



Dr. Mark Stetter became Dean of University of California, Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine in October 2021. He comes to his position at UC Davis with extensive and varied experience, and distinguished accomplishments, both in veterinary medicine and leadership. His areas of research and treatment expertise are diverse within his primary emphasis on wildlife and zoo animals.

He served as director of animal operations, director of animal health, and clinical veterinarian at Walt Disney World for 15 years where he provided oversight and leadership to the animal care and animal health teams at Walt Disney World and was responsible for more than 500 employees and multiple animal collections.

Dr. Stetter then spent a decade as dean and professor in the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at Colorado State University. He helped drive the creation of a new medical education program in partnership with the University of Colorado School of Medicine; worked with the provost's office to create a university-wide One Health Initiative; established a new DVM education program with the University of Alaska-Fairbanks; and helped launch numerous Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives.

Dr. Stetter's research interests have included advancing minimally invasive surgery in non-domestic species and have included work on a variety of different animals including fish, reptiles, birds, and mammals. His work has resulted in over a hundred scientific publications and conference presentations. His writings have often focused on diseases and treatments pertaining to elephants, crocodiles, gorillas, frogs, monkeys, rhinoceroses, and many other species.

Dr. Stetter has been very active in a variety of professional organizations, including service as President of the American College of Zoological Medicine, Founder and President of the Elephant Population Management Program, Chair for the Wildlife Scientific Advisory Board with Morris Animal Foundation and Chair for the research committee within the Association of Zoo and Wildlife Veterinarians. Currently, Dean Stetter serves as Treasurer for the AAVMC and on the Board of Directors for PetSmart Charities.

As dean of the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Stetter has responsibility for education, research, but also for strategic planning, management and administration, external affairs, and outreach and development, among other core functions.