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A black pig with large, upright ears is lying on a dirt surface. The pig is looking directly at the camera. In the background, there is a wooden structure and a wire fence.

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This portrait of Dr. Carlos Campos, '02, was taken at his practice in Spring Hill, Florida. (Photo by Mindy C. Miller).

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Greetings!

What an exciting year it has been! Our celebration of the UF College of Veterinary Medicine's 40th Anniversary has permeated throughout the year as we take stock of 40 years of accomplishments by our students, faculty, staff and alumni and as we envision even more great things in our future.

We've heard so many remarkable stories and are amazed every day at the ways in which our college's people and programs are making a positive, demonstrable difference in the world.

We have clearly hit our stride as a college and have great momentum across our missions of education, research, patient care and community engagement.

Here are some key examples:

- We've experienced unprecedented growth in our UF Veterinary Hospitals and are beginning to plan for expansion of facilities in both Gainesville and Ocala.
- Our designated research and laboratory space has increased dramatically with the completion of laboratory renovations in and near the Veterinary Academic Building and with a new building constructed north of Archer Road for the Center for Environmental and Human Toxicology group.
- The college's research enterprise is growing by leaps and bounds. This past year, research revenue at the UFCVM hit a total in excess of \$19 million, an increase of nearly 90 percent over FY2015.
- Our educational mission has been greatly enhanced with the implementation of our new clinical skills laboratory, which makes possible the use of innovative animal models and simulations that our faculty members are helping to develop and implement. These innovative developments in teaching and learning have been embraced by our faculty as well as our students, and have positioned our college as a leader in academic veterinary medicine.
- Community engagement has never been stronger. Our ongoing "Night in the Swamp" gatherings with local veterinary medical associations have helped us build and fortify relationships with UFCVM alumni and other practitioners who, in turn, benefit from the continuing education we offer through these events.
- Our vital relationship with the Florida Veterinary Medical Association continues to deepen through increased collaborations in everything from college activities to programs to scholarships.
- Philanthropic support from key stakeholders reached a record \$24 million this year in a blend of planned (estate) gifts, cash pledges and cash gifts.

While all of these achievements could be viewed as "data points," we view them most importantly as points of pride and key indicators of ongoing success.

We have every reason to celebrate not just our rich past, but our future. We've proven that there's no challenge too great for us to accept and no limit to what we can achieve through creativity, hard work and perseverance.

Thanks to all of you for helping to keep our college vibrant and relevant every day, in so many ways.

Go Gators!

Dean James W. Lloyd

DNA studies reveal that **shelter workers often mislabel dogs as ‘pit bulls’**

Story by **Sarah Carey** | Photos by **Mindy C. Miller**

DNA results show that shelter workers are often mistaken when they label a dog as a pit bull, with potentially devastating consequences for the dogs, a new University of Florida study has found.

“Animal shelter staff and veterinarians are frequently expected to guess the breed of dogs based on appearance alone,” said Julie Levy, D.V.M., Ph.D., a professor of shelter medicine at the UF College of Veterinary Medicine and the lead author of a study published recently in *The Veterinary Journal*.

“Unlike many other things people can’t quite define but ‘know when they see it,’ identification of dogs as pit bulls can trigger an array of negative consequences, from the loss of housing, to being seized by animal control, to the taking of the dog’s life,” she said. “In the high-stakes



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world of animal shelters, a dog’s life might depend on a potential adopter’s momentary glimpse and assumptions about its suitability as a pet. If the shelter staff has labeled the dog as a pit bull, its chances for adoption automatically go down in many shelters.”

The past few decades have

brought an increase in ownership restrictions on breeds, including pit bulls and dogs that resemble them. The restrictions are based on assumptions that certain breeds are inherently dangerous, that such dogs can be reliably identified and that the restrictions will improve public safety, the study states.

The study focused on how accurately shelter staff identified dogs believed to be pit bulls. ‘Pit bull’ is not a recognized breed, but a term applied to dogs derived from the heritage breeds American Staffordshire terrier or Staffordshire bull terrier. The purebred American pit bull terrier is also derived from these breeds and is often included in the loose definition of ‘pit bull.’

The research team evaluated breed assessments of 120 dogs made by 16 shelter staff members including four veterinarians at four shelters. These staff members all had at least three years of experience working in a shelter environment. The researchers then took blood samples from the dogs, developed DNA profiles for each animal and compared the DNA findings against the staff’s initial assessments.

“We found that different shelter staffers who evaluated

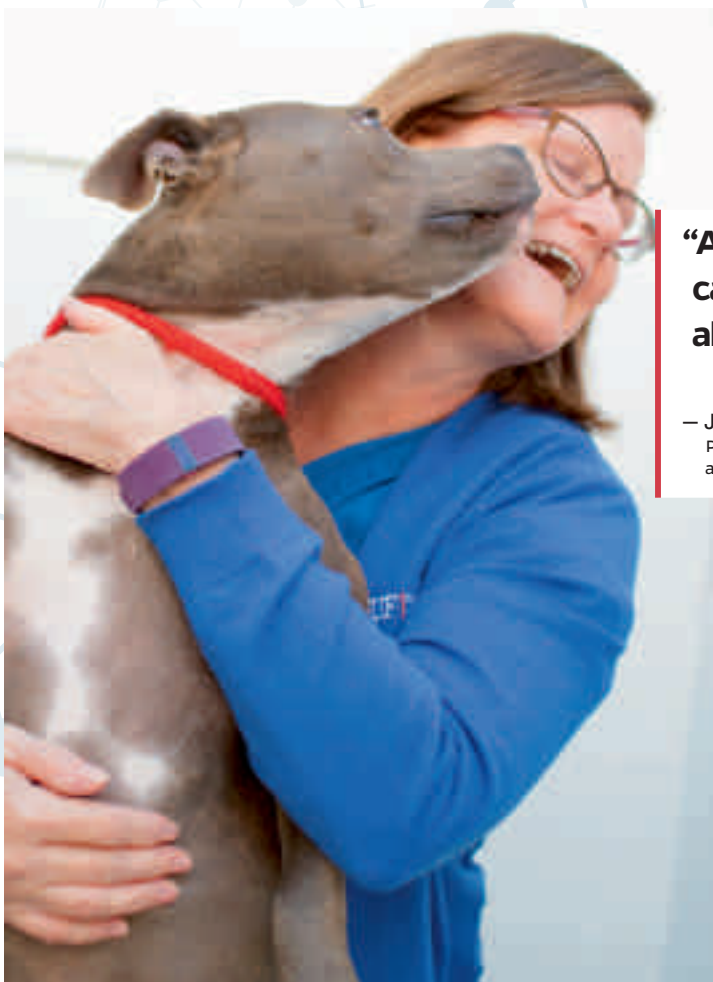


Above:

This dog was one of several animals housed at Alachua County Animal Services in February 2016. A study by Dr. Julie Levy and others claims that many shelters inaccurately label dogs as pit bulls. ACAS was not part of the study.

Left:

Dr. Julie Levy plays with a dog at the Alachua County Animal Services facility in February 2016.



Dr. Julie Levy gets nuzzled by a dog at the Alachua County Animal Services facility in Gainesville. That shelter was not a part of the breed-assessment study.

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the same dogs at the same time had only a moderate level of agreement among themselves,” Levy said. Results of the study also showed that while limitations in available DNA profiles make absolute breed identification problematic, when visual identification was compared with DNA test results, the assessors in the study fared even worse.

Dogs with pit bull heritage breed DNA were identified only 33 to 75 percent of the time, depending on which of the staff members was judging them. Conversely, dogs lacking any genetic evidence of relevant breeds were labeled as pit bull-type dogs from 0 to 48 percent of the time, the researchers reported.

“Essentially we found that the marked lack of agreement observed among shelter staff members in categorizing the breeds of shelter dogs illustrates that reliable inclusion or exclusion of dogs as ‘pit bulls’ is not possible, even by experts,” Levy said.

“These results raise difficult questions because shelter workers and veterinarians are expected to determine the breeds of dogs in their facilities on a daily basis. Additionally, they are often called on as experts as to whether a dog’s breed will trigger confiscation or regulatory action. The stakes

for these dogs and their owners are, in many cases, very high.”

Dog breeds contain many genetic traits and variants, and the behavior of any individual dog is

impossible to predict based on possible combinations.

“A dog’s physical appearance cannot tell observers anything about its behavior. Even dogs of similar appearance and the same breed often have diverse behavioral traits in the same way that human siblings often have very different personalities,” she said.

Even though most pet dogs are of unknown mixed breeds, there is a natural inclination among pet owners to speculate on what their dog’s breed heritage might be, the authors said.

“This has fueled an entire industry of pet dog DNA analysis,” Levy said. “These tests are fun, but they won’t help predict behavior or health traits. Shelters and veterinary clinics are better off entering ‘mixed breed’ or ‘unknown’ in their records unless the actual pedigrees are available.”

As for legal restrictions on dogs based on their appearance, Levy said public safety would be better served by reducing risk factors for dog bites, such as supervising children, recognizing canine body language, avoiding an unfamiliar dog in its territory, neutering dogs and raising puppies to be social companions.

The study was funded by Maddie’s Fund and the Merial Veterinary Scholars Program.

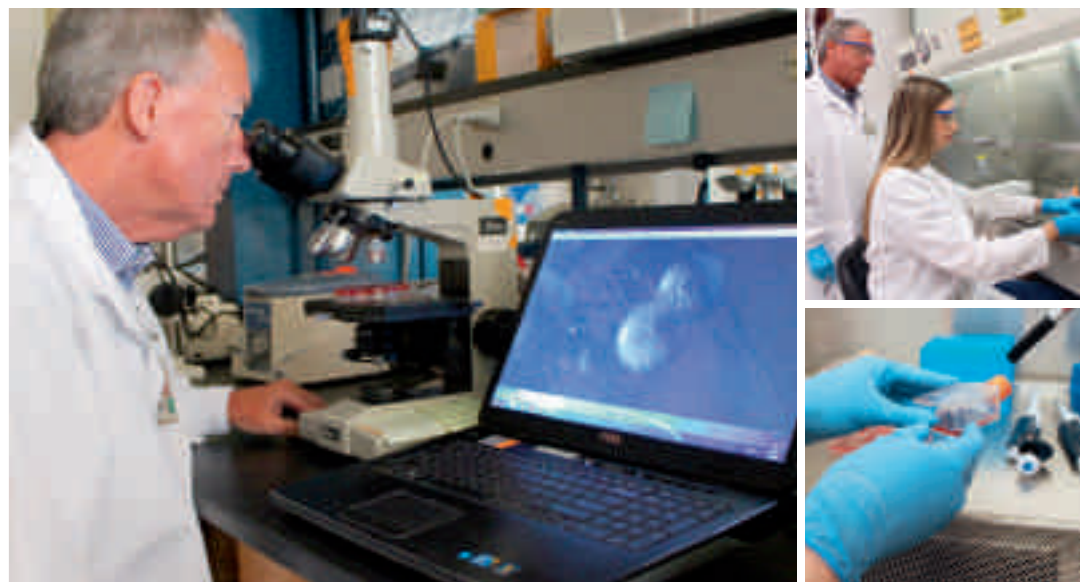
Scientists: New strain of bacteria likely spread by seals caused hunter's disease

Story by Sarah Carey | Photos by Sarah Carey

A new species of a bacteria called mycoplasma, identified by University of Florida researchers, may indicate that seals are a potential source for human exposure to the bacteria and could cause more severe disease than previously thought.

The organism, discovered by UF researchers with expertise in mycoplasma bacteria, was identified in tissue samples taken from the hips of an Alaskan hunter who became deathly ill days after returning to his home from a subsistence seal hunt. Among his symptoms: high fever, a swollen right middle finger and acute pain in both hips.

In an article that appeared last fall in *Clinical Infectious Diseases*, the scientists reported that due to the known association between mycoplasma species with “seal finger,” an infection normally restricted to the fingers and hand, the likely cause of the man’s illness was a systemic



Clockwise from left: 1) Dr. Dan Brown inspects an enlarged image of the newly discovered type of mycoplasma bacteria that caused an Alaskan hunter to become ill. 2) Dr. Dan Brown and scientist Dina Michael inspect a sample of mycoplasma found in the tissue of a hunter believed to have contracted the bacteria from a seal. 3) Scientist Dina Michael handles a sample of the mycoplasma she and Dr. Dan Brown analyzed to assist in the diagnosis of an Alaskan hunter who became ill after a seal hunt.

“Although we weren’t able to get samples from the finger, the most likely explanation is that the infection travelled from the hunter’s hand to his hips,” Brown said. “It almost certainly had to happen that way.”

the University of Washington, where based on general tests, scientists began to suspect mycoplasma infection.

The findings led the hunter’s medical team to delve deeper into their patient’s history, whereupon they learned that one week prior to the onset of symptoms, the hunter had harvested three ringed seals without wearing protective gloves. Additionally, physicians learned that the man had been treated for pain and swelling of a finger after butchering a walrus.

The hunter’s physicians then contacted the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, where staff aware of UF’s expertise in mycoplasma research and diagnostics put the Alaska group in touch with Brown. Brown’s research team subsequently determined through DNA sequencing of tissue and hip joint fluid samples that the particular strain of mycoplasma they were seeing was unique and

resembled strains previously seen in elephants and raccoons, as well as in domestic cats, but never before in seals.

“We’ve known that people can get ‘seal finger’ disease in their hands from hunting seals, but this situation was different as it went systemic and ended up in the hunter’s joints,” Brown said. “It’s presumed spread from the patient’s finger to his hips is remarkable because such dissemination is unprecedented in prior reports of seal finger zoonotic mycoplasmal infection of the hand.”

The hunter survived the infection.

The UF College of Veterinary Medicine houses the world’s largest collection of mycoplasma specimens. Researchers around the globe work through the Brown laboratory to access these samples to study the microbes in hopes of seeking potential remedies for diseases that affect plants, animals and humans.

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The findings describe what is believed to be the first known case of disseminated seal finger mycoplasmosis, said Daniel R. Brown, Ph.D., an associate professor of infectious diseases at the UF College of Veterinary Medicine.

Although seal finger mycoplasmosis was first described more than 100 years ago, the manifestation of the disease in this case was unique, researchers said. Brown and his team became involved soon after tissue samples taken after the hunter was admitted to a hospital in Alaska were sent to

UF pet emergency practice in Ocala accredited by national group

Story by Sarah Carey | Photo by UF PETS Staff



Members of the UF PETS staff in Ocala proudly show off a new sign that will be used to identify the clinic as an AAHA-certified facility.



The UF Pet Emergency Treatment Services practice in Ocala has gained accreditation from a key national group.

The designation, granted May 26 by the American Animal Hospital Association, recognizes the highest level of excellence, according to AAHA, and follows a rigorous review of the practice's protocols, medical equipment, facility and client service.

The main UF Small Animal Hospital in Gainesville received AAHA accreditation in both traditional and specialty veterinary medical care areas in 2015.

"We are so pleased to have reached this important milestone, which reflects the high level of veterinary emergency and critical care expertise we offer to pet owners and to the referring veterinary community in Ocala and Marion County," said Dana Zimmer, D.V.M., associate dean for clinical services and chief medical officer at the UF College of Veterinary Medicine.

The UF PETS facility opened in 2012 as a collaborative effort between the university

and Marion County-area veterinarians who recognized that the lack of after-hours emergency veterinary care was a critical issue in the community.

Located near the Paddock Mall, the clinic is staffed by small-animal emergency and critical care clinicians with additional support personnel. The clinic provides basic to advanced emergency care between 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. during the week and around the clock on weekends and holidays, bridging the gap when veterinarians' offices are typically closed.

Unlike human hospitals, not all animal hospitals are required to be accredited. Accredited hospitals choose to be evaluated on approximately 900 quality standards that go beyond state regulations, ranging from patient care and pain management to staff training and advanced diagnostic services.

The AAHA website notes that only the top small-animal hospitals in the United States and Canada have achieved its accreditation. Hospitals accredited by AAHA are recognized among the finest in the industry and are consistently at the forefront of advanced veterinary medicine, the association states. Also, AAHA standards are continuously reviewed and updated to keep accredited practices on the cutting edge of veterinary excellence.

To maintain accredited status, UF PETS must continue to be evaluated regularly by AAHA.

Hospital seeks dogs with deadly stomach disease for study

Story by Sarah Carey | Photos by Dr. Alex Fox-Alvarez

The UF Small Animal Hospital seeks dogs with a deadly stomach disease to participate in a study focusing on a new technique that UF veterinary surgeons hope will improve treatment of the condition.

The disease, known as gastric dilatation-volvulus, or GDV, is a common medical emergency that affects dogs. Also referred to as bloat, the condition involves severe gas distention and an abnormal rotation of the stomach, and requires surgery to correct.

Overall mortality rates associated with GDV range from 10 to 20 percent, depending on the severity and duration of the disease, said J. Brad Case, D.V.M., an assistant professor of small animal surgery at UF and lead investigator on the study.

"The lethal effects of GDV are caused when the distended stomach rotates upon itself, compressing vital blood vessels and organs within the abdomen," Case said. "This reduces oxygen to these organs, leading to tissue death and the release of toxins into the bloodstream."

Although the exact causes of GDV are not known, factors associated with the disease include genetics, anatomy and the environment. Excessive ingestion of food or water has also been noted in some cases, veterinarians say. Among the symptoms associated with the disease in dogs are anxious behavior, depression, abdominal pain and vomiting.

Once diagnosed, rapid and effective decompression of the stomach prior to surgery is critical for successful treatment of dogs with GDV, but most traditional approaches to decompression involve the placement of an oral stomach tube under heavy sedation and have a temporary effect, so gas can re-distend the stomach within minutes, Case said.

"As time is of the essence when treating this disease, the owners of dogs with GDV who are not located near a specialty veterinary surgical facility are at a disadvantage when seeking care," he said.

The UF study involves a minimally invasive technique, developed by Case and his colleagues, that employs a simple catheter method to provide immediate and continuous alleviation of the gas distention problem in patients with this disease.

"As the technique makes use of materials

that are widely available through medical supply companies, we believe it could have a widespread potential impact in the veterinary community," Case said. "We also suspect that the use of this technique could ultimately improve patient survival."

Currently, any dogs seen at UF that present with GDV are offered inclusion in the study, but Case and his colleagues would like veterinary practitioners to be aware of the study if they have cases they think would qualify.

Dogs considered for inclusion in the study will receive a complete physical examination and a thorough medical assessment, along with preoperative bloodwork. Dogs that meet the criteria will receive immediate treatment with the newly developed decompression method while being stabilized for surgery, then will be operated on as soon as possible to correct the stomach rotation.

While the overall cost of treating GDV patients can range between \$2,500 and \$4,000, study participants will receive up to \$1,000 toward the cost of emergency stabilization, surgical procedures and any required medications or hospitalization.

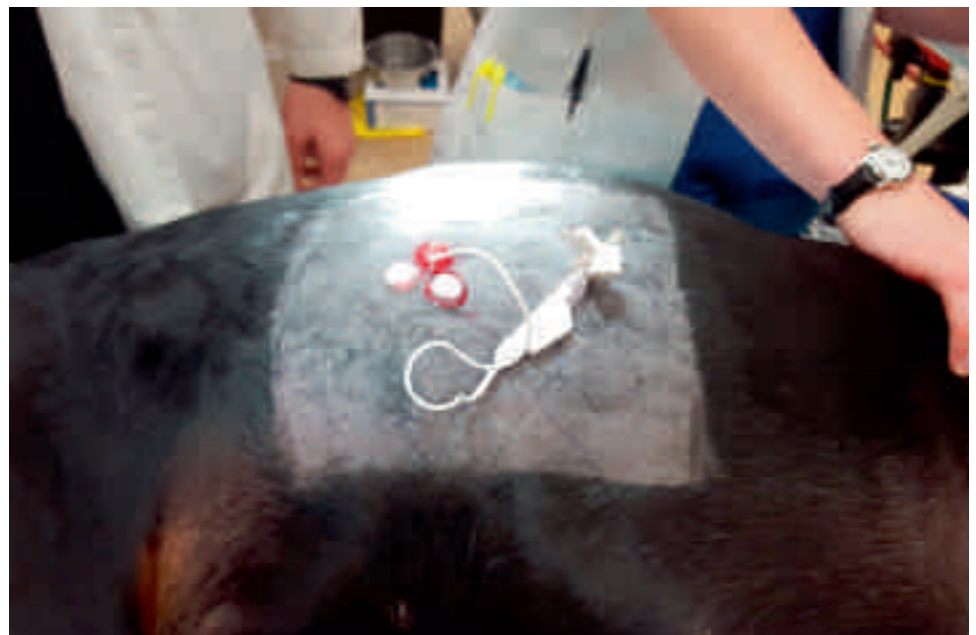
Funding provided by the American Kennel Club and Poodle Club of America Foundation was used to support the study.

For more information, contact Dr. Brad Case at 352-392-2235.



Above: Supplies used for the novel stomach decompression method are borrowed from similar techniques used in human medicine.

Below: The decompression technique is shown in action in a Doberman Pincher with GDV. The technique was able to allow veterinarians to stabilize the dog until life-saving surgery could be performed.



Collaboration saves dog with life-threatening heart condition

Story by Sarah Carey | Photos by Jesse S. Jones



Above:
Rumple, a young Havanese treated in April for a heart condition at the UF Small Animal Hospital, is shown during a recheck examination in July. He passed with flying colors.

Opposite:
During his follow-up examination in July, Dr. Simon Swift performed a variety of tests to ensure that Rumple's recovery from pulmonic stenosis was still on track.

A tiny dog treated at the UF Small Animal Hospital for a life-threatening heart condition is recuperating at home after receiving a procedure often performed in human medicine but believed to be the first of its kind in veterinary medicine.

A team of human pediatric and veterinary cardiologists from UF collaborated on the successful endeavor to save Rumple, a 2-year-old Havanese weighing about 14 pounds and owned by Ligia Sandi of Coral Springs.

Sandi brought Rumple to the UF veterinary cardiology service in April with a condition known as severe pulmonic stenosis. It involves a narrowing of the pulmonary artery and obstructs blood flow from the right ventricle of the heart.

At UF, veterinary cardiologists typically treat 10 to 15 dogs a year with pulmonic stenosis by passing a catheter from a vein through the right ventricle into the narrowed part of the artery, then using it to guide a balloon that is inflated to relieve the obstruction and allow normal blood flow to the lungs, said Simon Swift, D.V.M., an assistant professor of cardiology at the UF College of Veterinary Medicine. However, that standard approach did not work with Rumple.

"Rumple had an unusually thickened right ventricle with an abnormal tricuspid valve, which meant the catheter/balloon technique was impossible to achieve," Swift said, adding that his team initially attempted to treat Rumple this way but was unsuccessful.

"We knew if we could not figure out how to treat Rumple, he was going to die prematurely from his disease," Swift said. "So we asked ourselves, what are the options?"

The dog's care team considered using a valve-stenting technique or a surgical approach that would have opened up the dog's artery, but ruled them both out, Swift said. Then he came up with another idea.

"We discussed Rumple's problem with our pediatric interventional cardiology colleagues at UF Health and agreed that the best option for Rumple would be to use a hybrid technique, where we'd place a bare metal stent mounted on a balloon but use a direct approach that involves entering the heart directly within the chest," Swift said.

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UF College of Veterinary Medicine

"This would give us a more direct route to place the stent. As we inflate the balloon, it opens the stent, relieving the obstruction."

The technique is commonly used to treat the condition in young human patients, he said.

Swift assembled a team that included Curt Fudge, M.D., an assistant professor and director of the Pediatric Interventional Catheterization Laboratory at the UF Health Congenital Heart Center; Himesh Vyas, M.D., an assistant professor of pediatric cardiology at the center; and Mauricio Dujowich, D.V.M., an assistant professor of small animal surgery at the UF veterinary medical college.



Once Rumple's chest was opened surgically, the medical team used ultrasound to determine where to place the needles and wires needed to allow the most straightforward access for the stent. They positioned the stent, inflated and deflated the balloon and tested their success by using contrast dye to verify that the obstruction had been cleared.

"We were able to observe fantastic blood flow with no obstruction," Swift said. "We knew straightaway that we had

been successful."

Rumple recovered well from the surgery. The next day, using echocardiography, Swift was also able to measure a huge reduction in blood pressure, providing further evidence that the obstruction had been removed.

Rumple's owner said her "baby" is doing well and her family is happy to have him home.

"He's feeling like his old, happy self for the most part now," she said. "We are

doing everything that we can to ensure that he has a long, happy life with us and he will be very well-loved and immensely spoiled." She called the UF team "heroes" and thanked everyone who came together to save the dog her family rescued off the streets in late June 2015.

"Even though he was in extremely bad shape, he proved even then to be a little fighter," Sandi said. "Despite all he's been through, he has always been a happy, playful and very loving little dog."



Pig home at Bass Pro Shops after **successful surgery at UF**

Story by Sarah Carey | Photos courtesy of Bass Pro Shops

Above:

Donny, a 350-pound pig owned by Bass Pro Shops, is shown back home in his enclosure after successful treatment at the UF Large Animal Hospital to remove a urinary blockage.

Opposite:

Donny's handler reports that he has now fully recuperated from his ordeal and is enjoying life.

A 350-pound feral pig named Donny is home rolling in the mud at the Bass Pro Shops live exhibit in Vero Beach after emergency surgery performed March 29 at the UF Large Animal Hospital to relieve a urinary blockage.

When the pig arrived at UF about 9 p.m., he was met by members of UF's large animal internal medicine team. Through ultrasound, bloodwork and the patient's history, the team confirmed the referring veterinarian's suspicion that Donny had a urinary blockage and recommended that abdominal surgery be performed immediately to save his life.

"He was acting painful and

had been unable to urinate," said Anje Bauck, D.V.M., a large animal surgery resident. Bauck performed a procedure known as a tube cystotomy, a procedure which diverts urine away from the blocked urethra and allows it to drain from a catheter placed into the bladder and out through his body wall.

The type of urinary blockage that Donny had, kidney stones, can potentially result in a ruptured bladder, but that had

not happened yet in his case, Bauck said.

"The stones are in the urethra and it is not always possible to remove these stones immediately," she said.

The catheter provides a sort of temporary bypass, allowing the urethra to relax and the inflammation and swelling to decrease, allowing the stone to pass on its own.

Donny remained at UF for a month, recuperating under close observation by UF veterinarians until they were convinced his blockage had been completely relieved and it was time to remove the temporary catheter. He was discharged on April 28, allowed a week for his incision to further heal, and went back on exhibit at Bass Pro on May 5.

The availability of board-certified veterinary anesthesiologists who are experienced at administering anesthesia to pigs — a challenging task because of their anatomy — was key to UF's ability to successfully treat Donny, Bauck said.

Tiffany Granone, D.V.M., was the faculty anesthesiologist who worked on Donny's case.

"She is very knowledgeable about working with pigs, which are always challenging. Donny did really well, no complications," Bauck said.

Donny's medical problem is common in pet goats and in pet pigs. It often results from animals being fed improper diets, UF veterinarians said. Although Donny had been given a nutritionist-approved diet, his diet was supplemented with fresh vegetables, including spinach and kale, which contain calcium. That may have been a factor in the development of his kidney stones.

"The proportions of mineral components in a pig's diet are very important," said Ali Morton, D.V.M., chief of the hospital's large animal surgery service. "Donny's caretakers were very knowledgeable in

general, but problems often arise when non-farm animals consume food other than what is formulated for them, such as snacks or human foods.

"Unfortunately, there is also a lot of misinformation out there when it comes to pig diets," she added. "Also, like in people, we suspect that there may be a heritable component to development of kidney stones."

Despite his obvious initial discomfort, Donny was a very well-behaved pig and a good patient to work with, despite his size, Morton added.

"He has a great personality and the people at Bass Pro Shops have done a wonderful

job training and handling him," she said.

Mike Daniel, owner of Marine Aquatic Services and Technology and Donny's lead caretaker, said he deeply appreciated the UF team's efforts.


"Seeing the team jump into action with such skill, speed and care was truly impressive," Daniel said.

Debbi Crain, Bass Pro Shops Live Exhibits manager, who is based at their corporate office in Springfield, Missouri, said the organization's live exhibit division has worked with UF aquatics experts for years but that this was their first experience at the university's large

animal hospital.

"It was obvious without that care, he would not have survived," Crain said. "He does have a following at the store and was missed while he was gone."



A close-up portrait of Dr. Carlos Campos, a man with dark hair and a light beard, looking slightly to the left. He is wearing a blue and yellow plaid shirt. The background is dark and out of focus.

Dr. Carlos Campos, '02, shared his inspiring story of hope, hard work and motivation in a keynote address given at the Fifth Biennial DiVersity Matters Symposium, hosted by the UF College of Veterinary Medicine in April.

THE POWER OF PERSEVERANCE

ALUMNUS' MESSAGE:

PERSEVERANCE STILL PAYS OFF IN MEDICAL CAREERS

Story by **Sarah Carey** | Photos by **Mindy C. Miller**

Dr. Carlos Campos' journey from Guatemalan immigrant to America's Favorite Veterinarian and successful small animal practice owner has not been an easy one.

Over several decades, that journey includes exposure to political corruption and violence in his native Guatemala City. It includes adjusting to a new life and culture with his family in the United States at a young age and was punctuated by rejection, failure and perseverance as he strived to achieve his lifelong goal of becoming a veterinarian and practice owner.

Campos, who graduated from the UF College of Veterinary Medicine in 2002, attributes his success to the belief that dreams are attainable through hard work. He tracked his journey in a keynote speech to participants in the fifth Biennial Diversity Matters Symposium, which the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine hosted April 22-24.

Approximately 120 people, including faculty, staff and students from 17 veterinary medical colleges across the United States, heard Campos offer highlights of his personal and professional experience — relayed as counterpoint, he said, to recent news focusing on the economics of the veterinary medical profession.

"We are given the doom and gloom of the health professions and told how expensive, how stressful, unrewarding and thankless the profession is," Campos said. "But I am here to tell you a different story. I want you to know that if you apply yourself, anything can happen."

As a child in Guatemala, Campos dreamed of becoming a veterinarian. His family had rescued many dogs from the streets and



As a child, Dr. Carlos Campos always had dogs. He is shown here with a family pet named Dinamita, which means dynamite in Spanish.



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Growing up in Guatemala

Photos from Dr. Carlos Campos' childhood in Guatemala.

1

With his brother Luis atop a horse statue.

2

With members of his kindergarten class dressed up for a school party.

3

Dressed in purple as Cucuruchos — a name given to male penitents in popular Guatemalan culture — during a Holy Week celebration.



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he recalls telling his grandfather that one day he would have a hospital big enough to care for all of the street animals.

But things changed in his birth country. Campos was exposed to political instability, violence and chaos. Only weeks after his father survived a kidnapping, the elder Campos moved to Miami Beach to work. Three years later, Carlos and his other family members joined him.

Despite struggling to master schoolwork and the English language, Campos graduated in the top 10 percent of his high school class. He subsequently graduated from Florida State University, where he doubled down on his studies after

twice applying unsuccessfully to veterinary school at UF. He finished with a triple major, all the while volunteering at two separate veterinary clinics — one small-animal oriented and one a mixed-animal practice — to enhance his next application to UF.

On his third try, Campos was accepted to UF's veterinary medical program. He was elected president of his class and also of the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association, but his grades as a first-year student suffered. Campos ended up repeating his first year but graduated in 2002, tracking in both small-animal and mixed-animal practice.



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America's Favorite Veterinarian

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Dr. Carlos Campos shares a close moment with Rocco, one of his canine patients, at his practice in Spring Hill, Florida.

2

Dr. Carlos Campos is shown with his parents, Luis Campos and Laura Rodas.

3

Claudia Conde and Hernan Gonzalez look on while Dr. Carlos Campos prepares to examine their dog, Rocco.

Immediately following graduation, he went to work at a small animal practice in New Port Richey, where he jumped into organized professional activities as a member of his local veterinary association and served on the advisory board for his county's animal services department.

But Campos never lost sight of his dream: to become an owner or part owner in a veterinary practice. He told his bosses that this was his goal and immediately set about making himself an invaluable part of the business.

"I became the go-to person when it came to technology," Campos said. "I upgraded the practice's entire computer system and server to Windows so they could start using the computers as more than just a cash register."

Within six months, Campos was the primary veterinarian at one of the practice's satellite hospitals. In less than two years, he'd met his goal of becoming a partner. He continued to make improvements to the practice's technology, implementing an



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“I want you to know that if you apply yourself, anything can happen.”

— Dr. Carlos Campos
UF College of Veterinary Medicine Alumnus

online pharmacy and developing marketing strategies to expand the hospitals' presence on social media and the web.

He stayed at that practice for seven years, waiting for the opportunity to venture out on his own.

In 2010, Campos built and opened San Francis Veterinary Hospital in Spring Hill. The hospital grew quickly, exceeding Campos' five-year business goals in one year.

A few years later, he won the American Veterinary Medical Foundation's first America's Favorite Veterinarian contest, established in honor of the AVMA's 150th anniversary in 2013. Soon after, Campos' practice was recognized for excellence by multiple publications and he was honored as a finalist for the Tampa Bay Area Health Care Hero Awards.

Campos said he attributes the growth of his practice, in part, to the access his clients have to communication in their native language. His hiring process mandates hiring bilingual individuals whenever possible, and his employees include staff members from Columbia, Puerto Rico and Cuba along with individuals who speak German and French.

“We are the only hospital in the area that has bilingual speaking doctors and staff,” he said. “It’s amazing how emotional clients become when they can actually tell you what is wrong with their furry friends in their native language.”

Campos's belief in making the veterinary medical profession, as well as patient care, more accessible to people from different racial or ethnic backgrounds is a part of who he is. To further that belief, he recently joined the Dean's Circle of Excellence, an elite group of donors who

advocate for and help to finance ongoing efforts at the college to advance educational and institutional excellence.

“I have gained so much from my career in veterinary medicine, and I believe in giving back,” he said.



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Owners of dog saved by UF veterinarians give back to save other animals' lives

Story by Sarah Carey | Photos by Mindy C. Miller



Steve Farrell and Fran Marino with their dogs, Rock, left, and Brooke.

When Fran Marino and her husband, Steve Farrell, returned to their 61-acre Marion County farm after dinner with friends in March of 2015, their two beloved Australian Shepherds greeted them as usual, with rear-ends wagging, bundles of furry kinetic energy angling for attention.

Within minutes, however, Farrell noticed something was wrong with the younger dog, Brooke, who was 5 at the time.

"He'd taken her outside on a leash. She was staggering and falling down," Fran Marino said, adding that she and Steve quickly realized they needed to seek emergency veterinary care.

The couple took Brooke to the UF Pet Emergency Treatment Services facility in Ocala, where she exhibited acute, progressive neurological signs and became comatose.

Carsten Bandt, D.V.M., a former UF faculty member who was on duty at the time, took Brooke's history to help piece together what might have happened. One

pivotal observation Marino relayed was seeing Brooke emerge from a horse barn with a mouthful of manure that afternoon, although she seemed fine at the time. A horse that had recently arrived on the farm had just been dewormed, she recalled.

Bandt suspected ivermectin toxicity and recommended that the dog be transported immediately to the UF Small Animal Hospital in Gainesville, where veterinarians soon verified that Brooke had been poisoned with the anti-parasite medication that is especially deadly to dogs with a genetic mutation that makes them hypersensitive to it.

"The MDR, or multi-drug resistant, gene mutation that makes dogs like Brooke more susceptible to the toxic effects of ivermectin and some other drugs was once thought to be primarily seen only in collies and Shetland sheepdogs," said Conner, D.V.M., a clinical assistant professor of emergency medicine and critical care at UF.

"Many more breeds of dog have now been found with the gene mutation, and even mixed breed dogs or breeds that have not previously been identified with the mutation could be at risk," she added.

The vast majority of dogs do not have the mutation, so pet owners should not panic, but they should discuss with their veterinarian the possibility in their own pets, Conner said.

While fighting her illness, Brooke remained at UF for about six weeks, two of which were spent on a mechanical ventilator, or breathing machine. She also received treatment for a pressure wound and a bacterial infection as well as physical therapy to help her regain normal movement.

"I knew right then that I had to be just as loyal to her as she was trying to be to me."

— Fran Marino

More than a year after her ordeal, Brooke, who turned 6 years old in May, has regained her normal weight and coat and appears to be just as energetic as she ever was, whether playing with her companion, 8-year-old Rock, or following her owners around their home and in the yard.

When Marino recalls the day that Brooke became ill, one thing in particular sticks in her mind.

"As Steve prepared to load Brooke into the car to take her to the UF PETS emergency clinic, Brooke kept watching me and trying to make her way back to me," Marino said. "I knew right then that I had to be just as loyal to her as she was trying to be to me."

She said she wanted other pet owners to be aware that animals with the genetic mutation can become ill even with "normal" doses of ivermectin and that it's not only direct contact with the drug that can cause illness.

"As we now know, even when this medication given at a larger dose to a horse

has gone through the horse's body, it's still dangerous," Marino said.

In appreciation of UF's treatment of Brooke, the couple purchased and donated two new mechanical ventilators to the Emergency and Critical Care Service.

One of the ventilators is a state-of-the-art machine, intended for patients requiring ventilation at UF; the other is a smaller, portable, but still highly functioning, machine that is housed at UF PETS in Ocala and allows veterinarians to initiate mechanical ventilation for patients needing it there, as well as during transport to the main UF Small Animal Hospital in Gainesville for longer-term care.

"Since we got the ventilators, we have used the smaller unit three times to transport patients, as well as a few additional times for short-term use in Ocala," Conner said. "We have used the main ventilator

many times to treat a variety of pets with other toxicities as well as some coral snake bite victims."

Conner said the Marino-Farrell donation has directly saved at least three patients that might have had very different outcomes had UF veterinarians not been able to administer ventilation immediately and to subsequently transport those patients safely from Ocala to Gainesville.

"Our entire service is eternally grateful," Conner said.

Rock and Brooke are both Australian Shepherds owned by Fran Marino and Steve Farrell of Marion County. The two dogs are inseparable.



New mobile unit will expand shelter operations

Story by Sarah Carey | Photos by Mindy C. Miller

Have trailer, will travel:

Thanks to a new mobile unit currently under construction, the University of Florida Veterinary Community Outreach Program will soon be able to broaden spay-neuter training for students. The program will also be better able to accommodate regional shelter operations with limited access to medical services.

Brian DiGangi, D.V.M., a clinical assistant professor of shelter medicine at the UF College of Veterinary Medicine, said the new vehicle would be able to accommodate three students per clinical rotation, for a three-to-one student to instructor ratio. Veterinary clinicians will provide direct, on-site student supervision at all times, he said.

Seventy-five UF veterinary medical students will be able to participate in the mobile program; when those seats have been filled, the program might be able to

accommodate qualified students from other universities, DiGangi added.

"As a new program component, we anticipate four surgical days per week during our initial year of operation, but this could expand to five days per week in subsequent years, further increasing the number of procedures performed," DiGangi said.

The new VCOP Mobile program, which has a target launch date of fall 2016, has been made possible through a \$283,040 grant from PetSmart Charities, said DiGangi.

"This grant will significantly enhance what our program can offer to veterinary medical students and most importantly, to animals at shelters that may not currently have access to veterinary care," DiGangi said. "We are so grateful to PetSmart Charities for recognizing this need and supporting us in this way."

DiGangi said while the lion's share of expenses had been covered through the grant, additional funds need to be raised before the program can begin operating.

Anyone seeking more information or to donate should contact Katie Boudreau at 352-294-5513.



HONORS & AWARDS



ARCHIBALD HONORED FOR DIVERSITY EFFORTS

A retired professor at the UF College of Veterinary Medicine recently received the inaugural Champion of Diversity Award, sponsored by Zoetis, in recog-

nition of his lifetime efforts promoting diversity and inclusion within the veterinary medical profession.

Louis F. Archbald, D.V.M., Ph.D., a professor emeritus of theriogenology at UF, was honored during the Fifth Biennial Southeast Regional DiVersity Matters Symposium, which the college hosted this year. The focus of the symposium was the pipeline for recruiting students to D.V.M. programs.

Early in her career, Christine Jenkins, D.V.M., senior director of veterinary medical services and outcomes research for U.S. Operations at Zoetis, worked with Archbald in the area of diversity and inclusion in veterinary medicine while on the faculty at the University of Tennessee and as an intern in UF's small animal medicine program.

"Dr. Archbald was dedicated to supporting all students at UF and was extremely active in recruiting under-represented groups

into the university and our profession," said Jenkins. "He was a significant player and advocate for promoting diversity in the veterinary medical profession and was the perfect recipient of the inaugural Champion of Diversity Award, as he truly embodies what this award represents."

A board-certified theriogenology specialist, Archbald joined UF's faculty in 1984 and retired in 2008 after a distinguished career. While at UF, he directed initiatives in support of increasing the representation of minority students and faculty within the veterinary medical profession. Through these initiatives, later known as multicultural and special programs, he continued to advise and mentor minority students, even in retirement.

Archbald is a past recipient of the Iverson Bell Award, presented to him in 2001 by the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges in recognition of his efforts to enhance diversity in the veterinary medical profession. He also received the UF College of Veterinary Medicine's Distinguished Service Award in 2009 for his career achievements.



SMALL ANIMAL SURGEON NAMED TO UF PROFESSORSHIP

Daniel D. Lewis, D.V.M., a professor and the Jerry and Lola Collins Eminent Scholar in Canine Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Surgery

at the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine, has received a UF Research Foundation professorship.

Sponsored by the university's Office of Research, the professorships are awarded to tenured faculty members campuswide for distinguished research. The honor includes a \$5,000 salary increase for three years, and a one-time \$3,000 award for research support.

A Diplomate in the American College of Veterinary Surgeons,

Lewis is a former president of the Veterinary Orthopaedic Society and the recipient of a 2012 World Small Animal Veterinary Association-Hill's Pet Mobility Award.

His interests include musculoskeletal traumatology, fracture management and reconstructive orthopaedic surgery with a focus on the utilization of circular and hybrid external skeletal fixation for fracture stabilization, deformity correction and limb salvage procedures.

He has been a member of the UF College of Veterinary Medicine faculty since 1993.



FACULTY MEMBER HONORED FOR RESEARCH

J. Ignacio Aguirre, D.V.M., Ph.D., a faculty member in the UF College of Veterinary Medicine's department of physiological sciences,

has received a 2016 Excellence Award for Assistant Professors from the University Provost's Office.

Aguirre's research interest is in the field of bone biology and musculoskeletal diseases. He joined UF's faculty in 2005 as a research assistant professor at the department of physiological sciences and as a laboratory instructor in dog gross anatomy. Later he enhanced his clinical credentials by completing a residency in laboratory animal medicine at UF in 2012. He became board-certified in laboratory animal medicine in 2013.

His expertise includes bone cell biology, bone histomorphometry, basic bone biomechanics, veterinary gross and microscopic pathology, cytologic, histologic, immunocytochemistry and molecular biology techniques.

"My veterinary background has provided me with expertise and experience in performing advanced procedures, interventions and surgeries in various species of laboratory animals, as well as with appropriate knowledge and expertise to pursue the development of animal models for the study of human and animal diseases," Aguirre said.

The Provost's Office offers the Excellence Awards for Assistant Professors to recognize junior faculty for excellence in research. Awards consist of a one-time allocation of \$5,000 in support of research that can be used to fund travel, equipment, books, graduate students, and other research-related expenses.

Aguirre received his D.V.M. and Ph.D. degrees from the National University of La Plata, Argentina. Aguirre performed a postdoctoral fellowship in the Endocrinology Division at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. He also holds a master's degree in veterinary pathology from the University of London, U.K.



FORMER RESIDENT RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD

Mandy Wallace, D.V.M., a former small animal surgery resident at the UF College of Veterinary Medicine, was recently honored

by a national professional association for her achievements in the clinical, educational and scholarly arenas.

In April, the American Association of Veterinary Clinicians, an organization of veterinary clinicians engaged in teaching and research at the professional, graduate or postgraduate level, presented Wallace with its Resident Award, which is given annually to two residents selected from all the veterinary residents in North America.

Wallace completed her residency in July and is now on the faculty at the University of Georgia's College of Veterinary Medicine. Her primary research interest involves the exploration of a new device for the closure of portosystemic shunts in small animals.

Also known as liver shunts, portosystemic shunts are a serious medical condition through which the body's circulatory system bypasses the liver, causing blood from the abdominal organs to be shunted to the systemic circulation. The condition can be present at birth or acquired, and affects primarily small-breed dogs.

The method Wallace has explored provides reliable closure of the shunt over four to six weeks without the inflammation frequently associated with the traditional device.

Wallace received the American College of Veterinary Surgeons' Outstanding Surgical Residents Award in 2014. She earned the Society of Veterinary Soft Tissue Surgery's Resident Award in 2014 for placing second in the resident scientific abstract competition.

In March, Wallace received the UF College of Veterinary Medicine's Excellence in Master's Studies Award and in 2014 the American Bouvier Rescue League named Wallace its "Veterinarian of the Year" for her efforts to save the leg of a dog named Amitz.



PARASITOLOGIST RECEIVES TOP TEACHING AWARD

Heather Walden, Ph.D., an assistant professor of veterinary parasitology, has received the UF College of Veterinary Medicine's

2016 Zoetis Distinguished Veterinary Teacher Award.

Walden was selected based on numerous criteria, including peer and student evaluations; quality of teaching and impact on student learning; and teaching-related research, service and publishing activities.

A member of the college's faculty since 2010, she handles the largest didactic teaching load of any faculty member in the department of infectious diseases and pathology, teaching core parasitology along with courses in small and large animal parasitology to UF veterinary medical students. She also co-teaches a clinical rotation and has given guest lectures in various courses offered at the college and at Santa Fe College Teaching Zoo.

Walden's department chairman, John Dame, Ph.D., said she had inherited a teaching load once shared by four classical parasitologists.

"Dr. Walden's student evaluations consistently exceed both the

department and the college mean for overall teaching performance," Dame said. "Her outstanding scores come as the result of her excitement about her academic discipline and her clear presentation of the subject matter, which inspire her students to evaluate her instruction so highly."

In addition to her teaching duties, Walden trains summer students in her laboratory and provides diagnostic services to the UF Veterinary Hospitals as well as many other public and private institutions throughout the country.

"My goal is to not create parasitologists, although we need more classical veterinary parasitologists, but rather veterinarians who are confident and proficient in their knowledge of parasitology and the expert in the eyes of the client," Walden said. "My teaching philosophy is to include as much hands-on training as possible, because a precise parasitological diagnosis is best obtained through parasite identification, even in the age of molecular methodology."



NEW GRADUATE RECEIVES TOP NATIONAL AWARD

Brittany Martabano, D.V.M., a new graduate of the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine, was named the 2016

national winner of the Bayer Excellence in Communication Award.

She was selected in April at the end of her senior year from entries representing 27 veterinary schools, which were awarded a total of \$70,000 in scholarship funds through this year's competition.

Created and funded by Bayer HealthCare LLC's animal health division, the purpose of the award is to identify and reward veterinary students who are mastering effective communication skills. These skills are considered crucial for helping to establish strong client relationships, which in turn lead to better compliance with medications and treatment plans for their animals.

The competition challenged students to submit a filmed interview between themselves and a veterinary client in a clinical setting. A panel of faculty judges at each participating school

selected a winner using a scorecard developed by nationally renowned veterinary faculty specializing in communication.

Each college-level winner received a \$2,500 scholarship. Each participating school then submitted a video of its winner to compete for the additional \$2,500 national scholarship award, which was selected by an independent judging panel.

"In the submission that won her the national award, Brittany exhibited exemplary communication skills from the moment she opened the exam room door," stated a press release from Bayer Communications. "She was empathetic, clarified her understanding of the pet's health problems and included the pet owner in the development of a plan to handle the issue."

Martabano will begin a rotating small animal internship at North Carolina State University's College of Veterinary Medicine this fall and subsequently hopes to complete a residency in ophthalmology.



PROFESSOR IS FINALIST IN TOXICOLOGY TESTING CONTEST

Christopher Vulpe, M.D., Ph.D., a professor at the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine, is a semifinalist in a

toxicology testing competition sponsored by several federal agencies.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the National Institutes of Health and other groups organized the three-part competition, which will award up to \$1 million to improve the relevance and predictability of data generated from chemical screening technology used for toxicology testing. Only a small number of chemicals in use today have enough toxicity data to fully evaluate their potential health risks, and better approaches to evaluate the safety of chemicals are needed, according to the EPA.

Known as the Transform Chemical Testing Challenge, the competition called on innovative thinkers to find new ways of improving current toxicity testing methods. Specifically, participants were charged with developing methods of incorporating metabolic processes into the type of testing now widely used.

Vulpe, a faculty member in the college's department of physiological sciences, came to UF in 2015 as part of the university's preeminence initiative. He was selected as a semifinalist in the competition's first stage, which sought conceptual solutions that could be experimentally implemented and awarded \$10,000 prizes to the winners, along with an invitation to continue on to the next stage.

"Our team from UF, working collaboratively with associate professor Michael Fasullo from the State University of New York Polytechnic Institute, is studying the response of immortalized human cells grown in vitro, or in a dish, to chemicals of concern," Vulpe said.

Immortalized human cells are a population of cells from a multicellular organism which have mutated and are capable of reproducing indefinitely, hence are able to be grown in vitro for prolonged periods of time.

"However, a major problem with most immortalized human cells is reduced or absent metabolic enzymes involved in chemical metabolism," Vulpe said. "This means that toxicology tests using them may not accurately reflect what could be expected in a person."

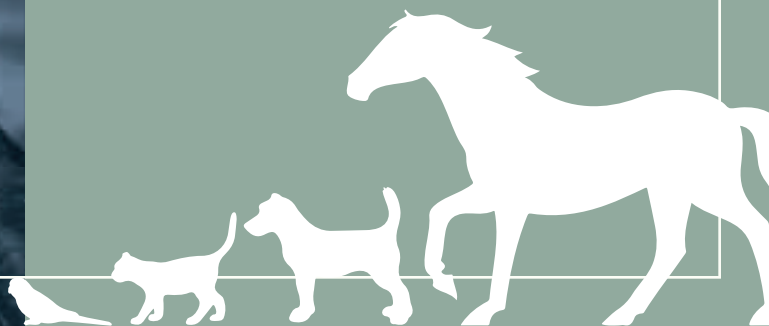
The proposed method makes use of a DNA-editing technology known as clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats, or CRISPR, to activate one or more genes for the metabolic enzymes that the cultured cells no longer produce. That allows the cultured cells to begin metabolizing chemicals as they normally would in the body — thus improving the accuracy of the toxicity tests.

"More predictive in vitro tests could also reduce the need for animals in chemical testing," Vulpe said.

Pet Memorial Program

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Goats get some love at “Wellness Wednesdays”

Photos by Fred Wilson

To enhance awareness of the importance of self-care and life balance among faculty, staff and students, the college’s Office for Students and Instruction and in-house counselor Ron Del Moro, Ph.D., are now holding weekly “Wellness Wednesdays” with a variety of fun events and opportunities for sharing, learning and ... goat cuddling.

These “therapy goats,” owned by UF Small Animal Hospital veterinary care manager Danielle Jonas, have come in twice and have been quite a hit during their recent visits.



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