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Events

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

The Fourteenth Annual Symposium, "Your Veterinarian and Your Dog," will be held on Saturday, January 28, 1984, at the Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (VHUP), 3850 Spruce St., Philadelphia, PA.

DISEASES OF THE JOINT will be the topic of our visiting speaker, Alan J. Lipowitz, D.V.M., M.S., University of Minnesota, College of Veterinary Medicine, St. Paul, MN.

RECOGNIZING AND CONTROLLING GENETIC DISEASES OF DOGS will be discussed by Donald F. Patterson, D.V.M., D.Sc., Charlotte Newton Sheppard Professor of Medicine and Chief, Section of Medical Genetics. INHERITED KIDNEY DISEASES IN DOGS is the topic of Kenneth C. Bovee, D.V.M., M.Med.Sc., Corinne R. and Henry Bower Professor of Medicine (Nephrology) and Chairman, Department of Clinical Studies (Philadelphia).

DISEASES TRANSMISSIBLE FROM DOGS TO HUMANS will be discussed by Lawrence Glickman, V.M.D., Ph.D., Associate Professor of Epidemiology and Chief, Section of Epidemiology, and Carl E. Kirkpatrick, V.M.D., Ph.D., Lecturer in Parasitology.

ACUPUNCTURE is the topic of Alan M. Klide, V.M.D., Associate Professor of Anesthesia.

The program will begin at 9:30 a.m. with adjournment scheduled for 4 p.m. There will be question and answer sessions in the morning and afternoon. Questions may be submitted in advance. The cost, including lunch and parking, is \$25. Attendance is limited to 200.

We wish to thank Kal Kan for their support.

For further information and reservation forms, contact M. Josephine Deubler, V.M.D., VHUP, 3850 Spruce St., Philadelphia, PA 19104. Telephone (215) 898-8862.

WELCOME TO THE ALUMNI AND CONTINUING EDUCATION CORNER!!

This is the place to look for news about professional and broader continuing education programs, and information about your classmates and upcoming alumni events.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

The 1984 Penn Annual Conference brochure is in the mail. If you have not received a copy yet, please call me at (215) 898-1882 and a copy will be sent. Don't forget the new days and location:

THURSDAY January 26 and **FRIDAY** January 27, 1984, at the Franklin Plaza Hotel, at 17th and Vinc Streets, PHILADELPHIA.

Because of the October Scientific Program to be held in Philadelphia in conjunction with the School's Centennial on October 15, 16, 17, 1984, the School's professional continuing education program has been suspended from January 1984 to December 1984. Programs will resume in January 1985. You will receive more information about this Conference in the future.

ALUMNI NEWS

The Veterinary Medical Alumni Society actively represents all graduates of the School. The Executive Board meets five times a year to discuss and act on issues that affect the alumni body. Dr. Kenton Stokes, V'68, is this year's President. You are urged to submit suggestions, ideas, and comments. The Society acts as a two-way conduit, allowing the alumni direct access and input to the School's administrative body and its policies and encouraging a continuous flow of information from the School to the alumni. Your voice can be heard through the Alumni Society.

EVENTS

JANUARY

26 Penn Annual Conference, Franklin Plaza Hotel, Philadelphia*

28 Canine Symposium for Owners and Breeders, VHUP, Philadelphia

FEBRUARY

19 Western States Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada

MARCH

31 Feline Symposium for Owners and Breeders, VHUP, Philadelphia

APRIL

7 Student/Faculty Dinner Dance, New Bolton Center

14 New Bolton Center Open House

28 Spring SCAVMA and PVMA Picnic, New Bolton Center

MAY

19 Alumni Day, Philadelphia

21 Commencement

At each VMAS Meeting, a guest faculty member presents a report on events occurring with the School. At the September meeting, Dr. Rebecca Kirby spoke about some of the exciting changes occurring in the Small Animal Hospital's Emergency Service. Here is her report:

Dr. Rebecca Kirby, Dr. Kirby is a graduate of the University of Missouri. She did her internship at Purdue University and her residency at the University of Florida. Dr. Kirby is an Assistant Professor of Medicine and Director of the School's Emergency Service.

Dr. Kirby stated that the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine is the only Emergency Service in an academic environment that offers seven-day, 24-hour emergency service. One-third of the total hospital inpatient caseload arrives through the emergency service. The service sees 300-600 cases per month and receives approximately 200 telephone calls per day—calls that include: general information, medical information, and counselling.

Monday through Friday, two interns are on duty (from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.); on weekends three interns are on eight-hour duty shifts. Two Emergency Service clinicians are on duty—one of the two is available every night. This increased coverage has resulted in a much reduced morbidity and mortality rate. In addition, receptionists and technicians are on duty at various times as well.

Practical Telephone Guidelines have been established for the Veterinary Students and the Harcum Veterinary Technician students. Six rotating students on eight-hour shifts are taught to see and manage

cases in a problem-oriented method. Junior students also participate in the program on research projects. A very competitive volunteer program is available for pre-veterinary students. An externship program has been developed with students from Washington State and Minnesota participating. The visiting students stay with students from our School. It is hoped that this program will expand to students at other veterinary schools.

The Emergency Service has established its own clinical laboratory and pharmacy. The lab ensures a quick data base on all emergency cases. A "check" system has been developed whereby outpatients are called back within 24 hours to see how the animal is progressing. Jamie Quackenbush (the School's social worker) is informed in the event that an animal is euthanized or dies. Emergency Service clinicians speak with practitioners rather than the interns or students. This policy has been developed to ensure proper information is given to the practitioner and allows the Emergency Service clinician on duty to be aware of, and responsible for, any incoming cases. Clinicians who refer cases into emergency service are encouraged to call the service within 12-24 hours to ascertain the condition of the animal since it is not always possible for the clinician on duty to call the referring practitioner. Postcards are sent within 24 hours to the practitioner with a tentative diagnosis and planned tests.

The examination fee is \$38, and the average cost per case is \$60. If the client is indigent, life-saving care is given to the animal.