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**For the Love of a Pet**

**A UW veterinary clinic provides affordable care for owners experiencing hardship**

Captions

*Image 1  
A pooch named Tugz waits patiently while staff discuss his case. Because of WisCARES, clients like Tugz's owner can afford to treat their treasured companions. Photo by Bryce Richter/UW-Madison*

*Image 2  
WisCARES veterinary assistant Madison Edens ’24 examines Yoki, the program’s resident cat. Photo by Bryce Richter/UW-Madison*

*Image 3  
Kristin Baert DVMx’25, veterinarian Kelly Schultz, and certified veterinary technician Haidi Rodriguez (right) assess Foxxy, a Bichon Frisé mix, for leg injuries. Photo by Bryce Richter/UW-Madison*

*Image 4  
Veterinary assistants Kiera Christensen x’25 (left) and Edens work with Dart, a Great Dane mix, prior to administering vaccines. For the past 10 years, donations have boosted WisCARES’s ability to provide no- and low-cost care and allowed the program to expand its services. Photo by Bryce Richter/UW-Madison*

*Image 5  
Veterinary-degree seniors Baert and Abigail Martinson ’21 prepare Princess for surgery. Photo by Bryce Richter/UW-Madison*