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clearly farm animals. Hands-on experience was basically limited to a large and a small animal rotation, and an ambulatory clinic.

Marvin went on to an internship and residency at Boston’s Angell Memorial Animal Hospital, at the time a far more sophisticated veterinary institution than Penn. He remained on the staff there for three years before being called into service with the Army Veterinary Corps during the Korean War. At Angell, Marvin rounded out his clinical experience through exposure to the newly-burgeoning veterinary specialties and the hospital’s vast caseload, which included birds.

It was at Angell where veterinary medicine really “clicked” for Marvin, but he says that Penn gave him a solid foundation in the basic sciences. And his natural compulsion for animals was deepened by example from some of his Penn professors.

“If you understand the human-animal bond,” he says, “you know you’re there to provide compassionate, quality medicine.”

And that is what Marvin has been doing for almost five decades at Rothman Animal Hospital in Collingswood, N.J. He sold the practice, which still bears his name, 12 years ago to Mark Esser, V’86, but continues to work there. His lightened work schedule—35 hours a week, which he works alongside his wife Betty, who is the longtime office administrator, and four other doctors—leaves him plenty of time to participate in local charity work.

He says his proximity to Penn has given him access to advanced veterinary technologies, exposure to new techniques, and a constant influx of fresh knowledge from the new grads he hired through the years.

For Marvin and Irwin, veterinary medicine is the proverbial egg cooked in two vastly different ways. The one element that has always fascinated both brothers is the human-animal bond, which they often explore through traded stories and insights. Despite their divergent paths, the bond between Marvin and Irwin also remained strong.

For two brothers, twin degrees sow divergent paths

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Magic Weisner in the post-Preakness Stakes parade.