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International Club

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ELISA detects antibodies against *D. immitis* and radiographs are useful for identifying signs of pulmonary vascular disease which are characteristic of the infection. “Cats can be treated for heartworm,” said Dr. Knight. “The disease is managed the same way as in dogs.” According to Dr. Knight there is no reason why cats cannot be placed on the preventive, though it must be kept in mind that the animal has to be free of microfilariae before the drug can be given.

Cats with heartworm present various signs of illness, relating to cardiopulmonary disease and some, like vomiting which ordinarily do not suggest such problems. “If suspicious the animal should be carefully examined and an ELISA performed if microfilariae are not found before ruling out heartworm disease,” said Dr. Knight. He stated further, that while the disease was not as severe a problem as in dogs, the practitioner really should be paying more attention to it, as paid dividends since, according to Dr. Knight, the clinic now rarely sees animals with severe damage due to heartworm disease.

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**CENTENNIAL YEAR AFFAIRS**

Since October 2, 1884, marks the founding date of the School of Veterinary Medicine, it follows that a number of affairs are scheduled for the month of October 1984. Here is a list of major events for this exciting month:

**Monday, October 1.** **AWARDING OF CENTENNIAL MEDALS.** The Veterinary School will award Centennial Medals to eighteen individuals in recognition of their outstanding contributions to veterinary medicine. The ceremony will take place at 5:15 P.M. in the Rainey Auditorium of The University Museum of the University of Pennsylvania and will be followed by a reception.

**Tuesday, October 16.** **BIRTHDAY PARTY.** This will be the fun event of the year. The Party, held at the First Troop Cavalry Armory, 3rd and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, will be strictly informal and will feature on Old Philadelphia theme, with Philadelphia-style food, drinks, and dancing. Everyone is invited. Tickets ($30 each) are now available in the Centennial Office of the Veterinary School. Watch for more detailed information.

**Wednesday, October 17.** **"A 100-YEAR JOURNEY—AN EVENING WHEN THE PAST MEETS THE PRESENT."** The organization of Minority Veterinary Medical Students will sponsor a cocktail-dinner to honor Dr. Jane Hinton (Y'89), the first black woman graduate of the Veterinary School, and Dr. John B. Taylor (Y'88) the first black graduate. Time and place to be announced. For information call the Centennial Office, 898-1475.

**Sunday, October 21 through October 23.** **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY RADIOLOGY; See announcement under Rosettes and Ribbons.**

**INTERNATIONAL CLUB**

Many of us have chosen veterinary medicine for careers because we care about the quality of lives. Those of us who are also adventurous would like to work abroad. In the interest of these pursuits, University of Pennsylvania Veterinary Students have formed the International Club. So far, we have been very successful at building a substantial membership, forming a network with International Clubs at other veterinary schools, and providing information, through lectures and newsletters, about the worldwide situation of veterinary medicine. Students' interests in international veterinary medicine has surfaced since the inception of our club. In light of this newly discovered enthusiasm, I am sure there are other students and faculty members who could contribute to the fulfillment of our club's goals. We would greatly appreciate you sharing your experiences with us.

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