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## Memorial Program

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Dr. Jack Knowles (V'38) and his wife Caroline, were featured on the front cover of *Southern Boating*, a monthly magazine. Dr. Knowles is shown steering a Riva 2000 off to Bimini.

ALPO Pet Foods Inc. contributed \$1,000 to purchase a pointer, podium, microphone and a projector for the teaching seminar room at VHUP.

The second year class presented an award for teaching excellence to the Parasitology Laboratory. Honored were Dr. Jay Farrell, Dr. Colin Johnstone, Dr. Carl Kirkpatrick (V'81), Dr. James Lok, and Mr. Derek Muncey.

Dr. Wayne H. Riser, emeritus research professor of pathology, recently authored *The Dog: His Varied Biological Makeup and Its Relationship to Orthopaedic Diseases*. The volume was published jointly by ALPO Pet Foods, Inc. and the American Animal Hospital Association. It was distributed to all veterinarians who are small animal practitioners through the ALPO Pet Food Center. The booklet is available to the public; please write ALPO Pet Food Center, P.O. Box 2187, Allentown, PA 18001.

Dr. Anthony M. Stefanski (V'36) received the Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association Certificate of Appreciation "for his service as executive secretary furthering growth and development of the association; for extensive efforts to eradicate and control livestock diseases through his many years in the practice of veterinary medicine." Dr. Stefanski worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture from 1936 until 1973, when he retired. He now lives in Crowley, LA.

The Dog Writer's Educational Trust named a scholarship after Dr. Richard Gaetz (V'35), one of the Trust's most consistent supporters. Dr. Gaetz is an AKC licensed judge of all sporting dogs and of some terrier breeds.

Dr. Robert E. Davies, Benjamin Franklin Professor of Molecular Biology and University Professor, attended a workshop at the NASA-Ames Research Center, Palo Alto, CA to write a book on exobiology in earth orbit together with other contributors. Dr. Davies has been invited to present a paper on Panspermia at the 14th International Review Meeting on Communication with Extraterrestrial Intelligence. The meeting takes place during the 36th Annual Congress of the International Aeronautical Federation to be held in Stockholm, October 7 to 12, 1985.

Dr. Joan Hendricks (V'79), assistant professor of medicine, presented an abstract at the meeting of The Federation for American Societies of Experimental Biology in April at Anaheim, CA.



Mark D. Esser receives the Pfizer scholarship from Dean Marshak.

Mark D. Esser, a senior student, received a \$500 scholarship and a plaque from the Agricultural Division of Pfizer, Inc.

The Poultry Unit at New Bolton Center has received funds for the construction of an infectious disease containment building for the study of diseases of avian and other species.

Dr. Adrian Morrison, professor of anatomy, delivered the Tarbox Distinguished Neuroscientist Lecture at Texas Tech University. He also co-edited a book on *Brain Mechanisms of Sleep*, and participated in symposia on a number of topics: Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, Santa Monica, CA; Neuronal and Endogenous Chemical Control Mechanisms of Emotional Behavior, Fuknoka, Japan; 25th Anniversary Symposium on the Neurophysiology of Sleep, Sleep Research Society meeting, Seattle. He lectured at Oxford University, England; Netherlands Institute for Brain Research, Nijmegen University; University of Bologna; University of Parma, and University of Siena.



The Animal Rescue League of Philadelphia contributed \$500 to the Wildlife Service at the School for new equipment.

Dr. Victoria L. Voith, assistant professor of medicine, presented a paper entitled *Analysis of 2,500 Telephone Calls about Behavior Problems of Dogs and Cats* at the Animal Behavior Society Meeting in Raleigh, NC, in June. Elizabeth A. McCrave, research assistant, also participated in the conference. She presented a paper, *Correlates of Separation Anxiety in the Dog*.

Dr. John B. Madison (V'81) and Dr. Robert H. Whitlock, professor of medicine and Chief of Medical Services at New Bolton Center, received a grant from the Board of the University of Pennsylvania Research Foundation for their proposal "Evaluation of Extrinsic Neural and Humoral Controls of Abomasal Motility."

Mrs. Joan Ferguson Pew, a member of the School's Board of Overseers, has been elected as the first woman president of the National Association of State Racing Commissioners. Mrs. Pew, for several years, has been a member of the Horse Racing Commission of Pennsylvania.

Four researchers at the School received funds from Penn's new internal research fund: Drs. Joan C. Hendricks (V'79) and Joan B. O'Brien (V'63) for "Sleep and Breathing Patterns During Development in Pups with a Spontaneous Upper Airway Obstruction"; Dr. Gail K. Smith (V'74) for "Hip Dysplasia, Biomechanical Correlations and Radiographic"; Dr. M. Raja Iyengar for "Reactivity, Energetics, and Physiological Role of N-Phosphocreatinine: A Newly Identified Phosphagen in Muscle."

The Agriculture Research Committee of the State of Pennsylvania has approved a number of research projects for funding at the School. They are: Pseudorabies Virus Infection of Swine; Molecular Epidemiology and New Approaches to Analysis of Latent Infection; Transmission and Significance of Bovine Leukemia Virus Infection; The Relationship of Hemoglobin Types and Susceptibility of Sheep to Parasite Infection; Effect of Protein Degradability and Estrous Detection on Dairy Reproduction.

The public service spots featuring **MAN AND ANIMALS: Living, Working and Changing Together**, the exhibit at the University Museum, won a silver medal and a gold medal at the recent CASE competition. One spot featured an Abyssinian kitten visiting the exhibit at night. The other spot featured actors from the musical **CATS** visiting their ancestors. Both spots are popular with television viewers and have brought many visitors to the exhibit.

## Memorial Program

For several years, there has been a memorial program at the School of Veterinary Medicine. It is an IN MEMORIAM for euthanized animals and is for the benefit of the Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. This year we have revised it slightly to allow for more widespread participation.

Euthanasia of a companion animal, even when it is clearly the most humane course, is often a painful experience for both owner and veterinarian. As a consequence, we would like to counterbalance this with a positive effort.

Therefore, the School has sent its graduates postage-paid envelopes which provide the veterinarian with the option of making a memorial gift for an euthanized pet or suggesting that the owner send one. In either case, upon receipt of the contribution, both the veterinarian and the client receive an acknowledgement from the Veterinary Hospital.

Those who have participated in this program have indicated the following benefits:

1. The client recognizes this as a personal gesture of concern.
2. Both the client and the veterinarian have the opportunity to support animal health research.

3. The relationship between the client and the veterinarian is strengthened, and one is formed between the owner and the School of Veterinary Medicine. Further support for our work may take place over a period of time, thus promoting veterinary education.

We believe the pet owner will appreciate this thoughtfulness and be comforted knowing that the memory of that animal will perpetuate animal health care and medical studies. And a gift will have been made to help sustain the University of Pennsylvania's position in veterinary medicine.