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Dr. Amand Wins Exotic Veterinarian of the Year Award

Congratulations to Dr. Wilbur B. Amand, V’66, adjunct professor at the School, who was presented the first annual Exotic Veterinarian of the Year Award by the International Conference on Exotics in 1999. Dr. Amand was instrumental in establishing the exotic animal curriculum here in 1969, which began with an exotic pet medicine course for third-year veterinary students. The curriculum was expanded in the mid-1970s to include Zoo Mammal Medicine, Avian Medicine and Surgery, and Reptile and Amphibian Medicine and Husbandry. Dr. Amand attended Millersville State College, and completed his V.M.D., internship in small animal medicine and surgery, and residency in dermatology here at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Amand became a staff member of the department of medicine and opened an exotic pet clinic. After completing a post-doctoral program in comparative gastroenterology at Cornell University, he became full-time veterinarian for the Philadelphia Zoo, with additional responsibilities that included curator of mammals, acting executive director, and vice president for animal health. Dr. Amand retired from the zoo in 1992 after a 30-year career.

Dr. Amand is the current executive director of the American Association of Zoo Veterinarians (AAZV), editor of The Journal of Zoo and Wildlife Medicine, president of the World Association of Reptilian and Amphibian Veterinarians (WAVV), and executive director of the Association of Reptilian and Amphibian Veterinarians (ARAV).

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