



Happy Autumn!

Hopefully, everyone will enjoy some cooler weather as 2024 winds down. Your VMAA has been busy throughout the year, helping alumni and current veterinary students. The freshmen white coat ceremony, the sophomore sweatshirt project, cafe cash, and the travel reimbursement program are just a few of the events the VMAA helps coordinate and support. We all know the rigors of veterinary school, and we work to support these students and our future colleagues. The homecoming program and lunch are the big events the VMAA arranges each fall. Football tickets are also offered for alumni members at discounted rates. Class reunion committees can coordinate with the VMAA office for their events. Funds to cover these events come primarily from VMAA dues. We are gearing up to renew memberships for the calendar year 2025. Please return the attached dues reminder form with your payment.

We thank you for your past membership and look forward to your support in 2025. A special thanks to those clinics encouraging membership and paying membership dues for all their ISU grads. We are highlighting a few of these clinics/hospitals in this newsletter and hope to recognize more in the future.

A big shout out to Cedar Valley Vet Hospital in Cedar Falls, Walcott Veterinary Clinic in Walcott, Steckelberg Veterinary Clinic in Conrad, and Jordan Creek Animal Hospital in Des Moines for supporting their veterinarians and helping the VMAA at Iowa State.

Sincerely,

Dr. Charles Toben' 86

Glendale, AZ

VMAA Executive Committee President-Elect 2026



We are looking for new volunteers for being a virtual board member starting Jan 1, 2026 for a five year term.

We are looking for a 2026 virtual auditor with a 3-hour time commitment annually to join our team of three auditors for a three year term.

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at Iowa State University**

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JORDAN CREEK  
ANIMAL HOSPITAL



**Jordan Creek Animal Hospital**, built and established in 1991 by Dr. David D. Whitney, is a full service veterinary hospital providing treatment for primarily dogs and cats. We believe in the importance and value of companion animals in the lives of our clients and the community. We are dedicated to providing service beyond expectation by offering the highest quality medicine in a compassionate and caring way. We stress client education, preventive medicine, and the personal and professional growth of our staff.

- Dr. David D. Whitney – 1979
- Dr. Daniel Whitney – 2013
- Dr. Anne Kueter – 1997
- Dr. Leah Moore- 1985
- Dr. Wendy Johnson 2003
- Dr. Cody Mingus – 2010
- Dr. Rachel Varley – 2011
- Dr. Kaylee Endres – 2023

**Steckelberg Veterinary Clinic** offers small and large animal veterinary services to clients in central Iowa. The clinic has five veterinarians that specialize in providing high-quality, affordable care to all our patients. Small animal services include: examinations, vaccinations, preventative medicine, boarding, surgery, dental cleaning and extractions, in-house digital x-rays and diagnostics, pet health consultation, and cremation. The large animal services include farm calls for cattle, pigs, goats, sheep, and horses. We provide vaccinations, de-worming, herd health services (pregnancy testing, breeding soundness exams, castrations, implant, dehorning, etc.), herd health consultation, post-mortem exams, equine dentals, and ruminant obstetrics.



Picture shows from left to right with years graduated: Dr. Taylor Peterson, DVM (2017), Dr. Chelsea Steckelberg, DVM (2018), Dr. Joel Steckelberg, DVM (2019), Dr. Erin Damman, DVM (2003), Dr. Kurt Steckelberg, DVM (1993)

**Cedar Valley Veterinary Center** is an independently owned mixed animal practice located in Cedar Falls, IA. We have been proudly serving the Cedar Valley for over 40 years.



Dr. Debra Simonsen (1992), Dr. Amber Jacobsen (2018), Dr. Clif Paulsen (2002), Dr. Kevin Christman (2011).  
Back:Dr. Caleb Vander Wiel (2020) (in blue jacket)

**Walcott Veterinary Clinic** offers modern veterinary care with small town customer service for animals large and small. Located in Walcott, Iowa, they see clients from all over Iowa and the greater Quad Cities area. Their dedicated and compassionate healthcare team is committed to providing personal attention to the unique concerns for each individual pet owner.



**Check out the latest happenings on our Facebook page (VMAA at Iowa State). You can also catch up on the latest events of former instructors, classmates, other alumni, and current students. Again, thank you for supporting your VMAA.**