remain miserable, especially for older dogs with arthritis.”

“Reputable breeders don’t let puppies go until they’re a week or so older than seven weeks, and maybe longer for a tiny breed.”

“If all you want to do is go to a dog show, check out Infodog (www.infodog.com) for schedules of nearly every canine event.”

These excerpts should give you an idea of the wide range of information in the book.

What Labs Love (Hungry Minds, Inc. $16.99). 100 photographs by Ed Camelli with text by Mike Singer reveal the characteristics that make the Lab one of the most sought after companion animals.

2001 Penn Annual Conference

The 2001 Penn Annual Conference attracted more than 800 veterinarians, 225 technicians and 80 exhibitors. The two-day event was held at the Adam’s Mark Hotel, Philadelphia, January 31 and February 1. Several companies supported the conference as sponsors and patrons. Associate Dean Charles Newton presented plaques to the sponsors.

The 2002 Penn Annual Conference will be held January 30 and 31 at the Adam’s Mark Hotel.

International Laminitis Conference

Dr. James Orsini, associate professor of surgery, organized the First International Equine Conference on Laminitis and Diseases of the Foot. The event, held February 8 and 9 at Palm Beach, FL drew more than 200 attendees from the USA, Canada, Europe and South America. It brought together veterinarians, researchers, farriers, trainers, breeders, owners and farm managers for a comprehensive overview of laminitis and the latest diagnostic and treatment options for this disease.

Topics discussed were: Clinical Review of Laminitis; Epidemiology of Laminitis; Introduction to Developmental and Acute Laminitis; Review of Current Diagnostic Modalities and Clinical Therapeutics; Clinical Management of Acute Laminities; Chronic Phase of Laminitis. Among the speakers were Robert Sigafoos, farrier at New Bolton Center, and Dr. Eric Birks, assistant professor of sports medicine.

The event was supported by Mr. and Mrs. John Castle, who have provided extensive research support to Dr. Orsini. On Thursday evening, they invited the conference participants to their home, the former Kennedy compound. Corporate support for the conference was received from Merial and Fort Dodge. The Thoroughbred Charities of America also supported the conference.