through my undergraduate years and continuing into my tenure at the veterinary school, LSU was always the ONLY school for me. During my years in practice, I retained my ties to the university and depended on the expertise and advice of LSU’s clinicians and the folks at the diagnostic lab. I count many of LSU’s current staff as not only professional acquaintances, but also as friends.

What is a memorable moment from your time as a student at the LSU SVM?
Gosh! There are so many memorable moments, its so hard to chose. The adrenalectomy on a rat that bit me every time I touched it, FINALLY getting into clinics as a senior, and graduating with my friends with whom I had been fortunate enough to spend four years of my life certainly are tops.

What did the LSU SVM prepare you for your career?
I consider my education from LSU SVM to be a gift, and I wouldn't trade my experiences at LSU for anything. The faculty was great and truly cared for the students. This was a quality education. I also was introduced to the field of epidemiology by legendary professors like Drs. Martin Hugh-Jones and Harry Hagstad. I retained my desire to practice veterinary public health and epidemiology throughout my 20 years of practice and now am experiencing a second phase of my career.

What was the LSU SVM like when you attended?
The school was so new. I was accepted into the fifth class and actually started school before the “new” building was constructed. Our first year of class was in Audubon Hall on the main campus. The curriculum was demanding, but the professors were committed to the students and the lessons learned prepared me for a very rewarding career.

Editor’s note: Dr. Balsamo received his Master’s in degree in public health and tropical medicine from Tulane. He also served with the Army for a year in Afghanistan (earning a Bronze Star).
1986
Dr. John “J.P.” Parsons, upon graduation, went to work with fellow LSU graduate, Dr. Bo Crabtree, in Lake Providence, La. J.P. said, “I couldn’t of had a better mentor for my initial experience as a private practitioner. Bo was the greatest.” From there, having his Florida license, J.P. worked in the Sarasota area and bought a home on a small barrier island, Siesta Key, which he still owns. As an Army Reservist, he was called to Active Duty and has stayed on Active Status and is living in Heidelberg, Germany, at the present time. To all of the 1986 LSU graduates, J.P. says, “Come see me in Germany. The German beer is on me, and you’ll have a place to stay!”

1991
Dr. Suzanne Knoop Scott bought a practice in northwest Houston, Texas, in October. Suzanne is also a licensed pilot. Her practice is in Magnolia, Texas, where she and her husband, Dave, also reside.

1996
Dr. Piper M. (Baier) Treuting is co-editor in chief and contributing author on a new reference text, Comparative Anatomy and Histology: A Mouse and Human Atlas. This Academic Press (Elsevier) atlas will be published in November 2011. With over 600 images, it guides the reader through normal mouse anatomy and histology using direct comparison to the human. Piper currently serves as an assistant professor in the Department of Comparative Medicine at the University of Washington School of Medicine. She is also the Chief of Comparative Pathology Services and co-directs the UW Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory and the Histology and Imaging Core. Piper is married to Mike Treuting (LSU SVM 1995), owner of Treuting Veterinary House Calls. They have two daughters, two dogs, two budgies, one ferret, one cat, three dwarf African frogs, and one ghost shrimp.

Alumni Tracks & Baby Vets Updates

Maj. Brett Taylor (LSU SVM 2001) and Capt. Catie Cook (LSU SVM 2009) in Afghanistan. Catie was stationed at FOB Fenty in Jalalabad, Afghanistan. Her main mission within her area of operation was food/ration safety and security for approximately 30,000 people. She also provided full veterinary support to all Military Working Dogs, Coalition Working Dogs, and contract working dogs. She is starting a new assignment in Germany.
With July comes the start of the School of Veterinary Medicine's fiscal year and budgeting. We are also busy working to move the newly formed Volunteer League dedicated to Veterinary Medicine, “Pearls & Paws,” forward!

In six short months, we have formed an energetic Steering Committee. There is a core group serving as Ambassadors at all of our functions. You can become a member of this focused grassroots initiative as a “Founder” until December 1, 2011. Founders will be a significant part of this league’s legacy.

Your membership goes directly to the work of the LSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital. LSU is one of only 28 veterinary schools in the country, and a giving league can help raise LSU to the top of the ranks by supporting student scholarships, enhancing and upgrading equipment and facilities, and contributing to programs that affect the outcomes and longevity of sick and injured animals.

Like any new society, we have had a lot of questions about Pearls & Paws and how we are different from other animal organizations. Our mission reflects that of the LSU SVM: “… a dynamic community dedicated to saving lives, finding cures, and changing lives through outstanding clinical and community service, educational excellence, and groundbreaking research.” Pearls & Paws is a volunteer league dedicated to veterinary medicine at LSU in every way!

What a “Pearls & Paws” League Membership means to you:

- You’re joining a team of volunteers dedicated to animals receiving the best possible care,
- You’re serving as an ambassador for the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine’s excellent work and ratings,
- You’re receiving Invitations to special events such as the Blue Dog Reception/Exhibit at the LSU Museum of Art on September 8 and
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