Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to provide you with this brief update of news and recent advancements from UGA’s Veterinary Teaching Hospital:

**VMLC Update:** Word is spreading, but for those who haven’t heard, our plans for a new Veterinary Medical Learning Center are one step closer to reality. Gov. Nathan Deal has included $52.3 million for the VMLC in his budget proposal and the state legislature is expected to vote on it in April. How can you help? Contact your state legislators and let them know what a great benefit the new hospital would be. You can look up your legislator’s contact information by visiting www.legis.ga.gov, or if you want to make a financial contribution, you can visit www.vet.uga.edu/vmlc.

**Equine MRI Coming Soon:** We are excited to announce that we are in the process of purchasing a new MRI unit. It will take several weeks to deliver and install, but we are hopeful it will be operational by summer. We will be able to perform both small animal and large animal MRIs. Please watch for more details in the upcoming months.

**Veterinary Conference and Alumni Weekend Coming March 23-24 (Register by March 8):** Our 49th Annual Conference weekend is fast approaching and we hope you plan to join us. The conference includes two days packed with CE classes, the State of the College address by Dean Sheila Allen, the Distinguished Alumni Awards, and our Keynote presentation by Drs. Jim Moore and Tom Robertson, talking about “Engaging Today’s Students in Science: A New Approach” (please note these keynote speakers and topic have been updated from previous communication). To register, please visit http://www.vet.uga.edu/alumni/alumni/reunion.

**Colleagues:** The latest issue of our printed newsletter Colleagues was mailed in early February. If you did not receive one, but would like to read it, please email us at UGARDVM@uga.edu to have one mailed to you, or view it online at http://bit.ly/AyydLv.

**We Need Your Feedback:** Hearing about your experiences, both positive and negative, is important to us. Although we are starting a program to proactively reach out to a limited number of RDVMs each week asking for feedback, we also invite you to let us know how we are doing. Please visit our online survey at your convenience: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RDVMSurvey. The survey is very brief and we invite your write-in observations at the end.

Feel free to send feedback to the email and phone numbers above, as well.

As always, we appreciate your support and look forward to providing the best possible care for your client’s animals and the best possible service for you.

Regards,
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Hospital Director