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## **Meet the Chicago Center for Veterinary Medicine Team**

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A top priority for 2009 is launching our Chicago primary care teaching facility. We've found the right place. And now we've found the right people. It is my pleasure to introduce to you the members of the Chicago Center for Veterinary Medicine (CCVM) team.

**Dr. Rosemary LoGiudice (DVM IL '81)** will serve as interim director, overseeing all the CCVM operations and programs. As the "public face" of the CCVM, Dr. LoGiudice will be involved in a number of public engagement, recruitment, and scholarly collaboration initiatives. Previously the owner of Country Care Animal Hospital in Manhattan, Ill., Dr. LoGiudice has most recently served as the director of membership and field service for AVMA.

Dr. LoGiudice says she is "excited to help chart the course of this new program and to make this program a model for other veterinary schools to emulate." She adds that "the thoughtful input of the Chicago area veterinarians who served as advisors in the creation of the CCVM was the key to bringing this idea to fruition."

**Dr. Jason Doukas (DVM IL '08)**, clinical instructor, will provide primary care clinical services, work with veterinary students on primary care rotations, and collaborate with Urbana faculty on clinical trials. Dr. Doukas has recently been a small animal rotating intern at the Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital at the University of Pennsylvania.

**Dr. Tracey Davis Hlede (DVM IL '06)**, clinical instructor, will provide primary care clinical services through the CCVM practice. She will collaborate with the Office of Academic and Student Affairs in developing a recruiting program particularly focused on underrepresented minorities. Dr. Hlede has most recently worked as an associate veterinarian at Pulaski Animal Hospital.

Dr. Hlede is especially excited about the CCVM's "diverse and growing urban setting" which will "offer unparalleled experiences for vet students." Her personal goal is to see "students take away confidence and some key strategic skills to always be able to practice the highest quality of medicine no matter where they go!"

**Dr. Kelly Morgan (DVM IL '05)** clinical instructor, will provide primary care clinical services and also work to develop a clientele and residency in her own specialty area, behavior medicine. Dr. Morgan has most recently worked as an associate veterinarian for Carlson Animal Hospital in Oak Park, Ill.

Dr. Morgan is excited to "help prepare veterinary students for general practice life after graduation and improve their knowledge of behavior medicine." Dr. Morgan has recently begun a behavior residency program with Dr. John Ciribassi and will be offering behavior consultations at the CCVM, which students will be able to observe.

**Rosemary Burke** will serve as the assistant director of business and client services. Burke has served as the director of service operations at Crothall Services Group in Wheeling, Ill., and as the assistant director of patient access services at UI Medical Center in Chicago.

**Kelsie Dolezal, RVT, CVT, RALAT** will serve as lead veterinary technician and provide general and advanced paramedical technical assistance and nursing care. She will also train other technicians and veterinary students in medical procedures, techniques and equipment operations. She has most recently worked at Rush University Comparative Research Center in Chicago.

We look forward to the many ways that this new center will strengthen our ties to the Chicago VMA and its members. Please continue to contact me at [dean@vetmed.illinois.edu](mailto:dean@vetmed.illinois.edu) with your feedback.