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Public health students go to Malawi, assess problems in care for cervical cancer

Rodgers and Stephanie Hernandez, both [Master of Public Health](#) students at the college, went to the African nation of Malawi over the holiday break to help assess the nation's continuum of health care from home to hospital.

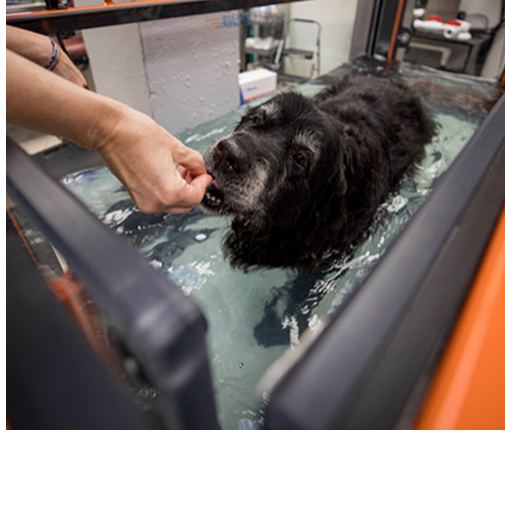
By many calculations, Malawi has the highest incidence and mortality rates related to cervical cancer in the world, a problem exacerbated by transportation and communication difficulties.

Around the College



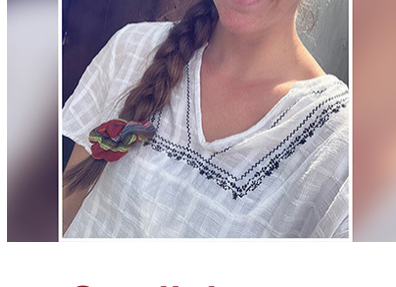
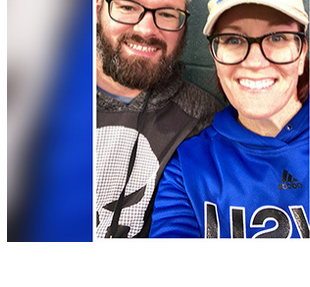
Roger Ramirez-Barrios named Virginia Veterinary Medical Association's Mentor of the Year

[Roger Ramirez-Barrios](#) has been named the Virginia Veterinary Medical Association's Mentor of the Year for 2023. The award has been offered since 2006 to recognize excellence in mentorship.



Veterinary college employs spectrum of care to improve 11-year-old dog's life after leg injury

When Sophie the Newfoundland/golden retriever mix suddenly could not stand on her hind end, owner Angela McCoy Williams of Giles, Va. took Sophie to the emergency services at the VTH. It was found that Sophie tore her cranial cruciate ligament (CCL) in her rear right leg.



Spotlight on...

Faculty: [Bobbi Conner](#), DVM, DACVECC

Clinical Associate Professor - Emergency & Critical Care Medicine

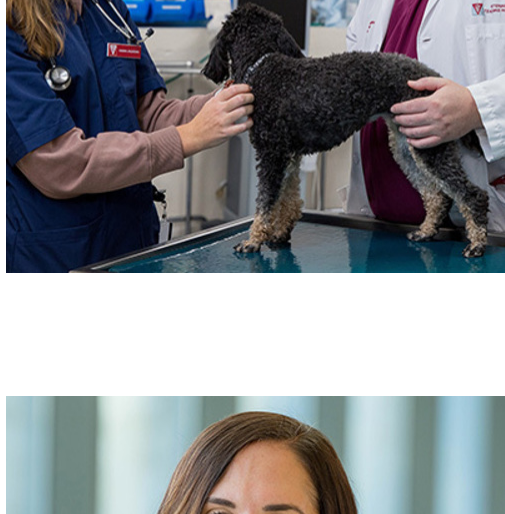
Student: [Meghan Albritton](#)

Second-year Master of Public Health, infectious disease concentration and second-year geography M.S. student.

Alumni: [Tabitha Viner \(DVM '98\)](#)

Veterinary Forensic Pathologist at National Fish and Wildlife Forensics Laboratory
Ashland, Oregon

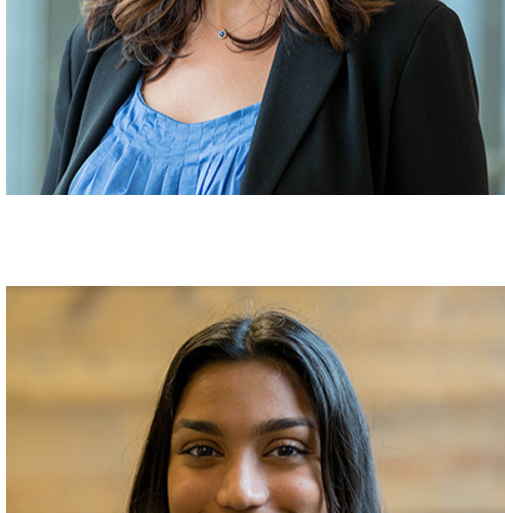
Tabitha Viner has been at the National Fish and Wildlife Forensics Laboratory since 2010. She is part of the pathology section at the lab and works with other Fish and Wildlife Service scientists in the fields of genetics, morphology, and criminalistics on crimes involving birds and endangered species.



Veterinary professor Nappier goes back to school to learn how to make school better for students

[Michael Nappier](#) wants to emphasize the "teaching" part of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital. "I'm a college professor who hates school," said Nappier, clinical associate professor in small animal clinical sciences at the college

His solution: Going back to school.



Veterinary alumna Rebecca Persons joins college as clinical instructor

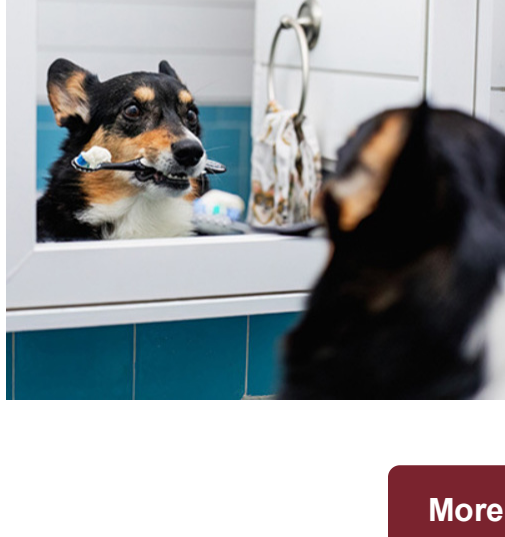
[Rebecca Persons](#) has joined the college as a clinical instructor at the [Small Animal Community Practice](#).



Pre-veterinary fellowship gives an Italian perspective on animal sanctuaries for student Anika Rao

The decision to apply for the Doctors in Italy Pre-Vet Fellowship Program last summer was not a hard sell for Virginia Tech student Anika Rao. Rao, a sophomore in the School of Animal Sciences in the [College of Agriculture and Life Sciences](#) and a student worker on the [Animal Care for Education](#) team at the college, spent two weeks in Italy last summer helping care for

animals at sanctuaries while also getting to visit many cultural attractions in and around Rome.



How Dental Care Keeps Your Pet Healthy and Happy

Pets are beloved members of many families, so it's important to ensure that they receive the proper care in order to keep them healthy and happy. One aspect of pet care that is often overlooked is oral health. It's been estimated that a whopping 85% of cats over the age of three suffer from dental disease!

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Passing the reins at Carson City's Lone Mountain Veterinary Hospital

Katie Roberts (DVM '03) became the official owner of successful veterinary practice on Valentine's Day taking over from Margie Quirk who has been the owner since 2009.

Do weather conditions affect the risk of colic?

Anthony Blikslager, B.S. '86, DVM '89, Ph.D., DACVS, is a professor at North Carolina State University, where he received his doctorate in gastroenterology. He discusses the connection between season, air quality and weather, and the risk of colic.

Vet Med in the News

Saving the soul of veterinary medicine

An appeal to practitioners to sustain small, independent clinic ownership, written by Mark Helfat. Mark and his wife, Mendy, commissioned the sculpture "Shilo" that howls in the grove at the college

Virginia Tech researcher's discovery may lead to a better understanding of mental health disorders related to stress, anxiety

[Albert Pan](#), associate professor of neuroscience, Department of Biomedical Sciences and Pathobiology and Fralin Biomedical Research Institute at VTC

Preventing and Managing Equine Metabolic Syndrome in Horses

[Katherine Wilson](#), clinical associate professor of large animal internal medicine, Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences

Southside group seeking support for 'Kick the Nic' virtual campaign

Virginia Tech Center for Public Health and Research

Accomplished Horsewoman Firestone Dies at 91

Diana Firestone - founding committee member for Virginia Tech's Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center

Effects of Dietary Ferulic Acid on Intestinal Health and Ileal Microbiota of Tianfu Broilers Challenged with Lipopolysaccharide

Li-Jen Chang, professor of anesthesiology, Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences

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[Audrey Ruple](#), associate professor of quantitative epidemiology, Department of Population Health Sciences

Is melanoma inevitable for gray horses?

[Chris Byron](#), department head and associate professor of large animal surgery, Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences

Terps Take on Ticks

[Utpal Pal](#), professor in the Department of Veterinary Medicine at College Park, MD

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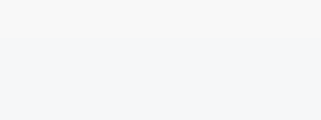
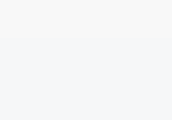
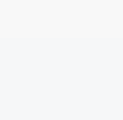
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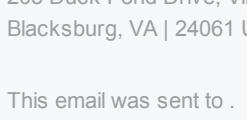


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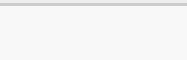
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