Check-Ups for Pets
Dr. Margret Casal, assistant professor of medical genetics, and Dr. Paula Henthorn, associate professor of medical genetics, received a grant renewal from the AKC Canine Health Foundation for their study, Cricopharyngeal Dysphagia in the Golden Retriever. Dr. Casal also received a five-year grant from the NIH/NIAMS for her study, A canine model for human X-linked ectodermal dysplasia.

Dr. Jill Beech, V’72, Georgia E. and Philip B. Hofmann Professor in Equine Medicine and Reproduction, presented a lecture on equine myopathies at the 5th Meeting of Flemish Horse Practitioners in Ghent, Belgium, last year. Dr. Beech gave a talk, Comparison of Hormonise® (Vitex castus agnus extract) and pergolide in treatment of Equine Cushing’s Syndrome, at the AAEP meeting in Orlando in December. She gave a talk, Medical Problems of Performance Horses, at “Meet the Veterinary Experts” horse health symposium at the Jockey Club, Palm Beach Equestrian Club, in West Palm Beach in February. In September, she presented a lecture, Inherited Neurological Diseases, Equine Protozoal Myeloencephalitis, at the ACVS meeting in October. Since the program returned to Penn, utilization of the screening method has increased markedly. Dr. Smith presented talks at the 2nd Annual National Detective Dog Training Conference in December, the North American Veterinary Conference in January, and Western Veterinary Conference and the Veterinary Orthopaedic Society in February.

Dr. Michelle Powers, PennHIP fellow, and William Culp, V’04, gave presentations at the Veterinary Orthopedic Society meeting in Steamboat Springs, Colo., in February.

Dr. Joan Hendricks, V’79, Henry and Corrine R. Bower Professor of Small Animal Medicine, is serving for many years as adjunct professor of pathology at the School, recently was awarded the Cheiron medal. It is the highest international award that can be presented to a historian of veterinary medicine. Dr. Saunders was honored for devoting 30 years to a rigorous international research program. He is the first American to be so recognized. The medal was presented by Dr. Philip M. Teigen, deputy chief, History of Medicine Division, National Library of Medicine. Shown here are Dr. Teigen and Dr. Saunders.

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Spring is an excellent time to review the vaccination status of pets. Puppies and kittens need to have complete sets of puppy and kitten shots; young animals need their adult boosters; and adults need their booster shots too. Check with your veterinarian about the proper vaccination regimen for your dog and cat. Spring is also the time for a heartworm check for the dog – again, your veterinarian can perform the blood test and provide the preventive medication to keep the pet heartworm-free. To protect your pet against flea and tick bites, consult your veterinarian about monthly flea and tick preventives. Your veterinarian knows your cat or dog and is the best source for such preventives.

Scholarships

The Penn Treaty Kennel Club Scholarship was awarded to Dana Clarke, V’06. Brett Begely, V’03 is the recipient of the Clifford R. Wright, Jr. Scholarship. The Richard A. Dorr, Jr. Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Lisa Berstine, V’03. Daniel Kirsh, V’06 received the Philip E. Potter Foundation Scholarship. Rebecca Kensinger, V’03 received the Hart Clinics Proficiency (IDEXX) Scholarship. Emily Jones, V’05 was awarded a scholarship by the Nestlé Purina Pet Care Company.