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specialty of laboratory animal medicine, you have to take (and pass!) your specialty (American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine) boards after completing your residency and studying for one to three additional years, all while holding down a full time job. It was a rigorous undertaking, but I don't regret it. My career is quite rewarding, helping to develop drugs for unmet medical needs, has provided a way for me to pay back all the loans I accrued along the way, and is giving me a good standard of living.

As a student, Logan admired biochemistry professor Adelaide Delluva. “She was a terrific teacher and always encouraging. She came in one day with a great big, floppy purple hat. I loved it. I told her she looked great in it, and she gave it to me. I tried not to take it, but she insisted. I don’t wear it often, but it’s still in my closet.”

During her residency, Logan worked with John Cebra, Ph.D., immunology professor, who was invited to Taiwan to set up immunology labs at a new center for molecular biology in Taipei. For two months, Logan worked with him abroad, and, as a result of their work, she submitted an abstract for a poster that she presented the following year at an international conference in London, all of which was an utter delight.

While in her current position, she has collaborated with a pathologist and published papers on marmosets, specifically the clinical parameters of marmoset wasting disease.

Bridgette Jablonsky, V96
Farm Manager, Hanover Shoe Farm, Hanover, Pennsylvanias

Jablonsky was involved in standard-bred racing even before vet school, and she once aspired to be a track veterinarian. When in school she became interested in reproduction and spent two rotations in the neonatal unit. “When I graduated, this job was available. No matter what your aspirations are, Hanover Shoe Farm is ideal. Imagine being drafted by the NY Yankees. It’s the pinnacle. There’s no place higher, no place more prestigious.” She is the first female farm manager at Hanover, the largest standard-bred breeding farm in North America.

Her population waxes and wanes with the season: peak population, with a potential for 1,300 horses, begins about mid-June, when all the current foals are born, and lasts until August, when the first yearlings are sold. From November through early February, population goes down about 1,000, all on a 3,000-acre spread. The numbers include the 500 farm-owned and boarding mares that live on the premises.

Jablonsky suggests that women should not let anything—such as size or gender—deter them from veterinary medicine. “For reproduction and palpating mares, you would think someone taller would be good,” she says. “But with skill and determination you can overcome many things that are viewed as an obstacle, including being five feet tall, as I am.”

“When I interviewed at Hanover, they said their only worry was that I was too small physically to do it. ‘Give me a try,’ I told them, ‘you can always fire me.’ For my first three years after graduation, I worked with the previous farm manager. When he retired they promoted me to his position.”

At School, she was pleased to work with Dr. Tulleners, who “took a group of students under his wing, students involved with independent study. He helped us on his personal time, and he was always keen about cultivating students who had special interests.” At the time, her interest was surgery.

“All our horses are given Hanover as a surname. If you see a horse with a Hanover name win a race, you knew him before he was a horse, you knew him as a follicle. You go back that far with him. Chances are, you saw him being born, you raised him, you treated his sicknesses. The first Hanover horse I knew well won two million-dollar races in one year, both under the time of 1:50, which is the speed barrier. He was highest priced yearling of his year and sold for $250,000; he’s back here now to stand at stud in our stallion barn. His first yearling will sell this year. I love this stuff.

“Every time I do a pregnancy test on a mare, I get a great sense of accomplishment. I’m helping create life.”

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On the eve of the 2002 Westminster Kennel Club dog show Dr. Josephine Deubler, V’38 was honored by her peers and presented with the Nature’s Recipe Pet Foods 2001 Hall of Fame Award. This award is given to an individual who has made a significant contribution to improving the quality of the dog show sport and is presented in recognition of lifetime achievements by dedicated show dog enthusiasts. The award is presented periodically and Dr. Deubler joined a select group. She received an engraved crystal bowl and a donation will be made to a charity of her choice.