

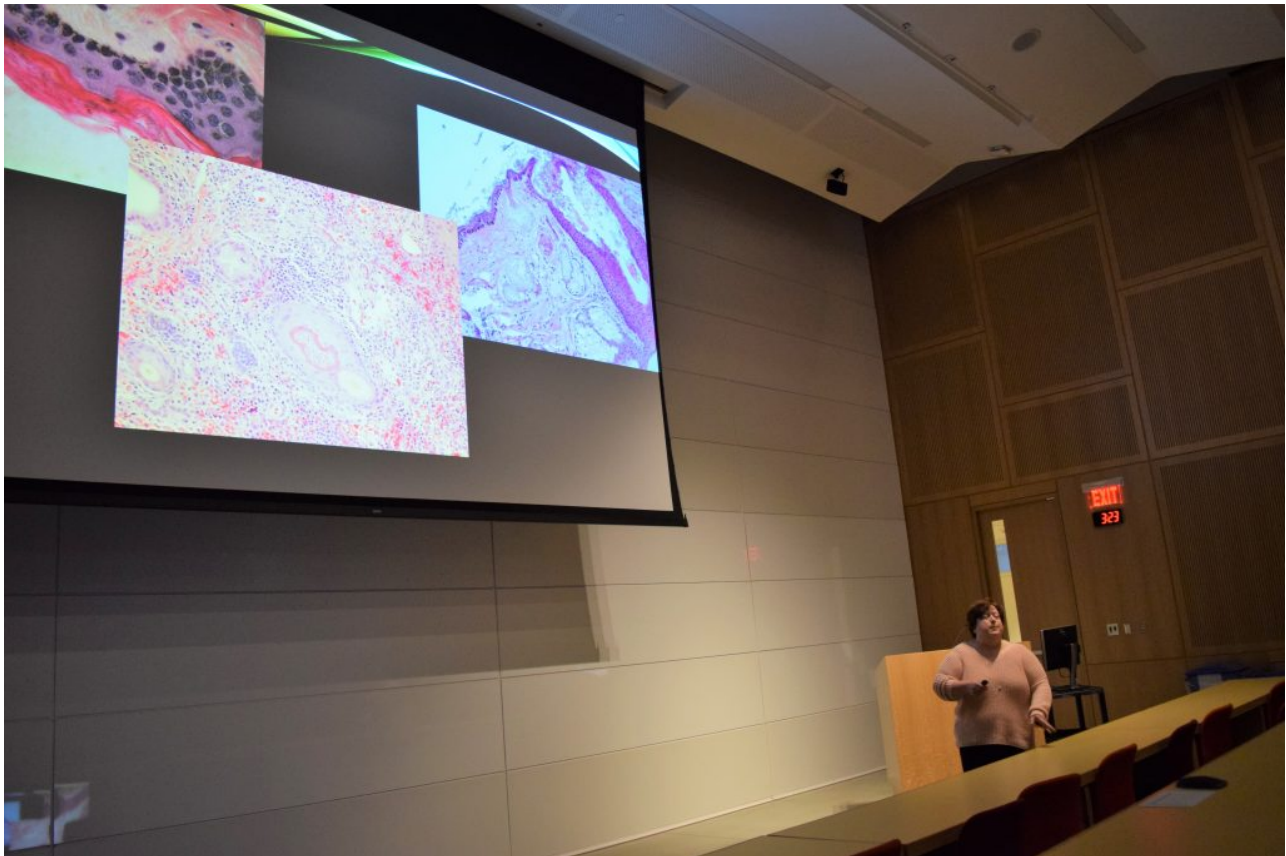


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Six speakers discuss different aspects of conservation medicine at the first annual Wildlife Health Day

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Elizabeth Buckles presents during the first annual Wildlife Health Day.

On Saturday, six speakers shared their experiences in conservation, wildlife, and One Health. The topics were wide-ranging, covering conservation of endangered species, zoo animal nutrition, plastic waste, and honeybee health. For every topic, the speakers highlighted the importance of wildlife health and the role of the veterinarian.

Zack Dvornicky-Raymond ('19), kicked off Wildlife Health Day with a talk that drew from both his personal experience and his knowledge of the conservation field. Zack first described his Expanding Horizons experience in Namibia where he used his veterinary skills to help the Cheetah Conservation Fund with their guard dog breeding program. He then discussed Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ARTs) and their use in breeding endangered species, drawing from his experience studying canine reproduction at the [Travis Lab](#). Zack also drew from his

experience at the Smithsonian, where he investigated better ways to transport sperm for the endangered Przewalski's horse, information critical for preserving the genetic diversity of the species. Zack then discussed the role of contraception-based wildlife management, before finishing off with a reflection about the impact of human population growth on the state of the natural environment.

[Read the full article on the Wildlife Health Blog.](#)
