

## *Healthy Animals, Healthy Communities*

### Executive Summary

Nanook VetServe (NVS) is an initiative that empowers veterinary students to deliver essential care to rural and underserved Alaskan communities. Through supervised outreach trips, preventive care clinics and community education, NVS improves animal health, supports community well-being and provides students with hands-on learning.

### Our Purpose

More than outreach, NVS is a service-learning program that instills cultural humility, leadership, and a lifelong commitment to giving back. Students learn veterinary medicine as both a profession and a calling to serve.

**Goal:** Establish an endowed Nanook VetServe Program Support fund to ensure sustained support.

### How It Works

- **Partnerships:** Collaborates with Veterinarians Without Borders, Alaska Veterinary Rural Outreach and Alaska Native Rural Veterinary programs for logistics and local coordination.
- **Students:** 1–2 students per trip, supervised by licensed veterinarians, assisting with preventive care and client education.
- **Faculty:** Dr. Gregory Pietsch provides oversight; most trips are led by partner veterinarians.

### Why It Matters

- **Communities:** Brings preventive veterinary care to Alaskan villages lacking consistent access.
- **Students:** Builds clinical skills, cultural competence, and commitment to service.
- **Alaska:** Strengthens statewide veterinary capacity.

### Ways to Give

- **Online via credit card:** Make a credit card gift using our online at <https://bit.ly/NanookVetServe>
- **By Check:** UA Foundation at P.O. Box 755080 Fairbanks, AK 99775.  
Memo line note: Nanook VetServe Program Support.

### Gift Opportunities

- Any donation amount is appreciated
- \$2,000 the cost for one student
- \$25,000 to achieve endowment status



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