



A Gift with *Teeth*

Left to right: Fourth-year student Tyler Udenberg and anesthesia technician Carolyn Cartwright work with Dr. James Anthony in the new dentistry suite.

With the help of a longtime supporter, the Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVM) now has a specialized room that's dedicated to veterinary dentistry for small animals along with multi-year support for its new residency program in veterinary dentistry.

Nestlé Purina Pet Care Canada, a well-known manufacturer of pet food and pet products, committed \$100,000 toward the completion of the Nestlé Purina Veterinary Dental Suite in WCVM's newly renovated Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

In addition, the company's gift of \$77,145 is supporting the first resident enrolled in WCVM's new three-year residency program in veterinary dentistry. Dr. Candace Grier, a graduate of WCVM and a former clinical associate in radiation oncology, is the first Nestlé Purina Dental Resident at the veterinary college.

WCVM Dean Charles Rhodes officially announced the company's generous commitment to the College's veterinary dentistry program during a reception for western Canadian veterinarians who were attending the 2008 June Conference this spring.

"We're very grateful to Nestlé Purina for adding an important and exciting new dimension to the College's veterinary teaching hospital and to our graduate training program," says Rhodes.

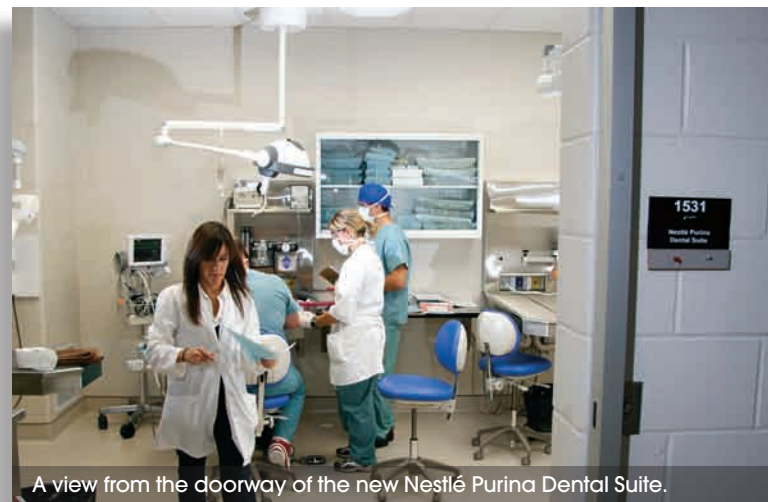
"We now have a specialized dentistry suite that will serve as a vital centre for our teaching, clinical service and research activities in this discipline. Nestlé Purina's multi-year commitment to the College's new dental residency program also ensures that we can provide advanced, high-quality training to graduate students specializing in veterinary dentistry."

The Nestlé Purina Veterinary Dental Suite provides the veterinary college's dental team with specialized equipment and technology needed for diagnosing and treating a range of dental issues in small animal patients at the teaching hospital. The high-tech room is also an ideal training ground for senior veterinary students and graduate students whose interests focus on veterinary dentistry.

As part of the funding agreement, the Nestlé Purina Dental Resident will help to establish and maintain an annual outreach program in veterinary dentistry for veterinarians and students across Canada. Several times each year, the resident will conduct dentistry-related lectures at other veterinary colleges and special industry events. **V**



Nestlé Purina dental resident Dr. Candace Grier.



A view from the doorway of the new Nestlé Purina Dental Suite.