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**Study of Caudal Cervical Spondylomyelopathy Using the CT Scan**

A number of dog breeds are affected by Caudal Spondylomyelopathy, commonly called "Wobbler Syndrome." The disorder is most frequently seen in Doberman pinners and great Danes. Two surgeons here at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine are conducting a pilot study to determine the value of Computed Tomography (CT) scans to increase our understanding of this disorder. Dr. Nicholas J. H. Sharp, a visiting surgeon from the University of Liverpool, England, and Dr. Gail K. Smith, Assistant Professor of Orthopedic Surgery here at the School, have received a small internal grant to help conduct the investigation.

"These funds will enable us to study five Doberman pinners both before and after they undergo surgery for the condition," said Dr. Sharp. "The disease commonly affects middle-aged Dobermans between four and eight years of age, and males appear slightly more susceptible. Our studies have shown that in affected animals the spinal cord is compressed in the neck as a consequence of unstable vertebrae. Most of these dogs at first show only slight signs," he said. "Their gait may be slightly different, but as the disease progresses, they will become increasingly more uncoordinated. Most dogs are not in pain, although they may become suddenly paralyzed. This is frequently seen when a disc gives way, allowing the spinal cord to become compressed in the neck."

"Treatment is the stabilization of the affected vertebrae," said Dr. Sharp. "The discs are either surgically removed or the vertebrae are "fused.""

"By looking at the condition prior to and after surgical treatment, we hope to ascertain whether the procedure accomplished the goal of reducing the pressure on the cord and stabilizing the affected area of the neck," Dr. Sharp said. "The CT scan allows us to study the condition more closely before and after surgery." Both surgeons would like to see Doberman

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**Dedication**

The cottage adjacent to the Allam House, a home for Senior Citizens, was dedicated as Hill Cottage on Dec. 6, 1985, in memory of John J. Hill, III.

Mr. Hill, a dedicated horseman, was master of Fairmount Hunt and a partner in the Devon Horse Show. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Society for Promoting Agriculture and the Quaker City Farmers, and a long-time friend of the School, particularly the New Bolton Center.

Mrs. John J. Hill, III, Mrs. D. Stoy MacDonald and Mr. John J. Hill IV, at the dedication of Hill Cottage at New Bolton Center.