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## **Class of 2008**

Abel, Brianna Nixon

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Aluise, Jon M.

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Applegate, Jr., Jeffrey R.

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Barrett, Natalie Ann

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Bartlett, Matthew

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Bays, Thomas Lynn

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Beck, Amanda P.

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Bernstein, Jodi Elizabeth

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Bertram, Miranda R.

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Blackford, Kristina Ann

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Blakely, Melissa Anne

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Bollacker, Lindsay Brooke

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Burlingham, Amanda Michelle

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Butler, Kip C. Arthur

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Clements, Jacob B.

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Cummins, April Renae

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Dean, Naomi Joy

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DeDonder, Keith

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Dillon, James R.

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Dyke, Jay Henry

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Eckert, Dawn Andrea

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Eitzmann, Allison Leigh

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Elder, Sam

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England, Shauna Diane

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Erickson, Kristin Marie

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Fox, Katrina D.

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Friedel, Christopher Michael

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Friedericks, Shelby Lauren

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Gamboa-Cortes, Melania

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Gammill, Sandra Faye

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Garcia, Jessica A.

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Gardner, Ben

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Gerber, Lisa Ellen

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Gomes-Berkelaar, Lynn

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Haase, Melissa Ann

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Hagedorn, Travis Martin

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Hallman, Clay

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Hayden, Emily Suzann

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Hiskett, Erin Kathleen

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Hopkins, Nathan T.

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Hraban, Elizabeth A.

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Huser, Justin A.

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Jantz, Nicole

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Josefiak, Nikki Renee

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## **Class of 2008, Con't**

Juno, Angela Lynn

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Kessler, Stephenie N.

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Kilburn, Jennifer J.

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Koppold, Emily C.

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Korus, Jeffrey A.

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Kotschwar, Jamie

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Kruce, Rachel

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Leak, Michelle Ann

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Lustgarten, Meghann

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Maddox-Schmitt, Sarah H.B.

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Mahar, Rebecca Lynn

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Mailen, Arron Stuart

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Martin, Virl Gwinn

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McCarty, Travis M.

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McReynolds, Sara W.

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Moravec, Martin R.

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Murray, Tina

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Nicholas, Niki Lyn

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Hallman, Mackenzie Ostmeyer

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Palmer, Valaine

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Patton, Karen

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Phillips, Jennifer Lynn

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Pieper, Somer Elizabeth

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Pigsley, Becky Lynn

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Pozzuoli, Jason Louis

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Ritzmann, Kathleen E.

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Robbins, Joel K.

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Rosencrantz, Amy M.

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Rucker-Buchli, Trisha

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Russell, Stephen Gile

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Saltysiak, Kathleen Anne

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Scheibe, Jenifer L.

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Scheidegger, Kelly L.

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Scotto, Dina Joy

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Smee, Nicole Michelle

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Smith, Brea Marie

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Snyder, Kristi Michelle

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Spain, Brad Eugene

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Spencer, Elizabeth

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Springer, Nora Lynn

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**Class of 2008, Con't**

Staab, Dustin John

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Stamper, Ryan Cory

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Stevens, Elliot Thomas

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Straka, Lindsey Ann

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Stueve-Vadnal, Jamie Lea

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Talbott, Joan Elizabeth

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Tamplin, Daren Elton

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Tracey, Alexandra K.

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Triplett, Kellie Marie

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Vanderwerff, Irene Kay

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Voge, Justin L.

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Vogel, Larry Curtis

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Waechter-Mead, Lindsay Leigh

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Walker, Natasha L.

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Walsh, Jennifer E.

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Warren, Jamie Anne

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Weeks, Emily Michelle

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Wendell, Pilar Jolie

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Wert, Debra Jon

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Wesselowski, Sonya Rae

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Widmer, Jennifer Lynn

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Wilson, Tessa Darlene

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Wright, Leann Nicole

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Young, Stephanie

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# **Brianna Nixon Abel**

**Company:** Shane Veterinary Medical Center

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Jon Aluise

**Company:** Andover Veterinary Clinic & Boarding Kennel

**Spouse:** Bernadette Aluise

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Jeffrey Applegate

## Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008



# Natalie Barrett

**Company:** Moorpark Veterinary Hospital

**Spouse:** Chris Barrett

**Children:** Carrie Ann Barrett 9/16/13  
Zack Bos Barrett 9/16/13

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

I started at the practice that I am at just 1 year out of vet school. I worked there for 6 years before becoming a 40% partner. After 3 years of an amazing partnership I purchased the remainder of the practice. I LOVE being a practice owner and also love practicing high quality medicine. Our team and culture is second to none. I am so grateful for my work family.

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

University of California at Davis, 2004

## **Professional Memberships:**

VMA, AVMA, AAEP, SCVMA

## **Board Certifications:**

Member of Kiwanis

## **Family News:**

We had boy/girl twins in 2013. Life will never be the same. That's ok though.

## **Advice to Students:**

Don't ever be too proud or embarrassed to ask for help or a tutor. Budget to help keep your debt as low as possible. Get plenty of business experience and be a VBMA member!

## **Class Comments:**

So grateful for the four years I spent with everyone in the little apple. I hope that all are meeting and exceeding their goals! So many reminders in life that each day is a gift and to not sweat the small stuff!

# Matthew Bartlett

**Company:** TransOva Genetics

**Spouse:** Kelli Bartlett

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Angela L Bays

**Company:** Conover Veterinary Hospital

**Spouse:** Thomas L Bays

**Education:**  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Thomas L Bays

**Company:** Shiner Animal Hospital

**Spouse:** Angela L (Juno) Bays

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Amanda Beck

**Company:** Albert Einstein College of Medicine

**Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Residency in Anatomic Pathology, 2008-2011. Board certified, American College of Veterinary Pathologists, 2011.  
Fellowship in Laboratory Animal Pathology, Yale University School of Medicine, 2012-2013. The Scrupps  
Research Institute, 2013-present.

**Education:**

B.S. Biological Chemistry, Bates College, Lewiston, ME, 2004  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

**Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA, KVMA, ACVP

**Board Certifications:**

ACVP

# **Melissa Belknap**

**Spouse:** Mark Belknap

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# **Jodi Bernstein**

**Company:** Dumfries Animal Hospital

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# **Miranda Bertram**

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008



# Kristina Ann Blackford

**Company:** Sandhills Veterinary Services  
**Spouse:** Matt Holt Blackford  
**Children:** Katelyn Raye (09/14/2012)  
**Career News:** William (11/26/2014)

I was practicing full-time in a mixed animal practice in Stockton, KS from 2010 to 2014 then we moved back to Nebraska. I was pregnant with my son at the time so I did some part time small animal work and continued that for a short while after he was born. I have since started my own veterinary medicine. I do primarily large animal work- mostly cow calf for our ranch and a couple other clients. I love it!

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

## **Professional Memberships:**

NEVMA, AVMA, AABP, Farm Bureau, Sandhills Cattle Association, Nebraska Cattleman, Brownlee Ladies Club

## **Offices Held:**

Brownlee Ladies Club - Treasurer

## **Family News:**

In June 2014 we moved home to my husband's family ranch. Our kids get to help us everyday taking care of cattle and doing other chores on the ranch. We are so blessed to provide them this way of life.

## **Advice to Students:**

Never pass up an opportunity to learn more.

# **Lindsay Bollacker**

**Company:** Raintree Animal Hospital

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# **Kathleen Borrison**

**Company:** Main Street Veterinary Hospital

**Spouse:** Matt Borrison

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# **Amanda Burlingham**

**Spouse:** Andrew Burlingham

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# **Kip Butler**

**Company:** Shaker Veterinary Hospital PC

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# **Jacob B Clements**

**Company:** Premier Equine Veterinary Hospital

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Keith David DeDonder

**Company:** Veterinary & Biomedical Research Center  
**Spouse:** Sarah Elizabeth (Schul) DeDonder  
**Children:** Kerrick DeDonder (01/23/2008)  
**Career News:** Kason DeDonder (12/09/2009)

I spent 4 years in private practice at a mixed animal clinic in Holton, KS. I have recently returned to KSU CVM in pursuit of a PhD in Diagnostic Medicine/Pathobiology and board certification in clinical pharmacology.

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

**Professional Memberships:**

AVMA, OTHER, AVC

# Naomi Dean

**Company:** Shawnee Animal Clinic

**Spouse:** Benjamin Dean

**Education:**  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008



# James Dillon

**Company:** State of Texas

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# **Sandra Dohm**

**Spouse:** Ryan Dohm

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Jay Dyke

**Company:** Banfield Pet Hospital  
**Spouse:** Loren Dickenson  
**Children:** Brynn Dickenson-Dyke (09/20/2007)

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008  
BSCE, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL, 1995.

**Professional Memberships:**

MVMA, AVMA

# **Dawn A Eckert**

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Allison Leigh Eitzmann-Smith

**Company:** Ottawa Animal Hospital  
**Spouse:** Adam Smith  
**Children:** Clayson Hughes (01/29/2000)  
Breckin Smith (02/04/2011)  
Greydin Smtih (02/25/2013)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Associate Vet, West Villa Animal Hospital, Kearney, NE, August 2008-May 2010; Associate Vet, Animal Hospital, Superior, NE, June 2010-September 2011.

## **Education:**

BS, Agriculture, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, 2003  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

## **Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA

# Samuel Elder

**Company:** Valley Center Veterinary Clinic

**Spouse:** Natalie Elder

**Education:**  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# **Kristin Erickson**

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Emily Michelle Fitzgibbons

**Company:** Banfield  
**Spouse:** Ryan Fitzgibbons  
**Children:** Charles - June 27, 2013  
**Career News:** Lillian - October 13, 2015

I completed a 1 year surgical equine internship in upstate New York. I then moved to the Baltimore/DC region and have been practicing small animal medicine for the last four years.

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

## **Professional Memberships:**

MDVMA, AVMA, Greater Baltimore Veterinary Medical Association

## **Family News:**

My husband and I have two children and are expecting our third this summer.

## **Advice to Students:**

Take advantage of all the opportunities while in veterinary school,- get as much exposure to clinical cases and expert opinions as possible. Make lasting connections with professors and classmates.

## **Class Comments:**

I wish I could be there at the reunion this year, but unfortunately will not be able to travel.



# **Katrina Fox**

**Spouse:** Bruce Fox

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Christopher Michael Friedel

**Company:** Northwest Veterinary Supply

**Spouse:** Amber Friedel

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Jessica Garcia

**Company:** Brookside Animal Hospital

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# **Ben Gardner**

**Spouse:** Mary (Feldkamp) Gardner

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# **Lynn Gomes-Berkelaar**

**Spouse:** Merv Berkelaar

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Melissa Haase

**Company:** Birch Lake Animal Hospital

**Spouse:** Aaron Haase

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Travis Hagedorn

**Spouse:** Aimee Hagedorn

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Clay Hallman

**Company:** Oklahoma State University

**Spouse:** Mackenzie Hallman

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008



# Mackenzie Hallman

**Company:** Oklahoma State University

**Spouse:** Clay Hallman

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# **Erin Hiskett**

**Company:**      McConnell Airforce Base Vet Clininc

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Emily Hoots

**Spouse:** Eric Hoots

**Career News:**

After my internship, I worked in an emergency hospital for three years. We are currently relocating to Medford, OR.

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

**Professional Memberships:**

AVMA, VECCS

# Nathan Hopkins

**Company:** Beaver Valley Animal Hospital

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# April R Horn

**Company:** Herndon Veterinary Clinic

**Spouse:** Josh Horn

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Elizabeth Alice Hraban

**Company:** North Wake Animal Hospital

**Spouse:** Matt Hraban

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Internship at Florida Veterinary Specialists/North Bay Animal & Bird Hospital, 2008-2009; Associate in small animal practice at Pebble Creek Animal Hospital, 2009-2014

## **Career News:**

In 2014 we moved from Florida to Raleigh, North Carolina where I have continued to work in small animal general practice. My first job in Wake Forest was not a good long term fit but I have been working at New Hope Animal Hospital in Durham since May 2016 & part of a fantastic team of doctors and technicians. I have a special interest in feline medicine & we work with several rescues giving back to the community

## **Education:**

BS, University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska, 2004

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

## **Professional Memberships:**

AVMA

## **Advice to Students:**

Be nice to your technicians, always.

# **Justin Huser**

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Nicole Jantz

**Company:** Banfield

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008



# **Stephanie Kessler**

**Spouse:** Cory Kessler

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Jennifer Kilburn

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Emily Koppold

**Company:** Elkhorn Animal Hospital

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Jeffrey Alan Korus

**Spouse:** Kathleen Elizabeth (Ritzmann) Korus

**Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

After graduation in 2008 I moved to IL where I have been practicing mixed animal veterinary medicine at Greenhaven Animal Clinic, P.C.

**Education:**

AS, Central Community College Platte Campus, Columbus, Nebraska, 2002

BS, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska, 2006

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

**Professional Memberships:**

ILVMA, AVMA, AABP

**Family News:**

After graduation Kathy and I planned a wedding back in Manhattan. We were married August 8, 2009 at St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center by Fr. Keith Weber. We spend lots of time traveling from IL back to NE and MD to see our families.

**Advice to Students:**

Study hard and play hard.

**Class Comments:**

Vet school was the toughest 4 years of my life but the best 4 years of my life as well thanks to great classmates.

# Kathleen Elizabeth Korus

**Spouse:** Jeffrey Alan Korus

**Children:** none

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Employed with the Animal Protective League (APL) in Springfield, IL, since October 2008 after interning with USDA APHIS in the summer of 2008. I have been the shelter veterinarian at APL since starting.

## **Career News:**

I have worked for the Animal Protective League in Springfield, IL, as their Shelter Veterinarian. We are a limited admission shelter that prioritizes sick and injured animals which offers interesting opportunities and unique challenges.

## **Education:**

BS, Animal Sciences, University of Maryland-College Park, College Park, Maryland, 2004

BS, General Agriculture, University of Maryland-College Park, College Park, Maryland, 2004

DVM, \Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

MPH, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

## **Professional Memberships:**

ILVMA, AVMA, OTHER, AASV - American Association of Shelter Veterinarians

## **Family News:**

We've added and lost a few four legged members. But no new two leggeds....for now...

## **Advice to Students:**

Keep yourself open minded to opportunities and career paths as they present themselves. What you see yourself doing when you enter vet school may not be what makes you happiest when you leave.

## **Class Comments:**

FIVE years! I miss all of you every day and hope we are all thriving and still loving our career choice!

# Jamie Kotschwar

**Company:** River View Veterinary Service, LLC

**Spouse:** Nathan Kotschwar

**Children:** Sierra (2004)

**Career News:** Aspen (2009)

2009-2001 Holdredge Veterinary Clinic-Associate; 2011-2015 Red Willow Animal Clinic-Associate; 2015-2017 Nebraska Bull Service-Facility Manager and Veterinarian; 2017-present River View Veterinary Service-owner/operator

**Education:**

BS, Chadron State College, Chadron, Nebraska, 2005

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

**Professional Memberships:**

AVMA, AVC, NVMA

# Nikki Renee Larson

**Company:** Cache Creek Veterinary Service  
**Spouse:** Nikki Larson  
**Children:** Josie Renee Larson (11/30/2010)  
**Education:** Rylie Jade Larson (11/30/2010)  
Kade Weslyn Larson (1/6/15)

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

## **Professional Memberships:**

AVMA

# Michelle Ann Leak

**Company:** Banfield Pet Hospital

**Career News:**

Lead DVM at NW Banfield. Work with Fasthound Greyhound Rescue. Provide spay and neuters for adoptable rabbits free of charge.

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

**Professional Memberships:**

AVMA

**Advice to Students:**

Take on something you are not good at, you may be surprised.



# Meghann Lustgarten

**Spouse:** Casey Wilson

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# **Sarah Maddox-Schmitt**

**Company:** Wolf Creek Veterinary Clinic

**Spouse:** Wesley Schmitt

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# **Rebecca Mahar**

**Company:** Mac's Landing Veterinary Services

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Arron Mailen

**Company:** Mid State Pet Health

**Spouse:** Sara Mailen

**Children:** Luke Mailen -2009

**Education:** Lauren Mailen -2013

BS, Agribusiness, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK 2005

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

**Professional Memberships:**

PAVMA, AVMA

# **Virl Martin**

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Travis McCarty

**Company:** VRCS of Ashland LLC

**Spouse:** Kelly McCarty

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Lanna McClaskey

**Company:** Quality Care Animal Hospital

**Spouse:** Shaun Rains

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Sarah Marie McIsaac-Kearse

**Company: :** West Chester Veterinary Center

**Spouse:** Frank Kearse

**Children:** Abigail Marie (05/11/2012)

**Education:**

BS, Penn State University, State College, Pennsylvania, 2004

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

**Professional Memberships:**

PAVMA, AVMA

**Family News:**

My husband will finally be finished with his "human" ER residency and we are relocating to Ohio.

**Advice to Students:**

Don't let the doubt of others get in your way. You put a lot of time, energy, and money into your education. Trust yourself - most of the time your gut is right.

**Class Comments:**

I can't believe it's five years. I still say "this one time in vet school" like it was yesterday.



# **Sara W McReynolds**

**Company:** Kansas Department of Agriculture

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Martin Richard Moravec

**Company:** Rolling Rock Veterinary Service  
**Spouse:** Erin Moravec  
**Children:** Kolton James Needham (10/16/2001)  
Weston Luke Needham (01/24/2004)  
Eliesha Kathleen Moravec (07/25/2007)  
Parker Moravec (04/20/2014)  
Collins Moravec (08/31/2015)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

After Graduating from KSU CVM in May of 2008, Marty joined the Ainsworth Vet Clinic in Ainsworth, NE. In December of 2011, Marty opened his own practice in Bassett, NE. His mixed animal practice continues to grow serving Rock County Nebraska and surrounding areas!

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

## **Professional Memberships:**

NEVMA, AVMA, OTHER, AVC

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Parish Council Member - President 2016 Knights of Columbus - Grand Knight 2018 Rock County Chamber of Commerce - Vice President 2015-2017

## **Family News:**

Married wife, Erin, on February 2, 2013. Bought a home on the edge of Bassett and had two more children.

## **Advice to Students:**

Be financially responsible and have a realistic plan of how you plan to pay off your student debt.

## **Class Comments:**

I miss the friends that I made in school and hope to get together with them soon.

# Christina Murray

**Spouse:** Brian Murray

**Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA

# Niki Lyn Nicholas Schadeegg

**Company:** Lionsgate Pet Hospital  
**Spouse:** Cody Schadeegg  
**Children:** Emory Schadeegg July 2015  
**Education:** New addition due April 2018

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008  
B.S. Biology, Minor Psychology, Southwestern College, Winfield, KS, 2004

# Jennifer Norton

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Danielle O'Brien

**Company:** Vista Veterinary Specialists

**Spouse:** James Wax

**Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

San Francisco Veterinary Specialists, San Francisco, CA

**Career News:**

Residency in medical oncology at UC Davis from 2009-2012. Board certification obtained in 2012. Stayed at UCD as faculty for one year following residency. Then, joined a specialty private practice in Sacramento, CA. Currently working on getting certified in acupuncture.

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

DACVIM (Oncology), UCD, Davis, CA 2012

**Professional Memberships:**

CAVMA, AVMA, OTHER, AAFP, VCOG, VCS, ACVIM

**Board Certifications:**

ACVIM

**Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Feline rescue

**Family News:**

Met my future husband in Sacramento, CA. We were married in Hawaii in 2013. We do not have children, but have 5 lovely cats.

**Advice to Students:**

Plan ahead for the amount of debt you will incur following graduation. And, make sure to make some time for yourself during vet school!

**Class Comments:**

Hi everyone. I hope you all are well and happy!

# Lisa Ellen Olsen

**Company:** Carolina Veterinary Specialists  
**Spouse:** Gavin Olsen  
**Children:** Avery Claire Olsen (F)- 01/03/2017  
Emmerson James Olsen (M) - 11/03/2018

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Adjunct Instructor, Small Animal Rotating Intern 2008-2009; Intern, Small Animal Emergency & Critical Care, Eastern Iowa Veterinary Specialty Center 2009-2010; Resident, Small Animal Emergency & Critical Care, Eastern Iowa Veterinary Specialty Center 2010-2013; Clinician, Emergency and Critical Care, Iowa Veterinary Specialties 2013-2015; Clinician, Emergency and Critical Care, Iowa State University Lloyd Veterinary Medical Center 2013-2016; Associate Veterinarian, Emergency and Critical Care, Charleston Veterinary Referral Center 2016-2017; Associate Veterinarian, Emergency and Critical Care, Carolina Veterinary Specialists 2017-present.

## **Career News:**

Interests: cycling, cooking, spending time with family and 4-legged family (Golden Retriever, DLH Cat). Transition from academia back to private practice, and migration back to the coast.

## **Education:**

Bachelor of Science- Animal Science, University of California  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

## **Professional Memberships:**

NCVMA, AVMA, SCVMA, KVMA, IVMA, ACVECC (VECCS), EVECCS, Trident Veterinary Medical Association, South Carolina Association of Veterinarians, European College of Emergency and Critical Care.

## **Board Certifications:**

ACVECC

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Shock, Charleston Veterinary Referral Center, Trident Technical College Veterinary Technician Training Program; ECG's - Basics of Interpretation, Charleston Veterinary Referral Center, Trident Technical College Veterinary Technician Training Program; Instructor, Iowa State University, Intensive Care Unit Clinical Rotation; Intern Advisor and Program Director, Emergency and Critical Care Internship Program; Club Advisor, Student Chapter of the Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society, Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine; Rattlesnake Envenomation, Charleston Veterinary Referral Center Quarterly Newsletter; Xylitol Toxicity in Dogs: Lowcountry Paws Publication; Pets and House Fires, Lowcountry Paws Publication; Basic First Aid, Client Outreach and Development Series; Fears and Phobias in Pets, Lowcountry Paws Publication; An Unusual Toxicity, Charleston Veterinary Referral Center Quarterly Newsletter; Safe Haven for Pets, Co-Director, Iowa State University, Rottapalooza, Des Moines, IA; Life as a Female Veterinary Professional, Open Minds Open Hearts Career Expo Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

## **Advice to Students:**

**Be humble, be honest, be kind. Keep your eyes, your heart, and your mind open.**





# **Rachel Oolman**

**Spouse:** Aaric Oolman

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Valaine Palmer

## Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# **Karen Ann Patton**

**Company:** Northeast Veterinary Referral and Emergency

**Spouse:** John Patton

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Jennifer Lynn Phillips

**Company:** Flower Mound Emergency Pet Clinic

**Spouse:** Christopher Lee Phillips

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

**Professional Memberships:**

NEVMA, AVMA, VECCS

# Somer Pieper

**Company:** Mitchell Valley Animal Hospital LLC

**Spouse:** Jeffrey Pieper

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Becky Pigsley

## Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Kelly Pordon

**Company:** Banfield

**Spouse:** Andy Pordon

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Jamie Anne Powell

**Company:** Emergency Veterinary Clinic of Tualatin

**Spouse:** David E Powell

**Children:** Cameron Powell, 1/11/2014  
Benjamin Powell, 2/16/2016

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

After graduation from K-state, Jamie completed a rotating internship at the Animal Medical Center in Manhattan, NY. She excelled at the urgent, fast pace of emergency medicine, and therefore elected to continue her career in a practice limited to emergency medicine. Jamie joined a busy 24/7 emergency practice in Springfield, Oregon, until 2017 when her family moved to Tualatin to be closer to family while also continuing her career in a practice limited to emergency medicine and critical care. Jamie married her husband Dave in 2010, and they have two rambunctious, intelligent, amazing little boys.

## **Career News:**

Jamie has enjoyed the style and pace of a career in emergency medicine. She has continued to improve her clinical skills, such as ultrasound and upper GI endoscopy, as well as surgical techniques needed for an ER/CC DVM. After nearly 9 years at her first job, she is just moving on to a new practice and a new city.

## **Education:**

BS, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR, 2004

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

Completed rotating internship at the Animal Medical center, 2008-2009. Awarded intern of the year.

## **Professional Memberships:**

AVMA, OTHER, VECCS

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Intern of the Year Award, Animal Medical Center, New York City

## **Family News:**

Jamie has been busy raising little ones; Cameron born in 2014 and Benjamin born in 2016. Days are spent cleaning up messes, playing games, and running around as much as possible.

## **Advice to Students:**

Enjoy your friends and classmates. Practice working with people and understand that no animals come in without a human attached. Your people skills will be the challenging aspect of your job - not your medical skills!

## **Class Comments:**

I've missed you guys so much, and I can't believe it's already been 10 years - I think of you often and I hope to catch up with many of you at the reunion!



# Jason Pozzuoli

**Company:** Animal Medical Clinic

**Spouse:** Lori Pozzuoli

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# **Shelby Reinstein**

**Company:** Veterinary Specialty & Emergency Center

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Joel Robbins

**Company:** Pioneer Animal Clinic

**Spouse:** Corrina Robbins

**Education:**  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Amy Rosencrantz

**Company:** Temple City Animal Hospital

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# **Trisha Rucker-Buchli**

**Spouse:** Mike Buchli

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Stephen G Russell

**Company:** Downs Veterinary Clinic

**Spouse:** Samantha Russell

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# **Jenifer Scheibe**

**Company:**      Emergency Pet Center

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Dina Scotto

**Company:** Country Critters Veterinary Services

**Spouse:** Anna Quaintance

**Career News:**

My first job after graduating was at Mill Valley Veterinary Clinic, a mixed animal practice in western Massachusetts. In 2011, I started my own mobile large animal practice, Country Critters Veterinary Services, in Rhode Island. I have continued to work as a small animal veterinarian by doing relief work in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

Veterinary Medical Loan Repayment Program - from the federal government has allowed me to start my own large animal mobile practice. The government pays some of my student loan debt in exchange for working with food animals in Rhode Island.

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

**Professional Memberships:**

MAVMA, AVMA, AAHA, AABP, RIVMA, AASRP



# **Tessa Darlene Simmons**

**Company:** Western Illinois veterinary clinic

**Spouse:** Nathan William Simmons

**Children:** Aengus 12/2011  
Carter 3/2018  
Charlie 20/2021

**Professional Memberships:**

ILVMA

# Nicole M Smee

**Company:** Las Vegas Veterinary Specialty Center

**Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Small Animal Intern, Veterinary Specialty Center, Lynnwood, WA, 2009-2009; Small Animal Resident, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS, 2009-2012; Small Animal Internist & Internship/Externship Coordinator, VCA Mission, Mission, KS, 2012-present.

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008  
MS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2012

**Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, Society of Veterinary Nephrology and Urology

**Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Phi Zeta Award, 2nd Place, Clinical Applied Sciences, 2006; Pfizer Animal Health Small Animal Proficiency Award, 2008; Phi Zeta Award, 1st Place, Clinical and Applied Sciences, 2011; Resident Abstract Presentation Award, Nephrology/Urology, 1st Place, ACVIM Forum, 2011; Student Advisor to Veterinary Students, 2009-2012; Induction into the Society of Phi Zeta Sigma Chapter, 2012.

# Brea Smith

**Company:** All Around Veterinary Services

**Spouse:** Michael Gaedtke

**Education:**  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Kristi Snyder

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Brad Spain

**Company:** Blue Valley Animal Hospital

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Elizabeth Spencer

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# **Nora Lynn Springer**

**Company:** K-State College of Veterinary Medicine

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Dustin Staab

**Company:** United States Army

**Spouse:** Chanda Staab

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008



# Cory Cory Stamper

**Company:** Blue Pearl-Kansas City-Northland

**Spouse:** Amanda Jane (Oursler) Stamper

**Children:** Luke Stamper (6/12/08)

**Education:** Colin Stanper (9/29/10)

Bachelor of Music, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2000

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

## **Professional Memberships:**

AVMA

# Elliot T Stevens

**Company:** Zoetis  
**Spouse:** Sheila R Stevens  
**Children:** Noah (09/25/2006)  
**Career News:** Samuel (07/17/2009)  
Paul (12/13/2012)

It's been a blend of things at Zoetis-R & D to supporting manufacturing of vaccines at the Lincoln, NE site.

## **Education:**

BS, South Dakota State University, Brookings, South Dakota, 1999  
MS, South Dakota State University, Brookings, South Dakota, 2002  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008  
PhD, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2009

## **Professional Memberships:**

AVMA, AABP

## **Offices Held:**

Chair, Membership Committee, AABP 2014-2016

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

I recieved the James Jarrett Award for Young Leaders by the AABP in 2016.

## **Family News:**

The boys continue to grow and have taken to baseball. We bought a camper and have traveled to Virginia Beach. Cannon Beach, OR and the Grand Cayon-we enjoying seeing the USA.

## **Advice to Students:**

Have fun and enjoy your time. If possible seek oportunites to develop your leadership skills. Read Dale Caneys, How to make friends and Influence People.

## **Class Comments:**

I hope you all are having a great time adn enjoying great health. I'm proud to be a part of the class of 2018.

# Lindsey Straka-Janzing

**Company:** Elkhorn Veterinary Clinic  
**Spouse:** Kurt Micheel  
**Children:** Tinzley Micheel (06/27/2015)  
**Education:** Olivia Micheel (05/24/2005)  
Jack Janzing (07/22/2010)

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# **Jamie Stueve-Vadnal**

**Spouse:** Derek Vadnal

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# **Daren Tamplin**

**Spouse:** Alison Tamplin

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Natasha Leah Taylor

**Company:** Cat Clinic of Johnson County  
**Spouse:** DeWayne Taylor  
**Children:** Jasmine Taylor (10-11-13)  
**Career News:** Ariel Taylor (8-31-16)

Bought the Cat Clinic of Johnson County in December 2012.

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

**Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA, AAHA, AAFP

**Family News:**

Got married in September. Going to have a baby in October.

# Shauna Diane Tordrup

**Company:** Fort Street Veterinarian  
**Spouse:** Shawn Carl Tordrup  
**Children:** Eleanor Faye Tordrup 6-17-15  
Payne Martin Tordrup 9-21-17

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Small Animal Medicine and Surgery Internship in Albuquerque, NM from 2008-2009. Fort Street Veterinarian 2009-present. Board Member - Scatter Joy Acres

## **Career News:**

I have been practicing small animal medicine and surgery at a busy, progressive and client-centered practice in Omaha, NE for the past 9 years. I enjoy internal medicine and complex cases as well as abdominal ultrasound.

## **Education:**

BS, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Nebraska, 2004  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

## **Professional Memberships:**

NEVMA, AVMA, OTHER, NAVM (Nebraska Academy of Veterinary Medicine), IUUSS (International Veterinary Ultrasound Society)

## **Offices Held:**

Current Vice President of NAVM

## **Family News:**

My husband, Shawn, took a job at Indian Creek Golf Course in Elkhorn, NE in November 2013. He is one of the assistant superintendents. We still have 3 dogs, including Doctor Dog (a junior surgery dog), Bernice (pug), and Windsor (English Bulldog). We have two beautiful children, Ella and Payne, who have made our lives complete.

## **Advice to Students:**

Have as much fun during veterinary school as you can! It goes too fast! :)

## **Class Comments:**

I can't believe we graduated 10 years ago!! Hope to see many of you at the reunion!

# Alexandra Tracey

**Company:** Palmetto Equine Veterinary Services

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008



# **Kellie Triplett**

**Company:** United States Army

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Joan Elizabeth Tunnard

**Spouse:** Blake Tunnard

**Children:** Elizabeth Mae Tunnard 6/14/17, Duke Bull Tunnard 6/14/17, Wynn Landry Tunnard 6/14/17

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# **Irene Kay Vanderwerff**

**Company:** Value Pet Clinic

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

**Professional Memberships:**

AVMA

# Justin Voge

**Company:** Alliance Veterinary Services

**Spouse:** Julie (Wolf) Voge

**Children:** Colton (11/29/2004)

**Education:**

BS, University of Wisconsin - River Falls, River Falls, Wisconsin, 2000

MS, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma, 2002

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

**Professional Memberships:**

AVMA, AAEP, OTHER, SFT, ACT

**Board Certifications:**

ACT

# Larry Vogel

**Company:** Western Edge Veterinary Center

**Spouse:** Tatum Vogel

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Lindsay Leigh Waechter-Mead

**Company:** Animal Clinic  
**Spouse:** Clayton Dallas Mead  
**Children:** Anna Mead - 08/26/2009  
Harrison Mead - 08/27/2011  
Norah Mead - 09/21/2015

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Associate Veterinarian Platte Valley Animal Hospital 2008-2010  
Mixed Animal Veterinarian/Partner at Animal Clinic 2010-present  
Serve on the South Heartland District Health Department  
4-H Leader in my local community  
NVMA Power of 10 graduate 2015

## **Career News:**

Partner at the Animal Clinic in Hastings, Nebraska. Work as a mixed animal veterinarian serving South Central Nebraska.

## **Education:**

BS from University of Nebraska-Lincoln - 2003  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

## **Professional Memberships:**

NEVMA, AVMA, AAHA, AABP

## **Offices Held:**

NVMA District V President 2009-2011

## **Family News:**

We have welcomed 3 beautiful babies into our lives in the last 8 years.

## **Advice to Students:**

Enjoy the moments - it will be one of the best times of your life!

# Pilar Wendell

**Company:** Falls Road Veterinary Hospital

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Debra J Wert

**Company:** Banfield Pet Hospital

**Spouse:** William Wert

**Children:** Payton Kathleen (11/2008)

**Career News:**

Worked with Banfield as Associate and Lead DVM at 2 of the California hospitals prior to moving to Pennsylvania to become Chief of Staff at a new Banfield hospital in Erie.

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

**Professional Memberships:**

AVMA

**Advice to Students:**

In the end, it was worth every day of those four years. But don't expect to know everything when you graduate; use your books and rely on the experience of others.

**Class Comments:**

Miss you!!



# Sonya Rae Wesselowski

**Company:** Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine

**Spouse:** Luis Braz-Ruivo

**Children:** Vincent Braz-Ruivo, born June 6, 2017

## **Career News:**

I became boarded ACVIM (Cardiology) diplomate in 2014 after completing a cardiology residency at Virginia Tech. After a couple of years of running my own mobile cardiology service I took a faculty position at Texas A&M University in 2016 and have been working there since.

## **Education:**

BS Biology, KSU 2004

MS, Veterinary Clinical Sciences, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

MS Biomedical & Veterinary Sciences, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 2014

## **Professional Memberships:**

AVMA

## **Board Certifications:**

ACVIM

## **Class Comments:**

The class of 2008 had a wonderful bond that I will always remember fondly. I hope everyone is doing well in life and in their careers!

# Jennifer Widmer

**Company:** Mission Animal Clinic

**Spouse:** David Sullivan

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Leann N Wright

**Spouse:** Jeremy Brozek

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

# Stephanie Young

**Company:** The Animal Doctors

**Spouse:** Joseph Young

**Children:** Alexander 10/30/96

**Education:** Colton 12/20/02  
Roran 2/15/09

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008

BS Business Administration, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA, 1996

**Professional Memberships:**

AVMA, NYSVMS, JCVMS

**Family News:**

We built a horse farm and training facility for hunter jumpers. My son (8 years old), and I currently compete on the rated 4 show circuit; my 15 year old plays competitive ice hockey in both the US and Canada.

**Advice to Students:**

Always keep your options open to new veterinary related adventures. I never thought I would own a small animal practice but it merged my business background with my medical one and it has been great for family and personal growth.

**Class Comments:**

I wish all of my classmates continued success in their careers and good health in their lives.

## **In Memoriam**

### **Micah E Sharp DVM**

Micah Erin-Sharp Sabey was born on January 12, 1980 and passed away on December 30, 2020.