



**The UW School of Veterinary Medicine offers outstanding programs in veterinary medical education, research, clinical practice, and service that enhance the health of both animals and people throughout the state of Wisconsin.**

- » The school has trained **more than 50%** of the veterinarians practicing in the state of Wisconsin.
- » UW Veterinary Care, the school's teaching hospital, provides exceptional care for animals all over the state. **Of our 26,800 patient visits in 2017-18, 80% were from Wisconsin.**
- » Research conducted by the school's faculty and staff directly impacts Wisconsin citizens — from our **Dairyland Initiative** to hosting the **Upper Midwest Center for Vector Borne Diseases** to identifying new fish viruses so strategies can be developed to protect the state's fish and tourism industries.
- » Wisconsin leads the nation in infectious disease research impacting both humans and animals, primarily due to the efforts of the UW School of Veterinary Medicine, whose scientists conduct **75% of the infectious disease research at UW-Madison**, including work to prevent pandemic influenza, Zika, and Ebola. Not only is this research saving lives, but it brings in significant external grant dollars to the state—**new research dollars to the school have increased 70% in the last 5 years.**
- » The school **consistently ranks among the top 5** schools of veterinary medicine in the nation.

**To continue to serve the state of Wisconsin, the school needs to update and expand its current facilities.**

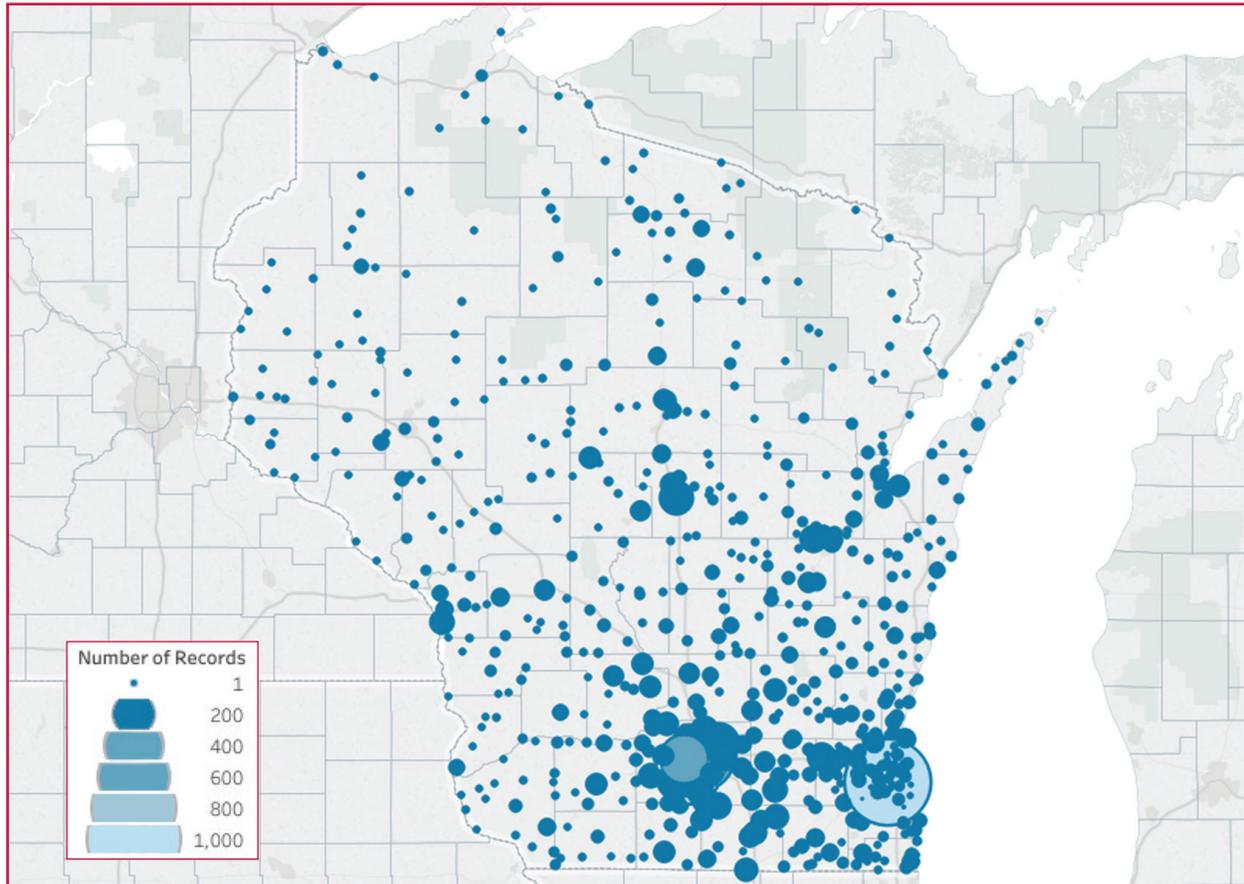
- » Built to see **12,000 patients annually**, UW Veterinary Care now accommodates **nearly 27,000**, forcing some patients to wait weeks or months to see high-demand specialty services. Without expanded facilities, the school could be forced to close some of its services. Our veterinary medical training mission would be weakened and client access to our clinical expertise reduced.
- » **As science and technology have evolved, so has the need for equipment.** The school has already carefully remodeled janitor closets, locker rooms, and every possible square foot to meet these needs but has run out of space to fit the large diagnostic equipment that today's cases demand.
- » **Grants are at risk** because the school has run out of space to work on critical projects.
- » It will be more **difficult to recruit and retain the best faculty, staff, and students** with limited space that does not meet the quality of the school's peers.
- » Wisconsin's leadership in infectious disease research and the School of Veterinary Medicine's impact on the citizens of the state **will be in jeopardy** if this project is not completed in the near future.

**Plans are underway, but the school will need state support.**

- » The school's expansion project is a **top building priority for UW-Madison's 2019-21 capital budget request.**
- » To date, donors have committed more than **\$23 million of the \$38 million fundraising goal** for this project. The state will be asked for \$88.7 million.
- » To learn more about how you can help, contact Kristi Thorson, Associate Dean for Advancement and Administration, at [kristi.thorson@wisc.edu](mailto:kristi.thorson@wisc.edu) or 608-265-9692. Information about the expansion project can be found at [AnimalsNeedHeroesToo.com](http://AnimalsNeedHeroesToo.com).



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The UW School of Veterinary Medicine's reach extends to nearly every county in Wisconsin.

- **More than 1,200 DVM alumni live in Wisconsin.** They serve the state in private practices and lead the veterinary medical community in high-level positions at organizations such as the **Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection**, the **International Crane Foundation**, and the **Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association**.
- **Nearly 800 participants from across the state took part in courses offered by our Office of Continuing Education in 2017-18.**
- **Our teaching hospital, UW Veterinary Care (UWVC), helped treat the animals of more than 7,850 Wisconsin residents in 2017-18.** UWVC handled nearly 27,000 total patient visits in FY18.
- **Our specialists provided guidance to the state's veterinarians and farmers in areas of expertise ranging from anesthesia to food animal production to zoological medicine.** UW Veterinary Care began with 10 specialties in 1983; today, it has more than 20.