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YEARS

Dear UTCVM Family and Friends,

THANK YOU for helping us celebrate 50 years of The University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine! All of you, our faculty, staff, students, alumni, referring veterinarians, and clients, have been or are essential partners in the life of this College. As we have celebrated success stories, mourned losses, and overcome challenges, you have helped develop the fabric of who we are; we hope you will join us in this year-long reflection and celebration of our first 50 years.

Looking back on those 50 years, we have a chance to truly appreciate the students, staff, and faculty who have come and gone, the medical breakthroughs and surgical innovations that have happened under our roof, and the many animals, owners, and veterinarians we have served. It has been our privilege and honor to serve the Institute of Agriculture, the University, and the State of Tennessee.

As we move forward, I hope you will always hold UTCVM near to your hearts and pledge that you will keep faithful watch for all that is yet to come in the future of this College. Working together, over the next half-century we can continue to provide Knowledge, Compassion, and Discovery to the people and animals we serve.

Cheers to 50 Years and Counting,

Dean Jim Thompson

Thank you, Dr. Thompson for your years of service. Congratulations on your retirement!

SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Minutes of the Tennessee Veterinary Medical Association over the years indicate a concern for a school of veterinary medicine in Tennessee. In 1967 the first positive action was recorded. "A meeting of the School Investigating Committee was held on Thursday, October 12, 1967 in Knoxville, Tennessee. Members present were Drs. Dan Brown, W. W. Williams and W. L. Martin." After discussion with Dr. Glen Hall regarding the pre-veterinary program at the University of Tennessee, the committee met with Dr. George Merriman to explore pre-veterinary opportunities for Tennessee pre-veterinary students to obtain placement in veterinary schools.

In 1967 the Tennessee Farm Bureau Agriculture Committee, Mr. Clyde York, chairman, formally stated needs for a veterinary school in Tennessee and suggested that the University of Tennessee make a study of "the possible need, the nature, and the cost of establishing a school of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Tennessee."

That same month Dr. Webster Pennington, Dean of the College of Agriculture, asked staff members of the UT College of Agriculture to survey Tennessee's needs for a school of veterinary medicine. A survey requested in the UT Board of Trustees authorizing a feasibility study which was carried out by the staff. In October a committee of campus consultants, with Dr. William B. Bell, Dean, College of Agriculture, Blackburg, Virginia, as chairman, was appointed. Committee members were Dr. D. E. Jasper, School of Veterinary Medicine, Davis, California; Dr. Walter R. Krill, College of Veterinary Medicine, Columbus, Ohio; Dr. E. V. Moore, Dean, School of Veterinary Medicine, Lafayette, Indiana; and Dr. Tyler J. Young, School of Medicine, Tennessee. Dean Pennington was campus coordinator. Tennessee. Dean Pennington was campus coordinator. Tennessee. They concluded that it was feasible for Tennessee to study.

STATE OF TENNESSEE PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the productivity and profitability of the important livestock industry of Tennessee is greatly dependent upon animal disease control and prevention; and

WHEREAS, the livestock industry and food animal producers profit greatly from modern veterinary medicine's approach to disease prevention and herd health management; and

WHEREAS, the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine will observe the 50th anniversary of its establishment this year;

WHEREAS, the public welfare and animal welfare benefits from the continued program of research and development of modern veterinary science conducted by the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine; and

WHEREAS, the veterinary profession of Tennessee is vitally interested in the human/companion animal bond and the value of pets to the physical, emotional, and mental health of the citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the public welfare and animal welfare requires a greater sense of responsibility, and

WHEREAS, the public health of the citizenry of Tennessee can be improved and diseases common to animals and man and by their prevention;

WHEREAS, the veterinary profession is recognized as an integral part of the quality health care available in our great state;

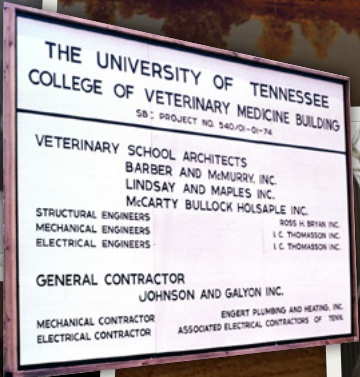
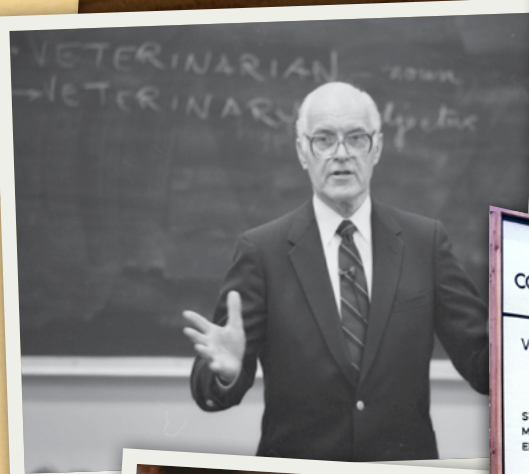
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lamar Alexander, as Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of April 15 - 21, 2018, as

VETERINARY MEDICINE WEEK

IN TENNESSEE AND DO URGE ALL OUR CITIZENS TO JOIN ME IN THIS OBSERVANCE.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this 18th day of January, 2018.

Lamar Alexander
GOVERNOR



The College has had many significant events, milestones, and discoveries throughout the years, and there are too many to include in this calendar. We welcome your thoughts on additional milestones to highlight other ways throughout the years.

Please visit tiny.utk.edu/UTCVMSubmitEvents and share them with us.

- 50th Anniversary Committee





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Eleven Smokey statues exist on the University of Tennessee Campus. In 2022, the UTIA campus welcomed the Smokey XI statue, which is pictured above with a view of the Teaching and Learning Center at UTCVM in the background.

December 2023

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			Henton Veterinary Conference 2023 Dec. 13-15			UTCVM Power Outage
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UTCVM Power Outage Dec. 16-Jan. 3				Holiday Break Dec. 22-Jan.2		
24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa	27	28	29	30
Holiday Break Dec. 22-Jan.2			Holiday Break Dec. 22-Jan.2			
31 New Year's Eve UTCVM Power Outage/ Holiday Break						

\$425,000 for Vet School Plan

NASHVILLE, March 19 (UPI) — Gov. Winfield Dunn yesterday signed into law a bill creating the state's first school of veterinary medicine.

The measure appropriates \$425,000 in planning funds for the facility, to be situated on the University of Tennessee's Knoxville campus.

The school is scheduled to open in the fall of 1975.

Dunn expressed no reservations about the veterinary school as he signed the measure. Earlier he had suggested that, although he would not veto the measure if the General Assembly passed it, he would urge a cautious study of the need for such a school.

His warning was apparently based on a study showing that several other Southeastern states are currently moving toward establishment of veterinary schools, raising the possibility that the current shortage of such schools might soon give way to an overabundance of them.

Tennessee presently sends its veterinary students to schools in other states through a series of cooperative agreements.



Left: A newspaper clipping highlights the establishment of UTCVM. Above: UTCVM founding Dean, Dr. W.W. Armistead.



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March 19, 1974

Governor Winfield Dunn signs legislation to establish UTCVM.

July 15, 1974

Dr. William Armistead becomes the first UTCVM Dean.

April 3, 1976

A groundbreaking ceremony is held for the UTCVM.



Dean W.W. Armistead, University of Tennessee President Dr. Ed Boling, Tennessee Governor Ray Blanton, and University of Tennessee Chancellor Dr. Jack Reese participate in the groundbreaking of UTCVM in 1976.



An architectural model of the college and veterinary teaching hospital is pictured above.

December 2023

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January 2024

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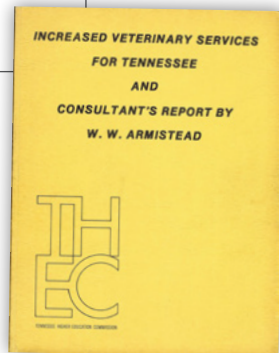
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	Holiday Break Dec. 22-Jan.2		Power Outage			
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14	15 Martin Luther King Day	16	17	18	19 Scrubbin' In (Juniors)	20
21	22 Spring Semester Begins Clinics Begin (Class of 2025)	23	24	25	26	27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day
28	29	30	31			

June 15, 1967
The UT Board of Trustees authorizes a feasibility study to assess the state's veterinary needs.

March 30, 1968
A feasibility study recommends the establishment of a veterinary school in Knoxville.



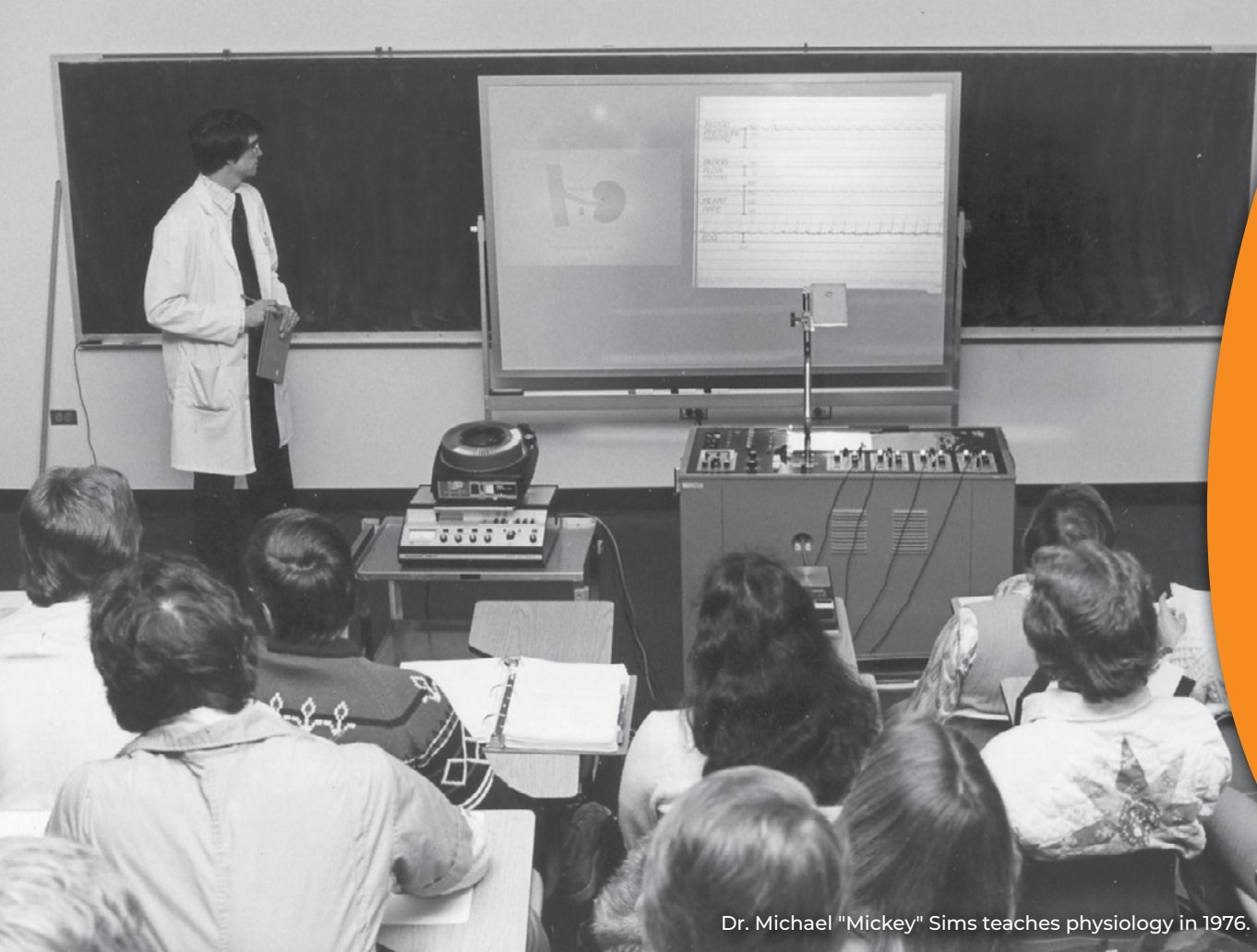
March 11, 1974
Legislation passes the house and senate to establish UTCVM with only one dissenting vote.

Jan. 20, 1975
College department heads gather with Dr. Armistead for the first Executive Committee Meeting.



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Dr. Michael "Mickey" Sims teaches physiology in 1976.

1976

The first UTCVM class of 40 students begins at Cherokee Farms.

1977

Dr. Sharon Patton is hired as the first female faculty member in the Department of Biomedical and Diagnostic Sciences that was then known as the Department of Pathobiology.



UTCVM founding faculty. Left to right, first row: Drs. Alfred Legendre, Wayne Baldwin, E. Dean Cage, Arthur Brown, and Hiram Kitchen. Second row: Drs. Roland Johnson, Desmond Doyle, Gerald Bratton, R.L. Michael, Robert Sholtens, and David Brian. Third row: Drs. Royce Roberts, Ralph Hall, William Grau Jr., Jack Oliver, and C.F. Reed. Fourth row: Drs. D.J. Krahwinkel, Joe Oden, H.T. Barron, and dean W.W. Armistead. Not pictured: Dr. Don McGavin.



Dr. Sharon Patton mentors a student in the parasitology lab.

January 2024

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Black History Month						
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18	19 Presidents' Day	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	UTCVM Annual Conference	



Sept. 1, 1978
The Student Chapter of American Veterinary Medical Association and the Auxiliary to the Student Chapter receive their charters.



Sept. 9, 1976
The first faculty retreat is held.



July, 1978
The initial American Animal Hospital Association review conducted for full accreditation.

The Standard of
Veterinary Excellence



Drs. Krahwinkel, Compf, and Paddleford move furniture into the new teaching hospital.



Above and below: Students learn in various settings in 1979.



Graduates recite the veterinary oath at the first commencement ceremony in 1979.

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Sept. 4, 1978
 Faculty, staff, and students move into the new building that includes classrooms, research facilities, clinical facilities, and a library.

1979
 Students create the first UTCVM yearbook.

June 11, 1979
 The first UTCVM class graduates with 39 students.

February 2024

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April 2024

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					Music City Veterinary Conference March 1-3	Horse Owner Conference
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Music City Veterinary Conference						
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	Spring Break: March 11-15th			2024 Student American Veterinary Medical Association Symposium co-hosted by UTCVM and Lincoln Memorial University CVM. This is the second time UTCVM has hosted the national symposium, the first being 2004		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
St. Patrick's Day						
Last day of 2024 SAVMA Symposium		UTCVM Founder's Day				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
					Good Friday	
				Spring Recess		Easter Sunday 31

Jan. 23, 1979
UTVCM receives full accreditation from the AVMA COE in the spring.



May 17, 1979
The Zeta Chapter of the Society of Phi Zeta is chartered.

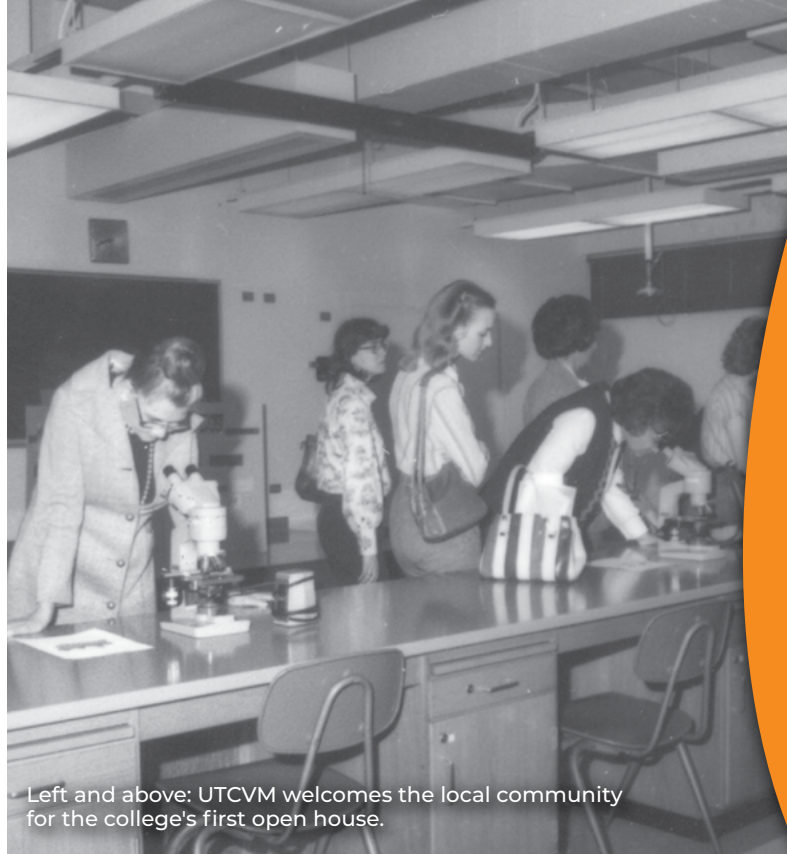
May 17, 1979
The first honors convocation is held.



Sept. 22, 1979
An academic convocation to dedicate the College of Veterinary Medicine is held.

1979
Dr. W.W. Armistead is named UTIA Vice President.





Left and above: UTCVM welcomes the local community for the college's first open house.

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March 29, 1980
UTCVM hosts its first open house.

Oct. 17, 1980
The Clyde M. York Veterinary
Medicine Building is dedicated.



Clyde M. York (right center) poses with UTCVM Dean W.W. Armistead, Governor, Senator and UT President Lamar Alexander, Ned McWherter, and others at the dedication of the veterinary medicine building.

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May 2024

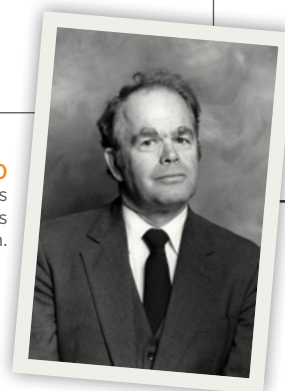
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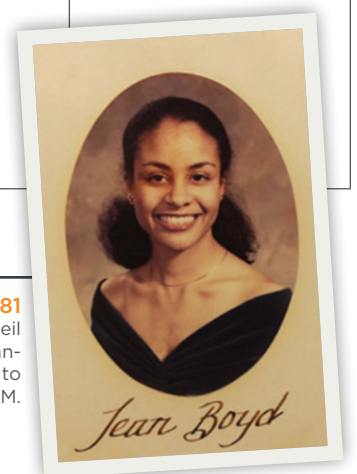
March 1, 1980
UTCVM holds its first Annual Conference for Veterinary Practitioners.



Oct. 1, 1980
Hiram Kitchen is named UTCVM's 2nd dean.



1981
Dr. Jean Proctor McNeil is the first African-American student to graduate from UTCVM.



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Dean Hiram Kitchen accepts a check from Anheuser-Busch for the UTCVM care program established for the Anheuser-Busch clydesdales.

1982

As part of the 1982 World's Fair, UTCVM and Anheuser-Busch establish a comprehensive herd health care program for the Anheuser-Busch Clydesdale Horse Operations.

June 30, 1987

Dr. Armistead retires as UTIA Vice President.

July 31, 1989

Founding administrator, Dr. Charles Reed, retires as associate dean.



In 1982, the World's Fair is hosted in Knoxville.



The college's original dean and associate deans: Dr. W. W. Armistead (seated), Dr. Charles Reed (standing left), and Dr. William Grau (standing right).

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May 2024

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12 Mother's Day	13 Last Day of Clinics (Class of 2024)	14	15	16	17 Class of 2024 Senior Banquet	18 Class of 2024 Commencement/Hooding
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26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	



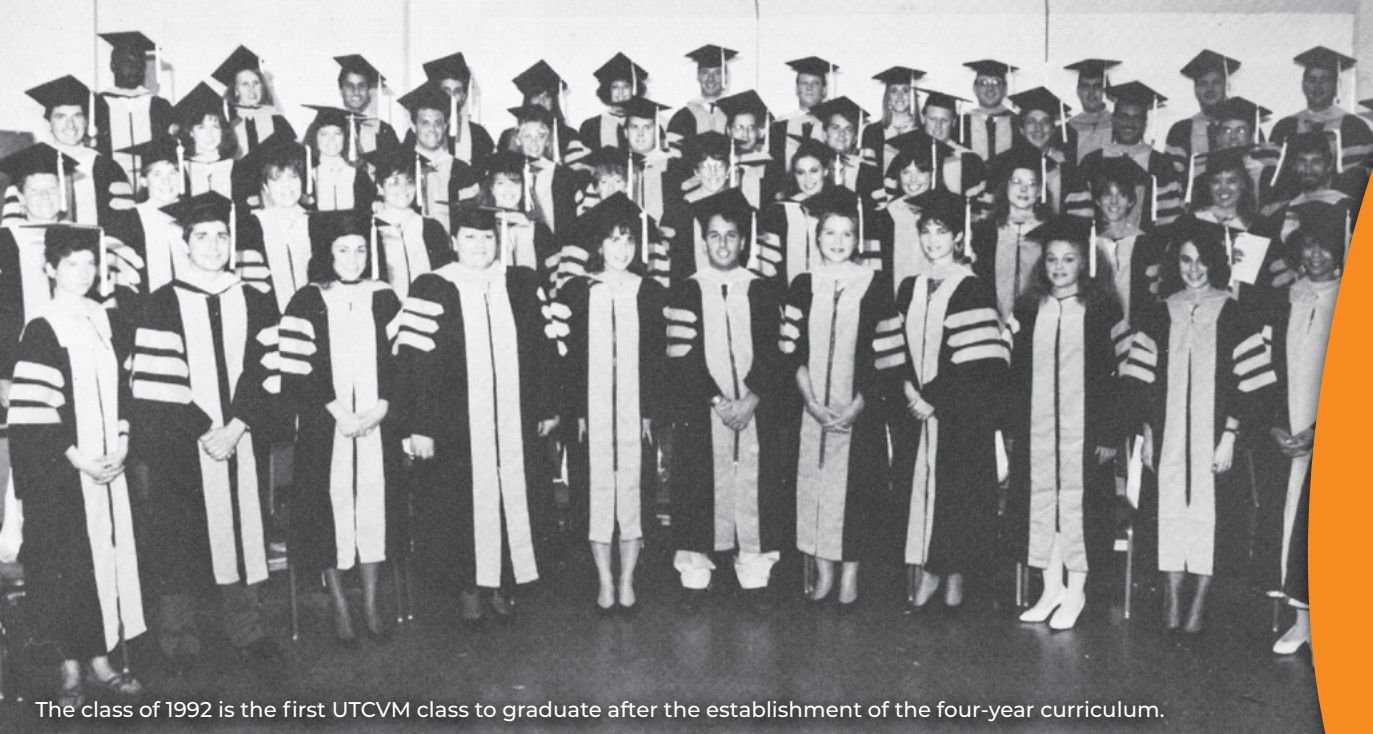
Feb. 8, 1990
Dean Hiram Kitchen is killed at his home. After his death, Dr. Michael Shires is named interim dean.



1982
The commercial use of the endocrinology lab was solidified with the publication by Dr. Jack Oliver and Dr. Clint D. Lothrop (CVM '83) on Cushing's Disease. Today, the lab receives samples from all over the world.

Feb. 22, 1983
UTCVM receives its first lab animal care facility accreditation by the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International (AAALAC).





The class of 1992 is the first UTCVM class to graduate after the establishment of the four-year curriculum.

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HABIL

HUMAN-ANIMAL BOND IN TENNESSEE

1986

Human Animal Bond in Tennessee (HABIL) is formed as a partnership between the College of Veterinary Medicine and the College of Social Work to explore the uses and benefits of the human animal bond for individuals and for companion animals.

1988

UTCVM changes from a three-year to a four-year curriculum, as the university changes from a quarter to semester format.

1989

Dr. Susan Orosz & Dr. Pat Morris conduct in vitro research with cats as a model for an endangered species reproduction program.



HABIL volunteers Beth Code and her dog, Kodi, visit nursing homes and mental health facilities each week as part of the pet therapy program UTCVM established.



Drs. Susan Orosz and Pat Morris are photographed with kittens from the study.

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					CVM Family Cookout	
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Father's Day			Juneteenth			
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July 1, 1985

The Tennessee legislature establishes the Center of Excellence for Livestock Disease and Human Health.



Dec. 21, 1990

Dr. Michael Shires is named UTCVM's 3rd Dean.



Nov. 6, 1994

Drs. Hildegard Schuller (right) and Barry Rouse (left) are named Distinguished Professors.





Buddy and his owner are presented with a certificate as the 100,000th patient treated at UTCVM by Dr. D.J. Krahwinkel and Dean Michael Shires



Dr. D.J. Krahwinkel, former professor and department head of the Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences.

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Oct. 4, 1995
UTCVM's 100,000th
patient is treated

Nov. 1996

Veterinary Surgery publishes a paper by Dr. D.J. Krahwinkel & others (J.C. Vogt, R.M. Bright, G.B. Daniel, R.L. Toal, B. Rohrbach) on the development of the Ameroid constrictor for the treatment of portosystemic (liver) shunts. The American College of Veterinary Surgeons gave this an award for Best Research Paper of the Year. The device then became the treatment of choice for liver shunts.

July 17, 1998

An exact replica of the War Dog Memorial in Guam is dedicated thanks to college benefactor Dr. Maurice Acree.



Dr. Maurice Acree stands with the "Always Faithful" War Dog Memorial statue.



War Dog Memorial sculptor, Susan Bahary, speaks about her love of working animals and her artwork at the 1998 dedication of the War Dog Memorial at UTCVM.

25 MARINE WAR DOGS GAVE THEIR LIVES LIBERATING GUAM IN 1944. THEY SERVED AS SENTRIES, MESSENGERS, SCOUTS. THEY EXPLORED CAVES, DETECTED MINES AND BOOBY TRAPS.

SEMPER FIDELIS

KURT	YONNIE	KOKO	BUNKIE
SKIPPER	PONCHO	TUBBY	HOBO
NIG	PRINCE	FRITZ	EMMY
MISSY	CAPPY	DUKE	MAX
BLITZ	ARNO	SILVER	BROCKIE
BURSCHE	PEPPER	LUDWIG	RICKEY

TAM (BURIED AT SEA OFF ASAN POINT)

GIVEN IN THEIR MEMORY AND ON BEHALF OF THE SURVIVING MEN OF THE 2nd AND 3rd MARINE WAR DOG PLATOONS, MANY OF WHOM OWE THEIR LIVES TO THE BRAVERY AND SACRIFICE OF THESE GALLANT ANIMALS

BY WILLIAM W. PUTNEY DVM C.O. 3rd DOG PLATOON
DEDICATED THIS DAY 21 JULY 1994

June 2024

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March 1, 1999

Third-year ophthalmology resident, Dr. Margaret Cawrse, performs the first cataract surgery on a bald eagle.

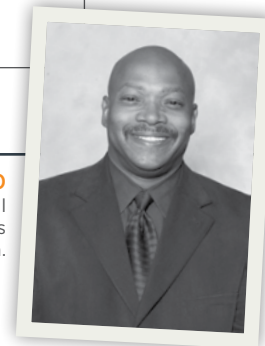


July 31, 2000

Dr. Michael Shires retires after serving as dean for 10 years.

Aug. 1, 2000

Dr. Michael Blackwell is named UTCVM's 4th Dean.



May 2, 2002

The Veterinary Social Work program is established at UTCVM.



Veterinary Social Work SERVICES

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Dr. W.W. Armistead and his wife, Mary Armistead, attend the naming of the veterinary teaching hospital dedicated in Dr. Armistead's honor.

Aug. 15, 2004

W.W. Armistead Veterinary Teaching Hospital is named in honor of the founding dean of UTCVM. Dr. Armistead was dean of two other veterinary schools before becoming founding dean at UTCVM. He was former president of the AVMA, founding editor of the *Journal of Veterinary Medical Education*, vice president of the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, and veteran of World War II who served as Captain in the Army Veterinary Corps in Italy. The name of the hospital is changed again to W.W. Armistead Veterinary Medical Center on July 1, 2010.

Aug. 20, 2004

The Master of Public Health (MPH) veterinary public health concentration begins.



Pictured above and right: Veterinarians play an integral role in protecting public health.

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August 2024

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September 2024

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18	19 UTCVM Class of 2028 1st day of classes	20	21	22	23	24
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Aug. 20, 2002

The White Coat Ceremony is instituted to welcome students to the study of the veterinary profession.



Feb. 23, 2004

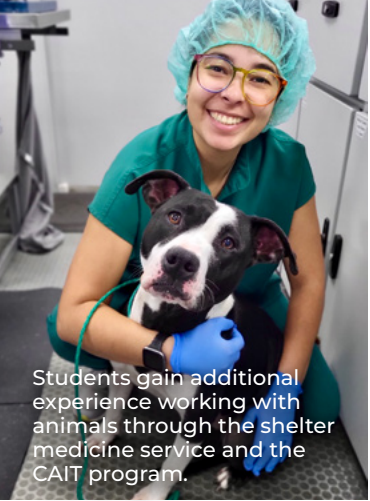
UTCVM receives the 2003 Commitment Award from the Tennessee Center for Performance Excellence.



2006

The Center for Agriculture and Food Security Preparedness (CAFSP) was founded. CAFSP is dedicated to protecting and enhancing the safety of agriculture and the food supply through research and the provision of high quality educational and training programs.





Students gain additional experience working with animals through the shelter medicine service and the CAIT program.



The John and Ann Tickle Small Animal Hospital.

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Staff work in the newly renovated small animal intensive care unit.



Jan. 1, 2005

CAIT becomes an official outreach program of UTCVM. CAIT's mission is to improve the lives of companion animals and reduce the homeless pet population in Tennessee.

April 4, 2008

The John and Ann Tickle Small Animal Hospital is completed.

Feb. 19, 2010

The UTCVM Small Animal Intensive Care Unit renovation is completed.

March 30, 2011

The College celebrates the groundbreaking of the Equine Performance and Rehabilitation Center.



A groundbreaking ceremony for the Equine Performance and Rehabilitation Center is held in 2011. Pictured from left to right: Dr. Dennis Geiser, Dawnya Breeding, Buddy Mitchell, Farm Bureau President Lacey Upchurch, Dr. Joe DiPietro, Tennessee Commissioner of Agriculture Julius Johnson, Dr. Jim Thompson, lead architect Jim Hinton, Dr. Carla Sommardahl, Al Claiborne UTCVM class of 2014, and Dr. Steve Adair.

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2006

Equine Rehabilitation services are added to UTCVM, including an underwater treadmill.



Feb. 2, 2008

The one millionth UTCVM patient is treated.



Aug. 2008

The Master Teacher Program is founded by Drs. India Lane, Michael Sims, and Nancy Howell.



Oct. 1, 2008

Dr. Jim Thompson is named UTCVM's fifth dean.





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Oct. 31, 2014

The Companion Animal Initiative of Tennessee (CAIT) launches a mobile spay neuter clinic.

Nov. 2016

UTCVM medical teams treat almost two dozen animals injured in the Sevier County wildfires.



Veterinary Nurse Jessica Birdwell monitors a cat rescued from the Sevier County Wildfires.



While recovering from injuries sustained in the Sevier County wildfires, Topper and his owner receive some extra love from the UTCVM Intensive Care Unit.

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Oct. 28, 2013
UTCVM hires its first on-site farrier to aid in treatment of equine wellness.

June 27, 2017
Dr. Karen Tobias invents the Universal Tobias Clip.



Sept. 5, 2018
UTCVM launches a revised curriculum to extend the veterinary students' clinical year of education.



Dr. Julie Sheldon administers the first blood transfusion for a black bear at UTCVM.



Patches the turtle models his new 3D-printed mask.

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March 23, 2017

The first blood transfusion for a black bear takes place at UTCVM.

Sept. 2017

UTCVM specialists print a 3D mask for Patches the turtle from Zoo Knoxville.

Oct. 22, 2020

The groundbreaking of the Teaching and Learning Center is celebrated.



College faculty, staff, and students celebrate the groundbreaking for the Teaching and Learning center at UTCVM.

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Spring 2020
During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Veterinary Medical Center never closes. The college sends students and faculty home to conduct virtual learning. The classrooms look very different when they return.

July 14, 2021
The VOLVet Voice podcast is created to share the College's stories of Knowledge, Compassion, and Discovery.



2021
The University of Tennessee Veterinary Obesity Center (VOC) is established in partnership with Royal Canin to investigate and treat obesity in pets to improve their health and wellbeing.





Dean Jim Thompson with Charles and Lori Wharton at the dedication of the Charles and Julie Wharton Large Animal Hospital



The Charles and Julie Wharton Large Animal Hospital

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The College celebrates 22 retiring faculty and staff at a celebration inside of Neyland Stadium. From left to right: Dr. Juergen Schumacher, Dr. Dan Ward, Dr. Becky Gompf, Dr. Dianne Mawby, Jeanie Snider, Barbara Campbell, Dr. Mike Jones (in back) Dr. Linda Frank, Dr. Stephen Kania, Kim Cardwell, Dr. Mike McEntee, Dr. Bob DeNovo; seated Dr. Claudia Kirk, Dr. Cheryl Greenacre, Dr. Dennis Geiser, Nan Lambrecht

May 13, 2022

A renaming ceremony was held for the Charles & Julie Wharton Large Animal Hospital. The Equine and Farm Animal Hospitals at UTCVM were named the Charles and Julie Wharton Large Animal Hospital to honor the Wharton's transformational philanthropic support of UT.

May 26, 2022

UTCVM honors 22 faculty and staff who have collectively dedicated a total of 681 years to the University



A ribbon cutting ceremony is held for the Teaching and Learning Center at UTCVM. From left to right: Ann Tickle, Class of 2024 student Sophie Cardot, Class of 2024 student Spencer Graham, Lori Wharton, John Tickle, President Randy Boyd, Chancellor Dondé Plowman, Dean Jim Thompson, Dr. Carrie Castille, Class of 2027 student Heather Smith, Class of 2025 student Jennifer Wayman, Dr. Bob DeNovo, and Steve Glafenheim

Jan. 20, 2023

UTCVM hosts a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly opened Teaching and Learning Center. In addition to the 130-seat John and Ann Tickle Lecture Hall, the TLC includes a clinical skills simulation laboratory and teaching labs.

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29	30	31 New Year's Eve				



June 16, 2023
The Center for Veterinary Social Work (CVSW) is established. The Center focuses on attending to the welfare of all species through excellence in global interprofessional practice.

Jul 17, 2023
UTCVM celebrates the twenty-fifth anniversary of the 1998 installation of the "Always Faithful" War Dog Memorial.

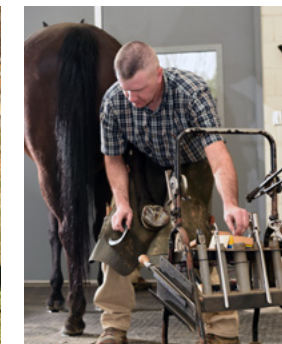
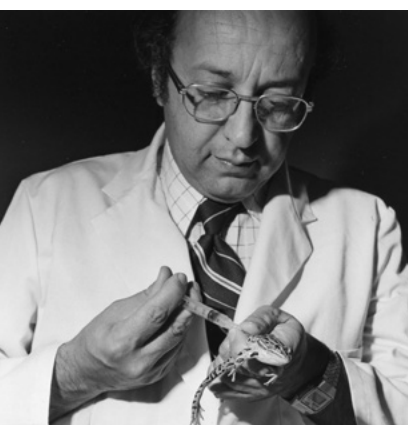
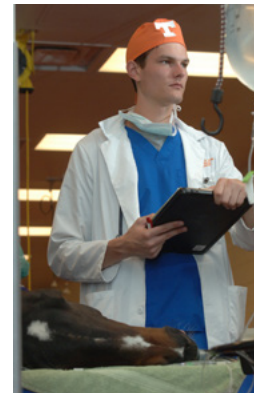


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Veterinary Educator
BOOT CAMP
2023

Aug. 3, 2023
UTCVM hosts a three-day Veterinary Educator Boot Camp with more than 80 participants from 10 regional veterinary schools.

Dec. 31, 2023
Dr. Jim Thompson retires after 15 years as dean. Dr. Bob DeNovo is named interim dean.





2025



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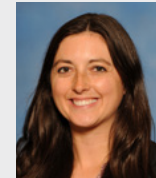
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