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For several years, there has been a memorial program at the School of Veterinary Medicine. It is an IN MEMORIAM for euthanized animals and is for the benefit of the Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. This year we have revised it slightly to allow for more widespread participation.

Euthanasia of a companion animal, even when it is clearly the most humane course, is often a painful experience for both owner and veterinarian. As a consequence, we would like to counterbalance this with a positive effort.

3. The relationship between the client and the veterinarian is strengthened, and one is formed between the owner and the School of Veterinary Medicine. Further support for our work may take place over a period of time, thus promoting veterinary education.

We believe the pet owner will appreciate this thoughtfulness and be comforted knowing that the memory of that animal will perpetuate animal health care and medical studies. And a gift will have been made to help sustain the University of Pennsylvania's position in veterinary medicine.

Therefore, the School has sent its graduates postage-paid envelopes which provide the veterinarian with the option of making a memorial gift for an euthanized pet or suggesting that the owner send one. In either case, upon receipt of the contribution, both the veterinarian and the client receive an acknowledgement from the Veterinary Hospital.

Those who have participated in this program have indicated the following benefits:
1. The client recognizes this as a personal gesture of concern.
2. Both the client and the veterinarian have the opportunity to support animal health research.

Dr. Robert E. Davies, Benjamin Franklin Professor of Molecular Biology and University Professor, attended a workshop at the NASA-Ames Research Center, Palo Alto, CA to write a book on virology in earth orbit together with other contributors. Dr. Davies has been invited to present a paper on Panpernia at the 14th International Review Meeting on Communication with Extraterrestrial Intelligence. The meeting takes place during the 36th Annual Congress of the International Astronautical Federation to be held in Stockholm, October 7 to 12, 1985.

Dr. Joan Hendricks (V'78), assistant professor of medicine, presented an abstract at the meeting of The Federation for American Societies of Experimental Biology in April at Anaheim, CA.