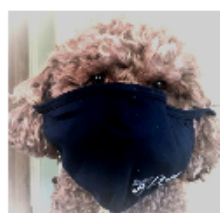


# Penn Vet Visitor Newsletter

Summer 2020

Welcome to Penn Vet's new quarterly newsletter, which is designed for past and future participants in Penn Vet's Department of Clinical Sciences & Advanced Medicine visitor program at the Ryan Hospital. The program is on hold temporarily, but we are very pleased to offer continuing education opportunities in the coming months which you can join from the safety and comfort of home.



## FROM THE CHAIR

Graduating as a veterinarian is the first step in a lifelong journey of learning. This learning occurs by both experience "on the job," supported by objective feedback and reflective review of best practice, and the mechanism of formal continuing education (CE).

In the [Department of Clinical Sciences & Advanced Medicine](#), we are driven by our core values of Compassion, Diversity, and Excellence in everything we do. CE is no exception! We are laser focused on delivering an outstanding CE program, adapting to the constraints imposed by SARS-CoV-2 by developing a robust portfolio of digital offerings – both live streamed and on demand – from our world-class staff and faculty. I very much hope that you will enjoy what we have to offer, and always welcome your feedback. Thank you for being our friends and colleagues at Penn Vet as we navigate the "new normal" that faces us over the next six to 12 months. As Chair of this wonderful clinical Department, I could not be more appreciative of your support and collegiality.

## PENN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This year's Penn Annual Conference will be virtual, on September 22 and 23. We are committed to providing continuing education and are excited at the challenge of holding the conference in this new format. Visit [here for more information](#) about the conference, and to register.

### Other CE Opportunities

*Save the date!*

- CPR with Dr. Kim Slensky & Dr. Vince Thawley (2.5 CE credits), Wednesday October 7, 5:00pm-7:30pm EDT via Zoom
- Cat Breeder Excellence, Saturday October 10
- More Practical Magic with Penn Vet Faculty, Saturday October 24

*In the pipeline!*

- Ophthalmology with Dr. Elaine Holt & Dr. Mary Lassaline, Fall 2020
- CALM (Companion Animal Low-Stress Management), Winter 2020/Spring 2021

Seminars are fresh and diverse, delivered by highly skilled and experienced practitioners and educators. If there's a topic you would like to see covered, please let us know. For more information or to register for a session please email us at [docsam@vet.upenn.edu](mailto:docsam@vet.upenn.edu).



## FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

### Mary Lassaline, PhD, DVM

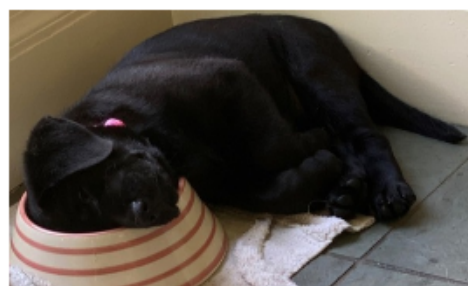
Mary swapped her dancing shoes for a PhD, then went on to obtain her DVM from Michigan State. An active member of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists, Dr. Lassaline researched equine corneal disease while at UC Davis. She now wields her slit lamp at Ryan Hospital, and she is also a resource for Penn Vet's New Bolton Center large animal hospital. Learn more from Mary at the Ophthalmology session she is recording for broadcast soon.

## VISITOR PROGRAM

Our vibrant visitor program brings veterinarians from all corners of the world, at all stages of their careers, to observe how the specialists at Penn Vet approach daily challenges, the expertise they have developed, and the equipment that supports them. Continuing education is a key factor for success and excellence as a veterinary professional. This program helps you keep your knowledge up to date, develop additional skills, and explore new areas of veterinary medicine.

*"I was able to free up a month between roles and chose to spend it at Penn Vet to focus on developing my knowledge and skills in Medicine and Intensive Care."* Dr. Lindeholm Pedersen, University of Copenhagen

Penn Vet's Visitor Program is temporarily suspended. The diversity of knowledge and the cultural infusion that this program brings are sorely missed. We'll be welcoming visitors again as soon as it is safe to do so. For more information, please email us at [docsam@vet.upenn.edu](mailto:docsam@vet.upenn.edu).



## COVID-19 RESEARCH

Read about two important studies that Penn Vet is undertaking, one on the presence of SARS-CoV-2 in North American bats ([here](#)), and one on canine scent detection ([here](#)).



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