MEET THE TEAM

ADMINISTRATION AND MARKETING

ANESTHESIOLOGY

From kittens to the largest draft horses, patients at the Veterinary Health Center require the services of the anesthesia section.

- The sophisticated patient services provided by the other areas of the hospital require equally sophisticated anesthesia for the highest quality in patient care.
- We anesthetize specialized cases as well as routine procedures performed as part of our local practice.
- We provide pain management and critical care for hospitalized patients.

The anesthesia faculty welcomes both companion and large animal consultations as well as anesthesia-related questions from private veterinarians. The anesthesia faculty can be reached by calling 573-882-7821.

RADIOLOGY/ RADIATION ONCOLOGY

The radiology section provides comprehensive services to the Veterinary Health Center in all types of imaging.

- Radiography
- Ultrasound
- Computed tomography for large and small animals
- Magnetic resonance imaging for horses and small animals
- Nuclear scintigraphy
- Positron emission tomography
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The Community Practice Section at the MU Veterinary Health Center serves many functions for its patients and clients. As generalists (similar to family practice MDs) our veterinarians see dogs and cats for medical and surgical problems as well as for maintenance of wellness, prevention of disease and maximizing quality of life for our patients and their owners. We have special interests in nutrition, dentistry, skin and ear infections, parasite prevention and treatment, and behavior problems.

**DENTISTRY**

We offer a complete range of veterinary dentistry services.

- Intra-oral digital dental radiography
- Surgical exodontics
- Endodontics, including root canal therapy
- Orthodontics
- Oral fracture repair
- Tumor removal
- Periodontics

Appointments are needed for general dentistry, consultations and oral surgery services.

**DERMATOLOGY**

Dermatologists are the best resource in veterinary medicine for dogs and cats with skin and ear problems that are difficult to resolve.

- The VHC has a part-time board-certified dermatologist on staff.
- We provide a complete range of veterinary dermatology services including expertise in veterinary dermatohistopathology.

**SHELTER MEDICINE**

The College’s shelter medicine program provides educational benefits to students while helping residents and animals in local communities. The services provided by faculty and students have a direct and positive effect on under-resourced humane societies. The College’s participation helps them reach their goals of controlling the population of unwanted animals while maximizing the adoptability of animals in their care.

The College has converted a building at its Middlebush Farm to provide space for animal holding, laboratory procedures, a surgery suite and animal examination. Additionally, a fully equipped mobile surgical trailer allows students to provide spay and neuter services to shelter animals around Missouri with limited access to veterinary care.

Services include:

- Anesthesia
- Surgery
- Physical examination
- Infectious disease management
- Behavioral assessment

**COMMUNITY PRACTICE FACULTY**

- Amie Burling DVM, DACVPM Assistant Teaching Professor
- Carrie Duran DVM, PharmD Adjunct Assistant Professor
- Alisa Hutchison DVM Clinical Instructor
- Joann Kunz DVM Clinical Instructor
- Richard Meadows* DVM, DABVP Curators Teaching Professor
- Sandra Briesacher DVM Clinical Instructor

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- Kacey Lundy RVT
- Kelly Michael RVT

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The Equine Hospital provides all aspects of patient care from on-farm preventive medicine to complex referral care. The MU Veterinary Health Center is on the cutting edge of lameness diagnosis and treatment. A team of specialty clinicians, residents, interns, veterinary students, veterinary technicians and assistants provide your client’s horse with the best veterinary medical care.

**AMBULATORY**

The equine ambulatory program operates two trucks with three faculty veterinarians and two rotating interns. The ambulatory team offers a full spectrum of services.

- Upper airway endoscopy
- Digital ultrasound
- Digital radiography
- Lameness examinations
- Preparation of IRAP, PRP and stem cell therapy
- Routine and advanced dentistry
- Electronic Coggins and health certificates available by email the next day
- Vaccinations

**MEDICINE**

The medicine service provides emergency and elective care for a wide variety of conditions.

- Gastrointestinal problems (colic, ulcers, diarrhea)
- Neurologic conditions (wobbler syndrome, EPM)
- Respiratory concerns
- Endocrine problems (obesity, insulin resistance, Cushing’s disease)
- Foal and newborn ailments
- Skin disorders
- Preventative care
- Board-certified equine practice specialist
- Board-certified internist
- Cardiac disease

**SURGERY**

A full spectrum of elective and emergency surgery and lameness services are available including arthroscopy, abdominal surgery, wound treatment, fracture repair, respiratory surgery, laparoscopy, sinus and dental surgery, tendon/ligament surgery, podiatry services and regenerative therapies.

- Board-certified equine surgeons
- State-of-the-art hospital facilities
- Cutting-edge lameness diagnosis and therapy
- Advanced diagnostics and instrumentation
- 24-hour critical care

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**EQUINE MEDICINE AND SURGERY FACULTY**

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DECVIM  
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Director of the Veterinary Health Center Hospital

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The VHC Food Animal Hospital is one of the busiest food animal hospitals in North America. The bulk of the caseload consists of traditional agricultural animals, including beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep and goats. The clinic also provides services to nontraditional livestock owners.

- Routine and emergency individual animal care
- State-of-the-art consultative services to farmers for prevention of disease and impaired productivity
- Ambulatory care
- Consultative services for disease outbreak investigations, herd problems and farm management
- Reproduction

**FOOD ANIMAL MEDICINE AND SURGERY FACULTY**

- **Pamela Adkins**  
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  Clinical Instructor

- **Pedro Melendez**  
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  Associate Professor

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  Professor; Director  
  Agriculture Experiment Station

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  Professor

- **Daniela Mauler**  
  DVM, DECvn, PhD Candidate  
  Assistant Teaching Professor

**FOOD ANIMAL MEDICINE AND SURGERY RESIDENTS**

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- **Brian Shoemake**  
  DVM

- **Stacy Krumme**  
  DVM

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  RVT

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**NEUROLOGY AND NEUROSURGERY TECHNICIAN**

- **Stephanie Gilliam**  
  RVT, VTS  
  (Neurology)

**INTERN**

- **Richard Shinn**  
  DVM

**RESEARCH FELLOW**

- **Daniella Vansteenkiste**  
  BVetMed MRCVS  
  Post-Doctoral Fellow

The neurology and neurosurgery service is led by faculty members who are board certified in veterinary neurology by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM). The service offers the latest in diagnostic tests, and medical and surgical treatments.

- Advanced imaging such as MRI or CT to view the brain or spinal cord
- Electrodiagnostic testing to identify seizure disorders and diseases of the muscles and peripheral nerves
- CSF analysis to detect infections of the nervous system
- DNA testing for genetic diseases
- Full-service rehabilitation center including underwater treadmill
- Surgical procedures involving the spine, brain and nerves to include decompressive and stabilization procedures
Complete veterinary ophthalmology diagnostic, medical and surgical services are provided for companion animal, food animal and equine species.

- Treatment for eye disorders of domestic and non-domestic species including ocular trauma, dry eye, glaucoma, inflammation of the eye (uveitis), cataracts, tumors, eyelid abnormalities and retinal diseases
- Breed certification eye examinations of purebred dogs and horses via annual diagnostic screenings for inherited or congenital eye disorders
- Special research focus at the MU College of Veterinary Medicine includes heritable retinal diseases, corneal wound healing, and novel treatments for eyelid tumors in horses

The cardiology service of the University of Missouri Veterinary Health Center offers evaluation of heart disease specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of congenital and acquired heart disease in companion animal, food animal, and equine species.

- Complete echocardiographic, radiographic, and electrocardiographic evaluations
- 24-hour ambulatory electrocardiography, event monitors, implantable loop recorders
- Cardiac catheterization procedures including Amplatzer occlusion of patent ductus arteriosus, pulmonic stenosis valvuloplasty and heartworm retrieval
- Pacemaker implantation
- Cutting-edge medications for heart disease
The Veterinary Health Center is open and fully staffed to receive emergencies 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Patients admitted on emergency are triaged upon arrival and provided with lifesaving emergency care as necessary.

All patients receive a complete evaluation by the emergency veterinarian on duty, and the client is informed of the findings of the examination. Diagnostic and treatment plans are recommended and a complete estimate for emergency stabilization is provided to the client. Routine diagnostics such as lab work and plain-film radiographs can be performed at any time, and stabilization, intensive care hospitalization and 24-hour monitoring are provided as needed.

More complex diagnostic and therapeutic procedures can be performed on an emergency basis when indicated. Emergency diagnostic, surgical, and treatment decisions are made on a case-by-case basis and in consultation with the appropriate specialty service.

For critically ill small animal patients that require immediate clinical decisions by a veterinarian, the critical care service is prepared to deliver round-the-clock specialty care, including providing mechanical ventilation or peritoneal dialysis if indicated.

Communications with the primary care veterinarian for each patient seen during evenings and weekends include a fax or e-mail sent the next day to inform the pet’s veterinarian of initial findings.
Physical rehabilitation is a proven modality for improving patient outcomes after surgery, restoring mobility, evaluating athletic performance, and most importantly, enhancing quality of life. The clinicians and technicians of the Physical Rehabilitation Service are part of the Veterinary Health Center team dedicated to providing exceptional care for your pet. Our service is co-directed by faculty members of the neurology/neurosurgery, nutrition, and orthopedic surgery services. The care of your pet is provided by a licensed veterinarian and a team of certified canine rehabilitation practitioners to ensure quality patient care and efficient client communications. We have a full-service rehabilitation center including an underwater treadmill, electric stimulation, therapeutic ultrasound, and low level laser for both in-patient and out-patient care. Since obesity can have a negative impact on a pet’s mobility and lifespan, we also offer comprehensive weight loss plans formulated by our veterinary nutritionist to complement our physical therapy program. Our goal is to maximize your pet’s recovery process and well-being through state-of-the-art physical rehabilitation techniques and optimal nutrition.

We offer various services to assist with patient care which include:

- Recommendations on therapeutic diet selection, implementation and follow-up plans.
- Custom diet formulation when an appropriate commercial therapeutic diet is not available, accepted or tolerated.
- Assisted feeding recommendations, including parenteral nutrition and indwelling tube feeding.

Initiation of consultation is requested by phone (573-882-7821), in person, by email (mucvmnutrition@missouri.edu), or by fax (573-884-7563). A consultation request form can be downloaded from the VHC website (http://www.vhc.missouri.edu/clin_nu.htm). A fee is charged once it is agreed that our services would be useful in management of a case. Our fees vary with amount of time required for evaluation and formulation of recommendations. Because we are consultants we must provide services to owners through a primary-care veterinarian who has a client-veterinarian relationship and has evaluated the pet to be managed. Pertinent medical records should be submitted with consultation request forms. Agreed upon fees are to be paid by a referring veterinarian, who typically in turn requests payment from owners.

**NUTRITION FACULTY**

- Robert Backus*  
  MS, DVM, PhD, DACVN  
  Associate Professor  
  Director  
  Nestle-Purina Program in Small Animal Nutrition

- Allison Wara  
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**PHYSICAL REHABILITATION SERVICES**

- Stephanie Gilliam  
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- Allison Wara  
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  Clinical Instructor  
  Director, Renew Animal Clinic

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MINIMALLY INVASIVE INTERVENTIONAL PROCEDURES

We are pleased to offer new minimally invasive procedures to treat blockages, shunts, some tumors and tracheal collapse. The small animal internal medicine service, cardiology and soft tissue surgery are now providing the following procedures:

- Tracheal stenting
- Urethral stenting
- Ureteral stenting
- Intrahepatic portosystemic shunt occlusion
- Patent ductus arteriosus occlusion
- Chemoembolization of intrahepatic tumors
- Temporary nephrostomy drainage catheters for renal obstruction with pyelonephritis
- Nasopharyngeal stenting
- Colonic stenting
- Holmium laser lithotripsy.

For information, contact Kelsey Blodgett at 573-882-7821

The small animal internal medicine service provides secondary and tertiary care to animals with complex disease processes. We work with your practice to form a health care team for the management of long term medical problems. We use specialized modalities including rhinoscopy, bronchoscopy, gastrointestinal endoscopy, and cystoscopy to facilitate disease diagnosis and treatment. Examples of diseases that our internists evaluate and treat include:

- Respiratory disease, such as asthma in cats or chronic nasal discharge in dogs
- Gastrointestinal disease, such as pancreatitis or inflammatory bowel disease
- Liver disease, such as hepatic lipodosis or cirrhosis
- Kidney disease, such as urinary stones, chronic urinary infection, or renal failure
- Endocrine disease, such as Cushing’s disease or diabetes mellitus
- Hematologic disease, such as hemolytic anemia or thrombocytopenia
- Infectious diseases, such as histoplasmosis, cytomega Hoover, and antibiotic-resistant bacterial infections.

**INTERNAL MEDICINE FACULTY**

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Chloe Spertus  
DVM

Mary Stallings  
DVM

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The oncology service provides advanced, compassionate cancer care for animals. We coordinate and provide surgery, chemotherapy, radiation therapy and immunotherapy for animals with cancer. Clinicians and house officers strive to advance evidence-based cancer medicine among all species with an emphasis in comparative medicine research. Clinical trials may be available to help subsidize the costs of some cancer treatments.

http://cvm.missouri.edu/oncology/current.html

- Consult service for veterinarians that handles approximately 1,000 consult calls annually
- Published academic literature by VHC oncologists is available through PubMed and a great resource for finding the latest treatment and diagnostic information for your patients
- Individualized treatment plans to meet the needs of both the client and the patient
- Access to cutting-edge imaging and therapy options through clinical trials
- Positron emission tomography (PET) imaging for detecting and staging tumors
- The latest CT and MRI scanners for accurate treatment planning
- Radiopharmaceuticals for diagnosis and treatment of various cancer types—only a few veterinary hospitals worldwide offer the variety of agents available at VHC
- New linear accelerator for highly focused, effective radiation treatment for mast cell tumors, soft-tissue sarcomas, brain, and other tumor types
- Client support service available to assist clients with the emotional side of their pet’s disease and helping them manage the challenges of caring for a cancer patient
- Knowledgeable, compassionate and skilled oncology and radiation therapy nurses
ORTHOPEDICS

The veterinary orthopedics section is led by three internationally recognized faculty members. They have developed many cutting-edge procedures, including numerous minimally invasive fracture repair techniques, arthroscopic treatments, correction of limb deformities, and cartilage repair strategies. An outstanding group of resident and intern veterinarians also provide excellent care. The team includes registered veterinary technicians that help to ensure quality patient care and communication. They are all dedicated to improving the lives of their patients and providing exceptional customer service.

SOFT TISSUE

The small animal soft tissue surgery service performs surgical procedures and offers surgical consults including abdominal, cancer, thoracic, reconstructive, head and neck, upper and lower airway, and rectal and perianal surgery, and wound management. The service sees patients referred directly from veterinarians, but a large percentage of clinical activity is helping manage patients presented to other clinical services (such as oncology, internal medicine, and emergency/critical care) that require surgical opinions or operative procedures.

- CO₂ Laser surgery
- Minimally invasive surgery capabilities, such as laparoscopy and video-assisted thoracic surgery
- Advanced wound management and reconstructive procedures

SMALL ANIMAL SURGERY FACULTY

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The theriogenology service provides routine and advanced breeding services for all domestic animals.

- Synchronization
- Artificial insemination
- Pregnancy diagnosis
- Breeding soundness examinations
- Embryo transfer
- Semen freezing
- Semen collection and shipment
- Diagnostic service for animals that suffer reproductive disease or infertility
- Emergency service for animals in dystocia

**THERIOGENOLOGY FACULTY**

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**EXTENSION FACULTY**

The extension faculty serves the State of Missouri by providing veterinarians and producers with up-to-date information on the practice of veterinary medicine as it relates to production agriculture.

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VETERINARY HEALTH CENTER AT WENTZVILLE

Veterinary Health Center-Wentzville, based in suburban St. Louis, has brought expert diagnostic services and radiation therapy to the east side of the state. As a result, cancer diagnosis and treatment is now more convenient, more economical and far less stressful for owners and pets alike. To contact the VHC-Wentzville facility, please call (636) 332-5041.

VHC-Wentzville offers cutting-edge diagnostic capabilities and treatment options in state-of-the-art facilities:

- Diagnostic x-ray
- Computed tomography (CT)
- Radiation Therapy
- Clinical trials of newly developed anti-cancer drugs

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RECEPTIONIST

Carla Zerbolio

In 2014 we added Animal Behavior to the services we offer at VHC-Wentzville and are seeing appointments two days per week.

VHC-WENTZVILLE ANIMAL BEHAVIOR FACULTY

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EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

In addition to its primary role as a cancer diagnostic and treatment center, VHC-Wentzville serves as a site for educational presentations by MU College of Veterinary Medicine faculty members to St. Louis-area veterinarians and pet owners.

LOCATION

1092 Wentzville Parkway
Wentzville, Mo 63385
Founded in 2005, ReCHAI’s mission is to study & promote the health benefits of human-animal interaction (HAI) for people and companion animals.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

- Dog Presence and Children’s Stress during Forensic Interviews for Child Abuse
- Puppies for Parole: Shelter Dog Training and Prison Inmate Behavior Outcomes
- Exploring Human-Companion Animal Interaction for Families of Children with Autism
- Effects of Shelter Dog Obedience Training on Veterans’ PTSD Levels
- Owner Perceptions of Visits with their Hospitalized Dogs
- ICU Owner Visitation and Clinical Effects in their Hospitalized Dogs
- Seniors Fostering Shelter Dogs: Improving Health and Well-Being Together
- Walk a Hound, Lose a Pound and Stay Fit for Older Adults
- Effects of Equine Assisted Activities on PTSD Symptoms in Military Veterans
- Human-Animal Interaction for People in Transition

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

- TigerPlace Pet Initiative (facilitating pet ownership for older adults in a retirement residence through a pet care assistant and regular house calls by a MU faculty veterinarian)

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

- Human-Companion Animal Interaction (PSYCH 2830): The course is taken by approximately 100 students per semester

Top from left to right:
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Sandra Holt, Casey Brenner, Jessica Bibbo, MA, Francesca Tocco, MSW

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VHC CLINICAL TEACHING TIMES

Calls from referring veterinarians and identified as an emergency will be accepted at any time. However, during the times listed below, clinical services may not be available for consult calls from veterinarians.

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FOR REFERRING VETERINARIANS ONLY

Small Animal Clinic 866-895-7267
Food Animal Clinic 866-844-3267
Equine Clinic 866-234-3681
VHC-Wentzville 636-332-5041

MEDICAL RECORDS FAX 573-884-7563
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Communications Coordinator, Stephanie Adams 573-882-1372, adamsjs@missouri.edu

CLIENT NUMBERS

Small Animal Clinic 573-882-7821
Food Animal Clinic 573-882-6857
Equine Clinic 573-882-3513

FAQs

WHO WILL TREAT MY CLIENT’S ANIMAL?
This is a teaching hospital where students in their final two years of veterinary education have the opportunity to learn from our care of patients. They participate in patient care, but in no instance do they determine patient care. Indeed, clinical faculty supervise all student involvement with our patients. If an animal’s illness requires hospitalization, a student who is knowledgeable about the animal will call the owner daily to update the owner on the animal’s condition.

WHAT CAN OWNERS EXPECT DURING THEIR APPOINTMENT?
We try our best to stay on schedule. Please ask clients to notify us as soon as possible if they are unable to keep an appointment. Completion of new patient forms may take a little extra time, so arriving a few minutes early for the first appointment is advisable. The VHC now offers a financing option to owners of animals being treated at its Columbia and Wentzville facilities. Universal Guardian Acceptance (UGA) provides financing for any approved VHC client with an estimated bill between $300 and $10,000. Owners can conveniently pre-qualify by calling the VHC at 573-882-7821 in advance of their appointment.

We will start a permanent record for each animal on their first visit. We ask the owner to complete a health history questionnaire on their animal and a registration form. Please send your client with a copy of the Patient Referral Form inserted into this guide, as well as a copy of the patient’s records and radiographs. During the first visit, we will perform a complete examination. Following that, we will discuss with the client any treatment needed for current illnesses.

WHAT CAN I TELL MY CLIENT ABOUT THE VHC FEES?
Charges for office visits and procedures are determined by the time spent, materials needed, severity, and complexity of the problem. If an animal is hospitalized, we will provide a written estimate and keep the client apprised of costs by daily phone calls. Fees are payable upon discharge unless other arrangements are made in advance. Cases with estimates more than $300 require a deposit of one-half of the high end of the estimate. We hope to make your client’s visit to our Veterinary Health Center a pleasant experience. If your client would like to direct comments or concerns to us, they may call 573-882-7821 first and then complete the Customer Satisfaction Survey at www.vhc.missouri.edu.

GRIEF COUNSELING
Together in Grief, Easing Recovery (TIGER) provides direct support to VHC clients and assists students, interns, residents & clinicians with patient cases involving catastrophic illness and/or end of life.

HOW CAN I ACCESS MY REFERRED PATIENTS’ INFORMATION?
Visit portal.cvm.missouri.edu to retrieve information on your referred patients from our Referring DVM Portal.
More than 50% of the companion animal population in the US is overweight or obese. There are numerous health consequences associated with obesity including, but not limited to, osteoarthritis, diabetes mellitus, cardiorespiratory disease, various forms of cancer, and decreased lifespan. Diet and exercise are proven strategies for achieving ideal body weight, maintaining lean body mass, increasing mobility, and enhancing recovery after illness.

Our physical rehabilitation and nutrition clinic is committed to improving the health of dogs and cats by offering packaged plans that are individually tailored for both in-patient and out-patient care. We have a full-service physical rehabilitation center including an underwater treadmill to provide patients with a controlled physical activity regime in addition to a customized diet plan. Each visit, your pet will be cared for by a veterinary clinical nutritionist and a certified rehabilitation practitioner.

For additional information, please contact Dr. Allison Wara, Stephanie Gilliam or Adrienne Siddens (573-882-7821 or mucvmrenew@missouri.edu).