The University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine, founded in 1946, is dedicated to training future veterinarians and scientists, providing services to animal owners and veterinarians, and conducting research to improve the health of animals as well as people. The College enrolls 102 students each fall out of more than 550 who apply. It has more than 150 faculty members.

Through its hospital and diagnostic laboratories, the College benefits pets and their owners, food producing animals, wildlife and research animals. The laboratories safeguard public health through disease surveillance and supporting the research enterprise. The work conducted at GLADS improves the health and wellbeing of laboratory animals.

The University of Georgia is committed to principles of equal opportunity and affirmative action.
About the Georgia Laboratory Animal Diagnostic Service at the Athens Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory

The Georgia Laboratory Animal Diagnostic Service of the Athens Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory is housed at the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine campus in Athens, Ga. We understand the critical role that animal health plays in the validity of research as well as the impact it has on the welfare of animals.

Our work is premised on the belief that each test we perform touches animals’ and people’s lives.

Quality diagnostic services

Accurate diagnosis of disease is crucial for patient management. Early detection of disease allows veterinarians to intervene in the disease process earlier, prescribe appropriate treatment, deploy management strategies and monitor the outcome.

We are committed to providing Laboratory Animal Veterinarians with accurate and prompt diagnostic testing services. We offer a comprehensive array of testing services including necropsy, pathology, serology, molecular diagnostics, clinical pathology, histopathology, parasitology, bacteriology, mycology, virology and electron microscopy.

In addition to assisting you in administering a thorough quality control program, our extensive range of services allow us to provide you with a thorough diagnostic evaluation of sick animals.

Our technical and professional staff members are happy to work closely with you to develop testing profiles tailored to fit your specific research or health monitoring needs.

Better animal health with experienced diagnosticians

Tests are performed by skilled veterinary scientists and qualified technologists. Our faculty are experts in a broad range of disciplines.

- Our pathologists and microbiologists are tenure-track University of Georgia faculty with graduate degrees and speciality board certifications, and are leaders in their areas of expertise.
- We employ a cadre of highly-educated, motivated laboratory technologists who receive ongoing training in their fields.
- We participate in independent and federal quality-assurance programs that include extensive documentation of laboratory procedures, technique standardization, and instrument calibration. Our labs are audited for AAVLD accreditation every five years.

Other benefits to clients

- Ability to discuss diagnostic cases with world-class experts in pathology and infectious diseases.
- Ability to tap into the vast diagnostic resources of the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine.

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