Join the Pet Memorial Program
Dr. John Melniczek, V’92, post-doctoral fellow in medical genetics, re-joined the clinical staff of the Section of Medical Genetics and has been assisting Drs. Urs Giger, Margret Casal and Hamutal Mazrier in expanding the clinical and laboratory services offered to VHUP clinicians and referring veterinarians. Along with a strong clinical and research background in the field of medical genetics, he brings with him a great interest in identifying and correcting, where possible, canine and feline reproductive problems, and in assisting owners in pediatric care and genetic counseling. Artificial insemination will now be available in canine infertility cases that the primary clinician believes could benefit from such a procedure. Dr. Melniczek will also be available to answer questions regarding the Section’s four laboratories: the metabolic screening laboratory which seeks to identify patients that might have inherited metabolic disorders; the hematology laboratory that provides assistance in identifying blood compatibility products for patients through the blood bank, and in the identification of canine and feline blood disorders; the cytogenetics laboratory that identifies patients who have disorders of sexual development; and the newest laboratory, the Josephine Deubler Genetic Disease Testing Laboratory, which has been identifying carriers and affected animals for a variety of breed-specific genetic diseases in cats and dogs.

To inquire about referrals for patients with reproductive, pediatric, or genetic problems, or to ask questions about the services provided by the laboratories, Dr. Melniczek and the rest of the Section of Medical Genetics’ staff can be reached at 215-898-4680 or at http://www.vet.upenn.edu/pennngen.