classnotes

1960s

1960 – In April, **Dr. Ralph Brinster**, the Richard King Mellon Professor of Reproductive Physiology, was selected to receive the Gairdner Foundation's International Award. Dr. Brinster will be given the award in October for his "pioneering discoveries in germ line modification in mammals."

1964 – Dr. Richard Weitzman and his wife, Shelly, were selected by American Friends of the Hebrew University to receive the Ba'alei Haim (Keepers of Life) Award for their many contributions to the care of companion animals in the Washington, D.C., area and to the field of veterinary medicine. Dr. Weitzman established the Metropolitan Emergency Animal Clinic in Rockville, Md. He practices at his small animal clinic in Potomac, Md., and his wife manages the business.

1967 – Dr. Robert Goldstein and his wife and business partner, Susan Goldstein, won top honors for the best 2005 book on animal care and health from the Dog Writers Association of America in February 2006. The title of their book is *The Goldsteins' Wellness & Longevity Program: Natural Care of Dogs and Cats.* The Goldsteins are founders of the first healthcare store for pets, Earth Animal, in Westport, Conn.

1970s

1978 – Dr. Anna E. Worth was elected vice president of the American Animal Hospital Association at the association's annual conference in Long Beach, Calif., in March 2006. Dr. Worth chairs the AAHA Foundation Board of Trustees, which administers the AAHA Helping Pets Fund, helping those in need access quality veterinary care for their sick or injured pets. She also serves as the AAHA Leadership Council Board Liaison and previously served as an AAHA representative and president of the National Council for Pet Population Study and Policy.

1980s

1984 – The Healthy Paws Veterinary Center in Little Elm, Tx., owned by **Dr. Gary A. Raiczyk**, has received accreditation following a comprehensive evaluation by the American Animal Hospital Association. The evaluation includes a quality assessment review of the hospital's facility, medical equipment, practice methods and pet health care management. Only 12% of U.S. small animal veterinary practices have achieved AAHA accreditation by the American Animal Hospital Association.

1988 – Dr. Lisa Forrest, associate professor in the University of Wisconsin–Madison School of Veterinary Medicine's Department of Surgical Sciences, received the Carl Norden–Pfizer Distinguished Teacher Award during

the School's annual Awards Celebration in April 2006. She was selected based on nominations from the four classes of veterinary students and departments in the school based on strength of character, leadership and teaching ability.

1990s

1990 – Dr. Susan J. Holcombe, associate professor of large-animal sciences at Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine, was named an honorary alumnus of the college. She was cited for her research achievements, which have added to the understanding of upper airway disease in horses, for her contributions to the college's emergency service as an emergency surgeon and for her dedication to the training of residents.

1997 – Dr. Zeev Gans became a diplomate of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners, certified in canine and feline practice, in November 2005.

1997 – Dr. Sherif Lawendy married Stephanie Elassal on November 6, 2005. Dr. Lawendy is the owner of Park Animal Hospital in Norwalk, Conn.

2000s

2004 – On June 17, 2006, **Dr. Amy E. Poulin** married Anthony J. Braim, a physical therapist from Philadelphia. The couple now resides in California, where Amy is completing an equine surgical residency at the UC–Davis Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital.

deaths

1942 - Mary Roberts Griffith on August 13, 2005.

1944 – Jacob L. Kolodner on November 9, 2005. **Richard C. Guise** on June 5, 2006.

1945 – Patrick B. Coleman on August 8, 2005.

1949 - Sidney L. Mellman on October 31, 2005.

1952 - John E. Whitehead on June 10, 2006.

1953 – Elmer Edward Marx, Jr. on April 8, 2006. **Martin Sevoian** on September 14, 2005.

1955 - Donald R. Waugaman on September 3, 2003.

1956 - Wendell L. Cooper on June 23, 2006.

1961 - George Spatz, Jr. on June 20, 2006.

1993 – Maureen Krout on January 12, 2006.

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Alumni Relations Director Named

Coreen Haggerty, Penn Vet's special events coordinator since July 2005, has been appointed the School's new director of alumni relations. Prior to Penn, Coreen



directed the only nationally accredited continuing medical education program for physicians in Delaware. There she also managed several volunteer committees related to environmental and public health, aging, school health and education and served on several state and national initiatives including the Healthy Delaware 2010 Steering & Development Committees, Attorney General's Task Force on Animal Cruelty and Violence and Governor's Council on Cancer Incidence and Mortality.

Coreen has served on the boards of Delaware's animal shelters and advocacy groups, but her combined affinity for medicine and animal care blossomed through her work in client support at a Delaware veterinary emergency center. She spends much of her free time fostering and transporting rescued American Eskimo dogs for a national breed rescue group.

