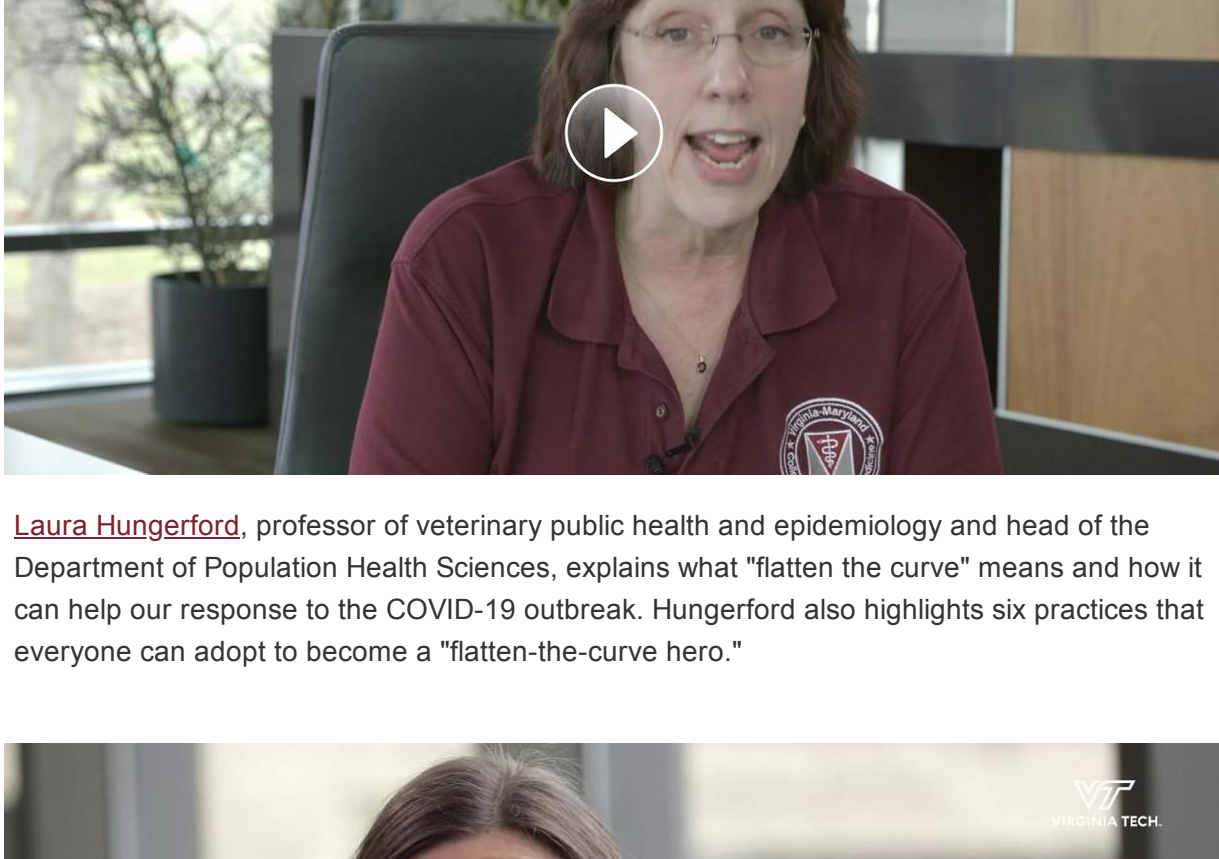




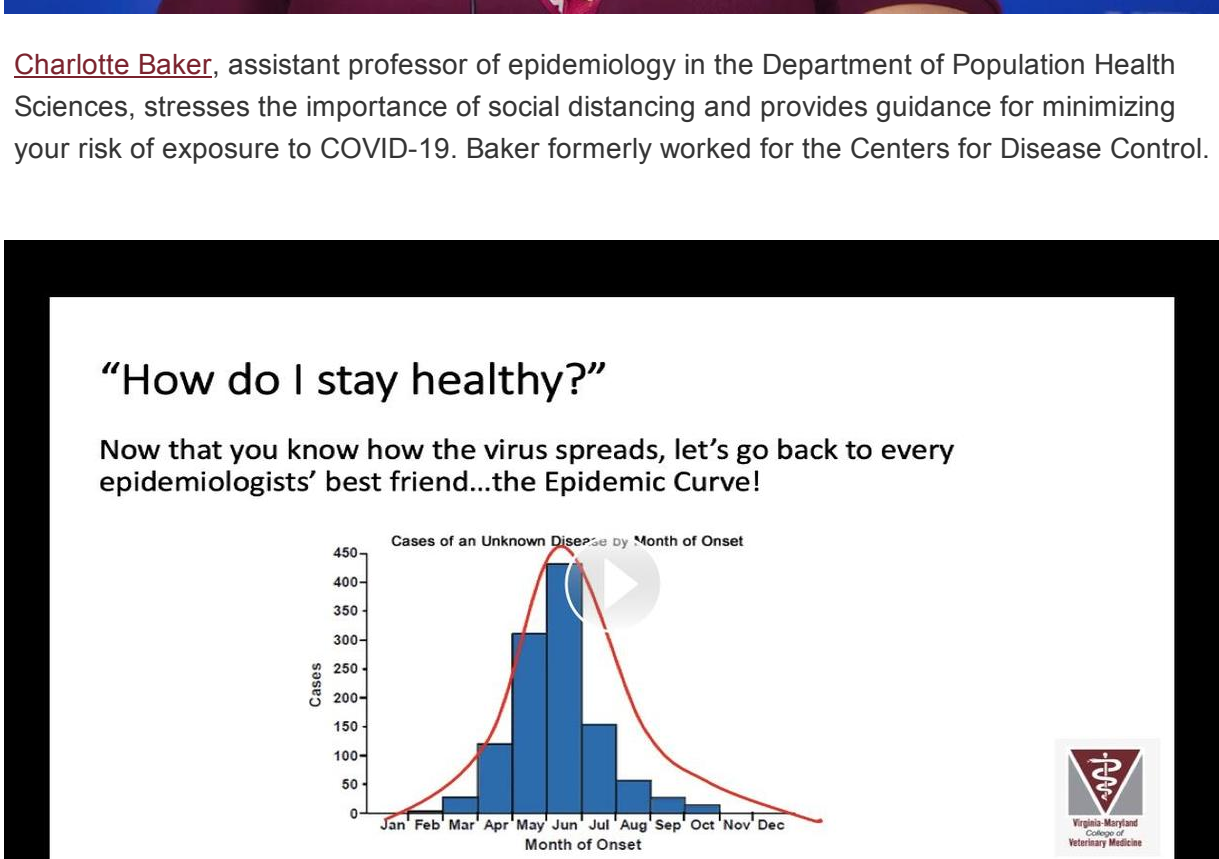
VA-MD Vet Med experts share best practices in response to COVID-19



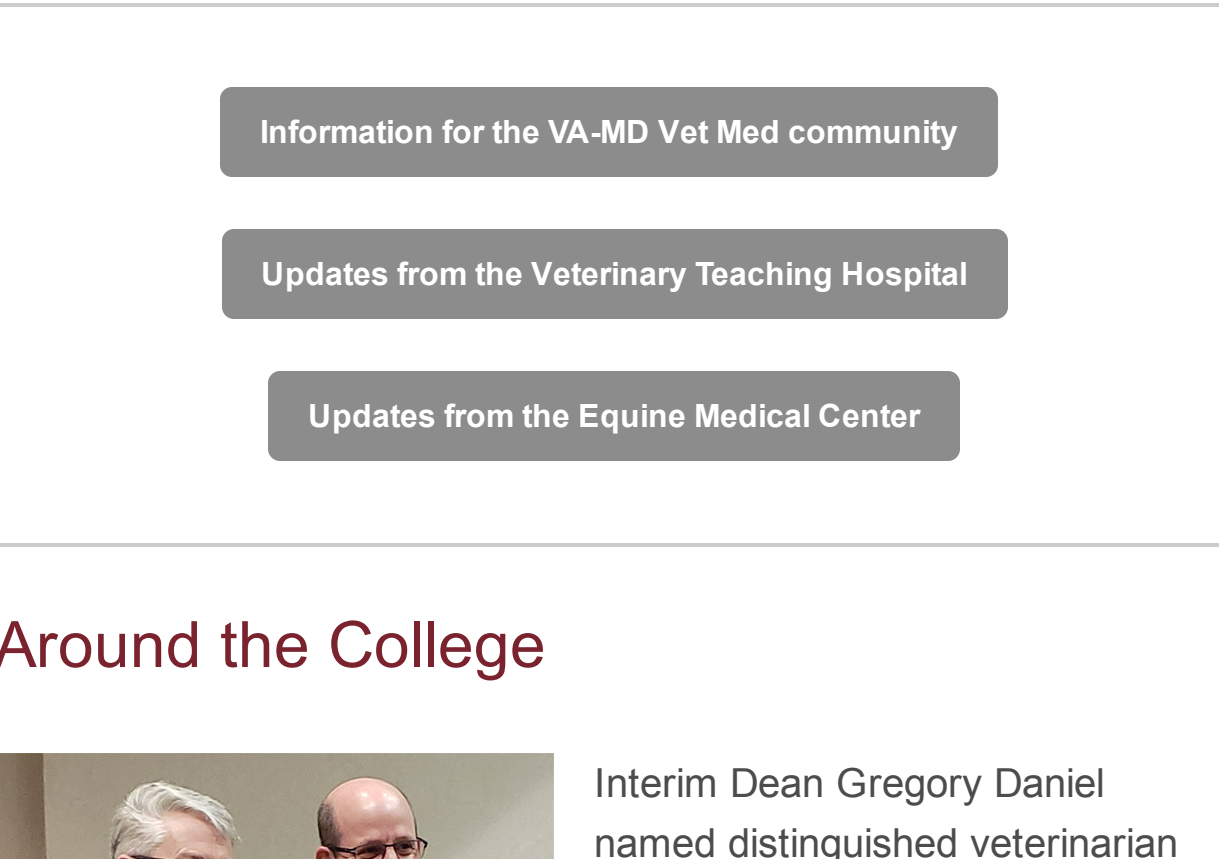
Laura Hungerford, professor of veterinary public health and epidemiology and head of the Department of Population Health Sciences, explains what "flatten the curve" means and how it can help our response to the COVID-19 outbreak. Hungerford also highlights six practices that everyone can adopt to become a "flatten-the-curve hero."



Cassidy Rist, assistant professor in the Department of Population Health Sciences, offers advice on interacting with your pets and safety precautions in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. A veterinary epidemiologist, Rist supports programs and initiatives in the college's Center for Public and Corporate Veterinary Medicine.



Charlotte Baker, assistant professor of epidemiology in the Department of Population Health Sciences, stresses the importance of social distancing and provides guidance for minimizing your risk of exposure to COVID-19. Baker formerly worked for the Centers for Disease Control.



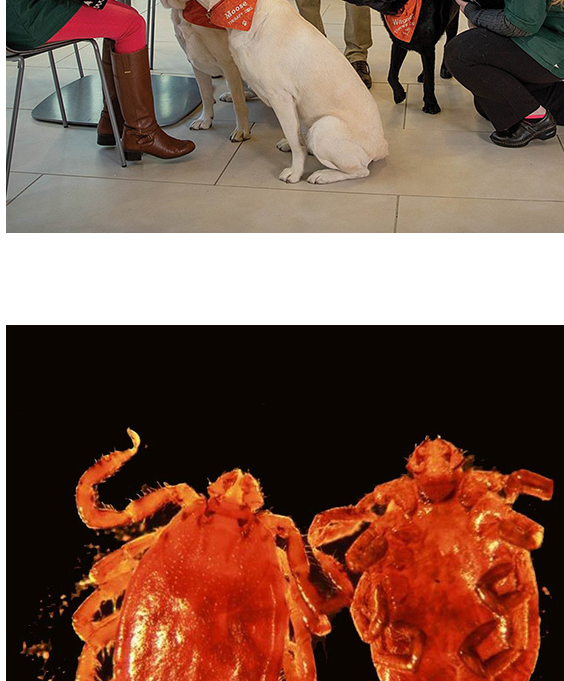
Jennifer Zambriski, assistant professor of epidemiology in the Department of Population Health Sciences, explains how diseases spread and what we can do to stop the spread. Zambriski is an infectious disease veterinary epidemiologist with expertise in emerging infectious disease and pandemics.

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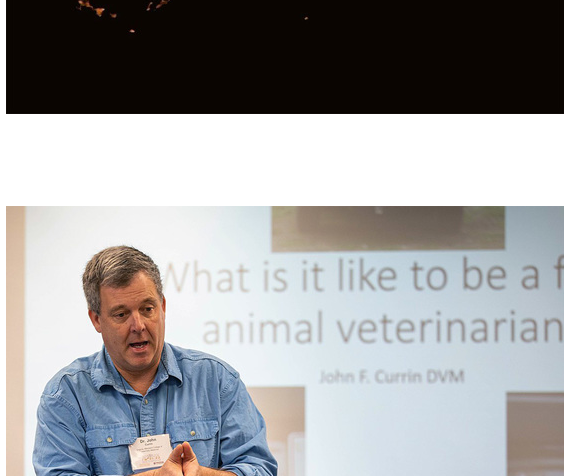
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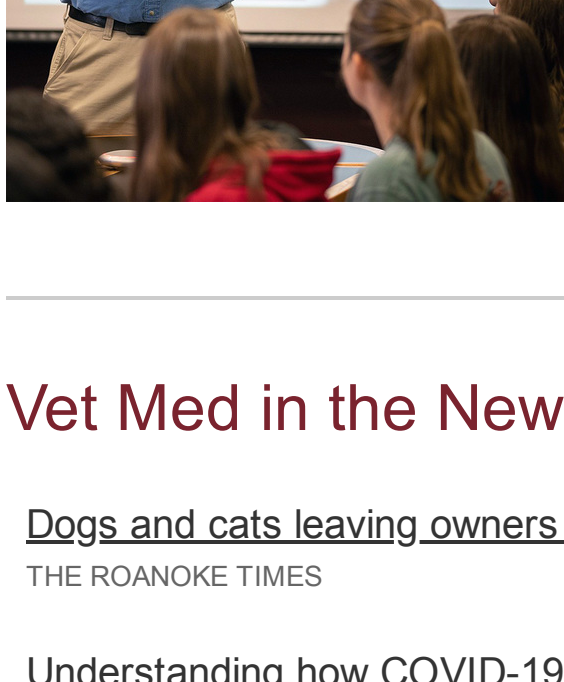
Interim Dean Gregory Daniel named distinguished veterinarian

Interim Dean Gregory Daniel, professor of radiology in the Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences, received the [Virginia Veterinary Medical Association's Distinguished Virginia Veterinarian Award](#), which recognizes an individual who, by his or her actions, brings positive recognition to veterinary medicine in Virginia. Daniel was named this year's recipient at the annual Virginia Veterinary Conference in February at the Hotel Roanoke in Roanoke, Virginia.



Latest edition of Tracks Magazine is available — and online

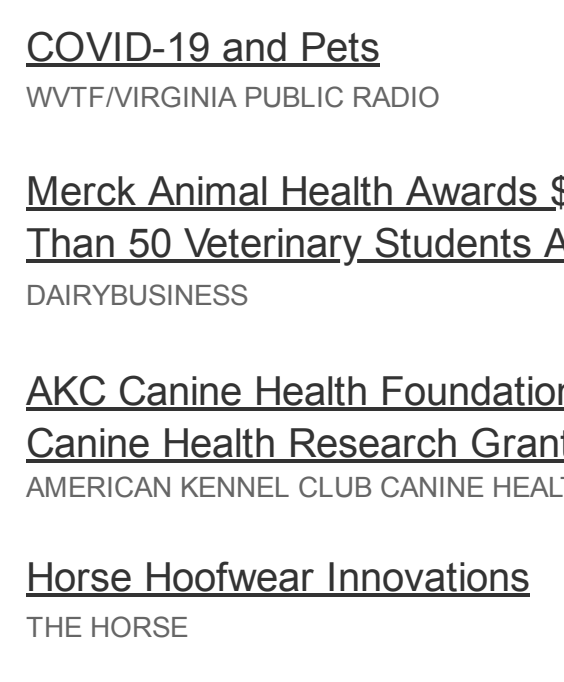
The [winter 2020 edition of Tracks Magazine](#), the flagship publication of VA-MD Vet Med, is here! The edition features stories about the college's wellness initiatives — including its new veterinary social work program — for students, clients, and practitioners; the Veterinary Teaching Hospital's physical rehab service; the college's incoming dean, Daniel Givens; scholarship funding for students; research news; and more. If you haven't yet received a print copy, [let us know!](#)



The mysterious Asian longhorned tick invades Virginia

The presence of the tick and the disease it transmits — *Theileria orientalis* — is still unexplained, and the Ikeda subtype found in Virginia is a new discovery. At present, the Virginia Tech Animal Laboratory Services is the only laboratory in the U.S. capable of testing for the Ikeda genotype, which causes anemia in cattle.

[Learn More](#)



VA-MD Vet Med hosts annual APVMA Symposium

For the first time, VA-MD Vet Med hosted the [American Pre-Veterinary Medical Association Symposium](#), an annual gathering of hundreds of aspiring veterinarians. Speakers at the late-February event included college faculty, staff, students, and alumni, highlighted by a keynote presentation by Claire Simeone (DVM '11), director of The Marine Mammal Center's Ke Kai Ola Hawaiian Monk Seal Hospital in Hawaii.

[View photos from the two-day event](#)

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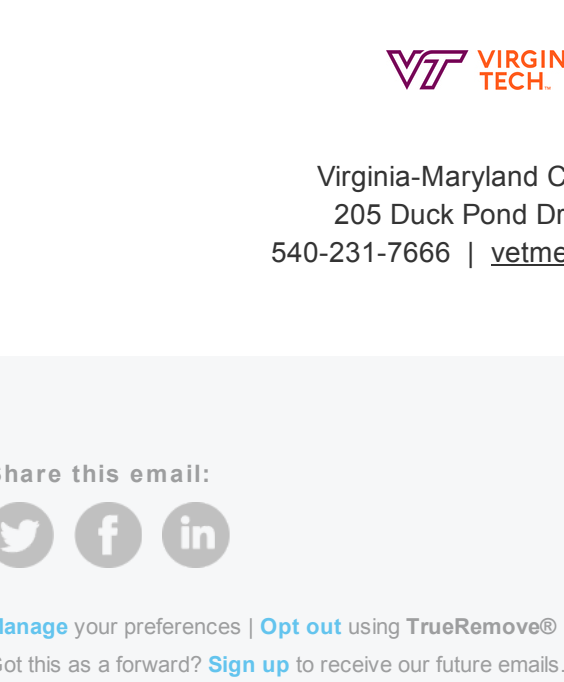
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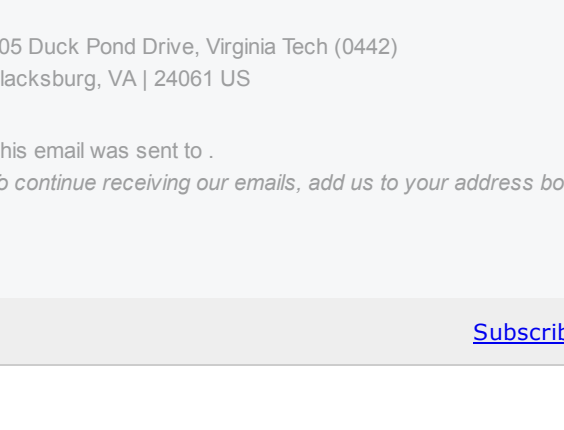
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Alumni Corner



DVM alumnus recognized by AAVPT

Butch KuKanich (DVM '97), professor and assistant department head in Kansas State University's College of Veterinary Medicine, received the [American Academy of Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics \(AAVPT\) Teaching Award](#) for significant teaching activities in the fields of veterinary or comparative pharmacology or therapeutics. KuKanich's research interests focus on companion animal pharmacology, drug interactions, drug metabolism, and analgesia.



DVM alumna welcomed to board of directors of Pennsylvania organizations

Jody Kull (DVM '04), pictured on the left, is one of four dairy professionals who recently joined the [board of directors of the Center for Dairy Excellence and the Dairy Excellence Foundation](#). Kull, who filled a new position designated for a veterinarian with experience consulting dairy clients, operates Valley Mobile Veterinary Services, which focuses on food animal medicine in a seven-county area across Pennsylvania.

Event Cancellations

On March 17, Virginia Gov. Northam announced that Virginia would follow federal guidelines to avoid gatherings of 10 or more people. As a result, the following events at the veterinary college have been canceled. Announcements regarding other events scheduled to be held after April 30 will be released as decisions are made.

- **Open House** (April 4)
- **Evening of Gratitude** (April 4)
- **Community Dog Wash** (April 19)
- **Annual Bob Duncan Memorial 5K** (April 25)
- **Community Easter Egg Hunt**
- **VetTRAC Summer Program** (June 7-12 and June 14-19)

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