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March 2005

10-11
2005 Penn Annual Conference
New Location!
Wyndham Philadelphia at Franklin Plaza
For information, visit <http://alumni.vet.upenn.edu/pennannualconference.html>.

May 2005

13
2:30-3:45 p.m.
Penn Alumni Weekend 2005 Classes Without Quizzes Presentation
“9/11 Search-and-Rescue Dogs and Handlers Health Update”
Rosenthal Building, Room 321
3800 Spruce Street
They wowed us all with their tenacity and courage.
Three years later, the health and psychological well-being of the 9/11 search-and-rescue dogs and their handlers continue to be the focus of a special research project at Penn. Dr. Cynthia M. Otto, associate professor of critical care in the School of Veterinary Medicine, and Dr. Melissa G. Hunt, G’90, GR’96, associate professor of psychology, will share what the research has revealed to date and discuss the study’s future direction.

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Penn Veterinary Medicine Class of 2005 Commencement
For information, visit <www.upenn.edu/commencement>.

July 2005

17
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Alumni Reception
American Veterinary Medical Association Annual Convention
Hilton Minneapolis
Minneapolis, Minn.

October 2005

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Alumni Weekend 2005/ Reunions for Classes Ending in “0” and “5”
New Bolton Center
Kennett Square, Pa.

Important Phone Numbers
Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
24-Hour Emergency Service (215) 898-4685
Specialist Clinic Appointments (215) 898-4680

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24-Hour Emergency Service and Specialist Clinic Appointments (610) 444-5800

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