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Rosettes & Ribbons
Congratulations to the Kennel Club of Philadelphia on their highly successful dog show held on December 18, 1982. There were over 2,500 entries in the 88th annual show.

Dr. Peter Hand, professor of anatomy, recently presented a talk at two locations in Taiwan. The talk was entitled "An autoradiographic deoxyglucose study of some central effects of acupuncture." This was presented first at the plenary sessions of the First International Symposium on Acupuncture and Moxibustion held in Taipei on November 19-21, 1982, and then on November 23 at Taichung.

Dr. Peter Dodson, associate professor of anatomy (palaeontology) was awarded a grant by the Board of University of Pennsylvania Research Foundation for a project titled "Comparative analysis of a new small horned dinosaur." Dr. Dodson was the subject of a recent story in The Philadelphia Inquirer. The dinosaur in question dates back 75 million years and Dr. Dodson describes it as "an extremely rare, small horned dinosaur that doesn't fit the public's conception that dinosaurs were huge species." The small horned dinosaur was about four feet long and two feet high. Dr. Dodson points out that "if there were people around then—which there weren't—this dinosaur would have been completely harmless and inoffensive." The bones were discovered in 1981 in central Montana.

Ralph E. Werner, Jr. (V'68), recently became a diplomate of the newly formed American Board of Veterinary Practitioners. Dr. Werner practices in Somers Point, N.J.

Dr. Alan Klide, associate professor of anesthesia, had an active lecture schedule in 1982. In February he spoke at the School of Veterinary Medicine, Guelph, Canada on "Anesthesia for Exotic Species," and at the Ontario Veterinary Association Conference on "Theory and Equipment for Veterinary Acupuncture in Horses. Practical Application." In May, Dr. Klide spoke on "Veterinary Acupuncture" at the meeting of the Western New York Veterinary Association.

Dr. Robert J. Rutman, professor of biochemistry, was recently appointed to the Board of Directors of the Leukemia Society of Southeastern Pennsylvania and treasurer of the Philadelphia Region of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Center for Non-Violent Social Change of Atlanta, Georgia.

On February 8 and 9, 1983, William Ellsworth Jones, the New York correspondent for the Sunday Times of London visited New Bolton Center. The Times is producing a "magazine" on racehorses that will be released at the start of the English racing season. Plans call for a separate article about New Bolton Center, focusing on the advances in surgery now available to save injured racehorses.

Dr. Samuel K. Chacko, professor of pathology, was awarded a Senior Research Fellowship from Fogarty International Center of the National Institute of Health. During the tenure of this fellowship, Dr. Chacko will perform collaborative research on the biochemical regulation of arterial smooth muscle with Professor Setsuro Ebashi, University of Tokyo. The collaborative research is expected to provide insight into the regulatory mechanisms by which the arterial walls from normal and hypertensive individuals contract and relax.

Dr. Richard Misella, associate professor of anatomy, was also awarded a Fogarty Fellowship, and will spend seven months at the Flurri Institute of Experimental Medicine, Melbourne, Australia where he will conduct neuroanatomical and physiological studies on water balance in sheep. This is an extension of his current work on laboratory animals and will include the use of immunoassay methods. While in Australia Dr. Miselis will present two papers, one at the International Physiological Congress, and the other at a satellite meeting of the Congress.

A new text titled, Current Therapy in Equine Medicine (W. B. Saunders Co., Philadelphia, 1983) has been dedicated to Dr. William Boucher, emeritus professor of medicine. The dedication reads as follows: "High standards of professional integrity, careful clinical observation, humane concern for the patient, an awareness of the owner's required knowledge, and a broad knowledge of medicine make Bill Boucher an outstanding role model for all of us fortunate enough to have been his students."

Dr. Roselyn Eisenberg, associate professor of microbiology at the Veterinary School, and Dr. Gary Cohen, professor of microbiology at the Dental School, have received a grant from the Lederle Laboratories of the American Cyanamid Corp. to conduct research on developing a vaccine against herpes. Drs. Eisenberg and Cohen have been collaborating on this work for the past six years.

Help For Epilepsy

A new booklet titled, Epilepsy in Dogs has been published by the American Canine Epilepsy Service under the direction of Dr. George Farnbach, assistant professor of neurology. This is a concise review of the problems of epilepsy in dogs and contains the following sections: What is Epilepsy?; What Causes Seizures?; How Harmful Are Seizures?; Is There a Treatment for Canine Epilepsy?; What Anticonvulsant Will Work for My Dog?; and What Is the Role of the Canine Epilepsy Service? If you are interested in receiving this informative booklet, contact Dr. Farnbach, Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, 39th and Spruce Sts., Philadelphia, PA 19104.

Errata

In the last issue we reported that the dental work on the Siberian tiger, Kundur, at the Philadelphia Zoo was done by students from the Dental School. Actually the work was done by Dr. Carl Tinkelman, assistant professor of endodontics at the Dental School.

In reporting on the chairs in the Veterinary School we omitted the Richard King Mellon Professor of Reproductive Physiology occupied by Dr. Ralph L. Brinster.

Resource Update: VHUP

In addition to the Wildlife Services offered by VHUP, there is also an Exotic Pet Clinic one evening a week. Appointments can be made by calling (215) 898-4680.

The clinic days for Orthopedics have been changed to Tuesdays and Fridays. This section only accepts appointments after the referring veterinarian contacts the Small Animal Hospital to explain the specifics of the case.