Rosettes & Ribbons
Dr. Amanda Fine, V'97, has been named a Luce Fellow by The Henry Luce Foundation. Dr. Fine will spend one year at the Mongolian Veterinary Research Institute in Ulan Bator, Mongolia. She will be working on livestock diseases and public health issues in the field and in the laboratory. Mongolia is a major exporter of cashmere wool. Much of the population is nomadic and the livestock, goats, sheep, cattle, horses and yak, moves from pasture to pasture. Dr. Fine is only the second veterinarian to be awarded a Luce Fellowship.

Dr. Raymond Sweeney, V'82, associate professor of medicine, received the Norden Distinguished Teaching Award. The School of Veterinary Medicine’s site “Veterinary Service At Oncolink” on Penn’s Medical School’s Oncolink website won the Best of Internet Award. Congratulations to all in VHUP’s Oncology Service.

The Marshak Dairy received a “Dairy of Distinction Award” from the Northeast Dairy Farm Beautification Program.

Dr. Arnold Kornblatt, V'78, is the regional veterinarian for the Mate Bilyamin District in Israel and product manager for Biogal-Galed Laboratories at Kibbutz Galed in Megiddo, Israel. He and colleagues have developed testing kits for canine ehrlichia, bovine leptospirosis, and avian psittacosis.

Dr. Sue McDonnell, assistant professor in reproduction, presented the Fred Pierce Lecture at a meeting of Canadian horse breeders in Deer, Alberta. The lecture was established by the Canadian SPCA and is presented by a speaker honored for research contributions to the welfare of horses. The American Hanoverian Society presented Dr. McDonnell with its first Annual Research Award at the Society’s 1998 Annual Meeting. Dr. McDonnell was recognized for her pioneering work in horse behavior and she presented a lecture on the subject.

She also traveled to Helsinki, Finland, in March to present a program to the Finnish Equine Veterinary Association.

Dr. Stuart Meyers, assistant professor of large animal reproduction, received funding for the second year from the Grayson Jockey Club Research Foundation for his study “Evaluation of Stallion Fertility Based on Sperm Cellular Function: A Prospective Study.” He also received a two-year grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture for the study “Assessment of Sperm Function in Preserved Boar Semen.” Both studies seek to apply new techniques in cell and molecular biology to large animal male infertility.

Dr. Andre Ziegler, staff veterinarian in the Laboratory of Avian Medicine and Pathology, received the Pennsylvania Game Commission’s Sport Ethics Award for his assistance with a diagnostic case submitted to the laboratory. The case involved duck intoxication with diazinone that resulted in mortality of ducks in a local river.

Dr. Barbara Davis, V’84, was a faculty member at the International Symposium and Histopathology Seminar on the Reproductive Tract of Laboratory Animals in Nara, Japan in April. She presented two papers and led three seminars on toxicologic pathology. Dr. Davis is veterinary pathologist at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Raleigh, NC.

Dr. Robert Eckroade, associate professor of poultry pathology, presented a talk at the Ontario Poultry Health Conference in Kitchener, Ontario and gave a talk at the Pfizer Seminar in Quebec, Canada. He also spoke at the Pacific Egg and Poultry Association meeting in Monterey, CA and at the Western Poultry Disease Conference in Sacramento, CA in March. Dr. Eckroade received a grant from the Pennsylvania Animal Health Commission to study Salmonella enteritidis.

Dr. Sherrill Davison, V'83, assistant professor of poultry pathology, received a grant from the Pennsylvania Animal Health Commission to study E. coli in...
poultry. Dr. Davison also gave presentations on avian influenza and laryngotracheitis at the New England Poultry Health seminars and gave a presentation on avian influenza at the PADL's Diagnostic Conference.

Dr. Fred Rude, V'58, received the American Animal Hospital Special Recognition Award for his outstanding contributions as an AAHA leader and for his dedication and commitment to AAHA student members in the Northeast Region.

Dr. James Orsini, associate professor of surgery, was the Coughlin Visiting Professor at the College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Tennessee in January. He is the co-author, with Dr. Thomas Divers, of Manual of Equine Emergencies: Treatment and Procedures, which was published by W.B. Saunders and Co.

Dr. Michael Woltz, V'78, was honored by the Greenburgh Nature Center, Westchester County, NY for his decade-long volunteer service to the organization and its live animal museum.

Dr. Kathryn Michel, assistant professor of nutrition, is now a diplomat of the American College of Veterinary Clinical Nutritionists. Dr. Lillian Aronson, V'92, assistant professor of surgery, Dr. Daniel Broekman, assistant professor or surgery, and Dr. Elizabeth Hammer, lecturer in sports medicine, are diplomates of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons.

Dr. Charles Vite, post-doctoral fellow in pathobiology, is a diplomat of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine in the specialty of neurology. Dr. Rebecka Hess, lecturer in medicine, and Dr. Nicola Mason, lecturer in medicine, are diplomates of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine.

Dr. E. Neil Moore, professor of physiology, was visiting professor at Michigan State University. He also gave the Buchanan Lecture to the Schools of Veterinary Medicine, Medicine, and Osteopathic Medicine there.

Dr. Colin Johnston and the School received a $25,000 grant from the Merck Co. Foundation, on behalf of Merial, for the development of the "Merial Electronic Book on Parasites and Parasitic Diseases of Domestic Animals." The work will present lectures in veterinary parasitology, illustrated by slides. It will be in English and Spanish and transferred to the Internet as a teaching tool.

Ken Mullin, director of medical records at VHUP, won an "Honorable Mention for Black and White Photography" in the annual competition sponsored by the Dog Writers of America. His wife, Dr. Nina Beyer, V'87, also won an "Honorable Mention" in the same competition for an article in AKC Afield.

The award is sponsored by the YMCA of Bergen County.

Dr. Peter Schantz, V'65, received the first United States Public Health Service Commissioned Officer Veterinarian-of-the-Year Award. The award formally recognizes individuals whose contributions have led to the advancement of public health and veterinary medicine. Dr. Schantz is internationally recognized for his work on the diagnosis, treatment, epidemiology, and control of zoonotic parasitic diseases. He was instrumental in opening opportunities for veterinarians with the Centers for Disease Control.

Dr. Frederick Fregin, V'64, director of the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine's Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center has been named to the Loudon County Rural Economic Task Force.

Barbara Davis, the School's director of financial aid, is a baseball expert for Total Sports and a weekly commentator on WHYY on the Phillies, who are doing nicely.

Dr. John Whitehead, V'52, was honored by the Veterinary Medical Association of New York City with its Distinguished Life Service Award.

Dr. Eric Tulleners, holder of the Lawrence Baker Sheppard Professorship in Surgery, has been promoted to professor of surgery. Dr. Mark Saunders, V'81, has been promoted to associate professor of radiology. Dr. Sydney Evans, V'77, has been promoted to assistant professor of radiology. Dr. David Holt has been promoted to associate professor of surgery. Dr. Erika Holzbaur has been promoted to associate professor of biochemistry.

Dr. Eileen Mera, V'86, received the Woman of Distinction Award from the Great Valley Girl Scout Council. Dr. Mera, a partner in the Wright Veterinary Medical Center in Bethlehem, PA, was honored for her mentorship of Girl Scouts.

Dr. Kirk Gelatt, V'65, professor of ophthalmology at the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine, received the American Kennel Club's annual award for Career Achievement in Canine Research.

Dr. Kevin Byrne, lecturer in dermatology, received his Masters of Science degree in Veterinary Medicine from the University of Illinois. He presented a paper at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology and the American College of Dermatology. In June he participated in a round table discussion "Latest Advances in Allergy Therapy — Diagnostics and Treatment in Food Allergy," held in Orlando, FL.

Dr. Urs Giger, Charlotte Newton Sheppard Professor of Medicine, was elected president of the Association of Veterinary Hematology and Transfusion Medicine.

Dr. James Serpell, Marie A. Moore Associate Professor of Humane Ethics and Animal Welfare, participated in the National Bioethics Institute at Oregon State University in August. Dr. Serpell also had his grant renewed by the Provost's Interdisciplinary Seminar Fund for the seminar series Human Relations with Animals and the Natural World.

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