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Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

Arrangements can now be made to tour the new facility of the Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Touring groups are scheduled every Wednesday, 1:30 p.m., and are limited to ten participants. Groups will be guided by members of the Volunteer Tour Guides. Tours are available by appointment only. Reservations can be made by calling M. Josephine Deubler, V.M.D. at (215) 243-8862.

A Dental Clinic has been added to the services of the Small Animal Hospital. Appointments are scheduled for Mondays and can be made by calling (215) 243-4680.

The appointment schedule for the Orthopedics Clinic has been changed to Wednesdays and Fridays. On Mondays the clinic is available for emergency cases only.

Virus Diagnostic Laboratory: A service for diagnosing viral agents associated with diseases of felines and canines is now being established at the Small Animal Hospital. The service will be able to detect infections in felines with calici virus (upper respiratory disease), corona virus (feline infectious peritonitis), herpes virus (rhinotracheitis), and parvovirus (panleucopenia). Canine infections will include those with adenovirus 1 (infectious hepatitis), adenovirus 2 (laryngotracheitis), corona virus (diarrheal disease), distemper virus, parainfluenza virus (kennel cough), and herpes virus. A service for detecting canine parvovirus disease has been underway for some time in Dr. Peter Felsburg's laboratory. A brochure describing directions for collection and submission of specimens, fee schedule, etc. will be distributed shortly. For more information, contact Dr. Lawrence Glickman (215) 243-6858, Dr. Florence Lief (215) 243-3365, or Dr. Peter Felsburg (215) 243-8861.

Epilepsy Registry: Dr. George Farnbach, assistant professor of neurology, has developed an epilepsy registry for dogs to formulate an information bank on this condition and to devise more effective dose schedules for managing seizures with anti-convulsant drugs. Veterinarians may enroll for this service at a minimal cost for which they will receive determinations of serum levels of anti-convulsant drugs at a greatly reduced rate. At present, serum levels can be determined for Phenobarbital, Dilantin, Primidone, Ethosuximide, and Carbamazepine. For information call (215) 243-6858.

The receptions held at various professional meetings throughout the country continue to be popular with our alumni and friends. On February 15 and April 25, 1982 receptions were held in Las Vegas, Nevada in conjunction with the Western States Conference and the American Animal Hospital Association meetings respectively. On March 16 we were at the New Jersey Veterinary Medical Alumni Society meeting in Atlantic City. It is gratifying to see so many alumni at these affairs which provide a valuable link between the school and those who cannot return for frequent visits.

This year's Alumni Day will be held in the Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (VHUP). We look forward to a large turnout on May 15, 1982. The meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch, ragtime music, and beer. Alumni will be able to tour the new hospital from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. In the evening there will be a dinner-dance in the parking pavilion for all alumni, including reunion classes. Reunion classes will have reserved tables so that they may sit together. Friends and family are cordially invited.

The Executive Committee of the Veterinary Medical Alumni Society met at New Bolton Center on March 18, 1982. Minutes of this meeting will be reported on Alumni Day.