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## Welcome to James P. Thompson, DVM, PhD

SACS welcomes Dr. Jim Thompson as the new CVM dean, effective October 1. Dr. Thompson comes to us from the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine, where he served as Executive Associate Dean and Professor in the Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences. As well, he held a joint appointment at the University of Florida College of Medicine in the Department of Molecular Genetics and Microbiology.

Dr. Thompson, a native of Greenville, PA, graduated from Purdue with his B.S. in biology. He then earned his DVM at the University of Florida CVM and his PhD in immunology and medical microbiology from the University of Florida College of Medicine. After completing his residency in small

animal medicine at the University of Florida, he continued at UF-CVM and began his academic career as an assistant professor of small animal



medicine. Dr. Thompson is board-certified in the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine in the specialties of internal medicine and oncology and in the American College of Veterinary Microbiology in the specialties of immunology, bacteriology/mycology, and virology.

## Petstock '08

The 1960s had Woodstock. Now the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine is presenting Petstock, an animal aid benefit concert and auction. The evening program on November 7 at Hollingsworth Auditorium on the UT agricultural campus will feature family friendly music about animals by singer/songwriter Allen Levi, with the concert beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Proceeds will benefit the Rescued Animal Assistance Fund for the college's small and large animal departments. Tickets are \$15 and \$5 for children 10 & under. Children under 3 are free. Many freebies (including copies of Bark Magazine, horse weight measuring tapes, curry combs, and glow in the dark bracelets) will be available early,

and the silent auction begins at 5:45 p.m. For a complete list of auction items, including weekend trips, a Dyson vacuum, and UT Lady Vols Guest Coaching positions, visit [www.vet.utk.edu/petstock](http://www.vet.utk.edu/petstock).

For an additional cost, participants can also enjoy dinner and have family holiday photos taken with Smokey, UT's four-legged mascot, before the concert begins.

To purchase tickets or to make a donation, call (865) 974-4379 or email [cvmdev@utk.edu](mailto:cvmdev@utk.edu). Visit the website for a full schedule and additional information.



## Hartz Mountain Recalls Chicken-Basted Rawhide Chips

The Hartz Mountain Corporation, Secaucus, NJ, is voluntarily recalling one specific lot of Hartz Chicken-Basted Rawhide Chips due to concerns that one or more bags within the lot are potentially contaminated with *Salmonella*. The product involved is 4,850 - 2 pound plastic bags of Hartz Chicken-Basted Rawhide Chips, lot code JC23282, UPC number 3270096463 which were distributed to a national retail customer.

Although Hartz has not received any reports of animals or humans becoming ill as a result of coming into contact with this product, Hartz is taking immediate steps

to remove the product from all retail stores and distribution centers. Dog owners who purchased this product should check the lot code on their bag, and if the code is not visible or if the bag has lot code JC23282 imprinted thereon, they should immediately discontinue use of the product and discard it in a proper manner.

Consumers can contact Hartz at 1-800-275-1414 with any questions they may have and to obtain reimbursement for purchased product.

For more information, see the FDA press release at [http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/hartz10\\_08.html](http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/hartz10_08.html).

“To err is human,  
to forgive,  
canine.”  
- Unknown

## Clinical Projects <http://www.vet.utk.edu/studies/index.php>

Area	Study	Contact
Mycology	Treatment of systemic aspergillosis with a new antifungal drug, posaconazole	Dr. Al Legendre
Neurology	The benefit of hearing tests (i.e., brainstem-auditory evoked response/ BAER) in dogs with vestibular disease	Drs. Christina Wolf or William Thomas
Neurology	New drug for initial treatment of idiopathic epilepsy in dogs	Dr. William Thomas
Nutrition	Body composition and caloric needs in extremely obese dogs (financial incentive for participating clients)	Dr. Claudia Kirk
Oncology	Evaluation of cryobiopsy instrumentation and Cellsave blood collections in dogs with untreated lymphoma (substantial financial incentive for participating clients)	Drs. Jeffrey Phillips or Amy LeBlanc
Oncology	Evaluation of the mTOR inhibitor Rapamycin in dogs with osteosarcoma	Drs. Jeffrey Phillips or Amy LeBlanc
Oncology	Identifying risk factors for the development of canine osteosarcoma	Dr. Jeffrey Phillips
Oncology	Treatment with tyrosine kinase and chemotherapy of advanced malignancies	Dr. Al Legendre
Oncology	The UTCVM comparative oncology program tumor tissue and DNA databank	Drs. Phillips, Amy LeBlanc, or Legendre
Orthopedics	NSAID for cats with osteoarthritis	Dr. Darryl Millis
Physical rehab/CARES	Clinical evaluation of extracorporeal shock wave therapy for management of canine osteoarthritis of the elbow joints (financial incentive for participating clients)	Drs. Marti Drum or Darryl Millis
Physical rehab/CARES	The effect of diet on muscle atrophy following surgery for cranial cruciate ligament rupture	Dr. Marti Drum
Soft tissue surgery	Evaluation of intra-tracheal stenting in dogs with collapsing trachea <a href="http://www.collapsingtrachea.com">http://www.collapsingtrachea.com</a>	Drs. Krahwinkel, Bohling, or Sura
Soft tissue surgery	Silicone footpad implants in greyhounds with corns	Dr. Mark Bohling
Soft tissue surg/oncology	Investigation of sentinel nodes in cutaneous mast cell disease	Dr. Patricia Sura
Urinary	Bichons with calcium oxalate stones	Dr. Joe Bartges
Urinary	Cats with chronic renal failure	Drs. Claudia Kirk or Joe Bartges
Urinary	Cats with idiopathic hypercalcemia and calcium oxalate stones (financial incentive for owners and referring veterinarians)	Dr. Joe Bartges
Urinary	Miniature schnauzers with calcium oxalate stones	Dr. Joe Bartges
Urinary	A new diet in managing Dalmatians that have had urate bladder stones	Dr. Joe Bartges