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## Feline Symposium

The Twelfth Annual Feline Symposium will be held on April 15 at the Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Topics covered in the day-long event will be:

- Skin Allergies in Cats.** Dr. Kevin Shanley, assistant professor of dermatology;
- Taurine and Heart Disease.** Dr. Malcolm MacDonald, resident in cardiology;
- Feline Infectious Peritonitis.** Dr. K. Ann Jeglum, assistant professor of medical oncology;
- Feline Nutrition.** Dr. Ed Kane, manager, Friskies Feline Center;
- Parade of Breeds.** Mr. Richard Gebhardt.

The cost for the program is \$35 which includes parking and lunch. Reservations can be made by contacting Dr. M. Josephine Deubler, VHUP, 3850 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6010.

The Penn Jersey Cat Club Show, a Cat Fanciers Association approved event, will be held April 16 at the Class of 1923 Ice Rink, 3130 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, a few blocks from the Veterinary School. The show will be an all-breed championship show and will feature four household pet rings in addition to the four rings for purebreds.

The show, a benefit event for the School, will be managed by Michael Petersen. Further information about the show can be obtained by calling Mr. Petersen at (609) 466-2607 or the School's Communications Office at (215) 898-1475.

## Portrait Day in honor of Donald G. Lee, V.M.D.

Members of the Class of '52 presented a portrait of Dr. Donald G. Lee (V'36) to the School. The painting, created by artist Brian Smith, son of Dr. Maurice S. Smith (V'48), was unveiled during a ceremony on September 13. Members of Dr. Lee's family, representatives of the Class of '52, and faculty attended to reminisce and remember Dr. Lee. Following are the remarks by Dr. Fred Gunther (V'52):

Beginning in September of 1948, fifty-two freshman members of the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine assembled daily for the study of anatomy. During our freshman and sophomore years we labored over the study of the anatomy of the domestic species. Dr. "Don" Lee was the anatomy staff member to whom we turned for counsel and a sympathetic ear when our stresses began to mount. Sympathy and understanding were the hallmarks of the relationship Dr. Lee developed with us.

As our class number shrank slightly with each passing semester, Dr. Lee was available to anyone who had a burden that they wished to share. Because of the length and frequency of anatomy class, there was ample opportunity for Dr. Lee to have dialog with any of our classmates who wished to share their burdens and concerns with him. Classes in histology increased our daily contact with Dr. Lee also. Dr. Lee attained the rank of professor and was appointed head of the department of anatomy the year

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Kimberly Buchanan's heroic actions a few weeks ago earned her the eternal gratitude of a colleague and special thanks from University's Vice President for Human Resources Barbara Butterfield. Buchanan's quick thinking and knowledge of cardiovascular-pulmonary resuscitation (C.P.R.) saved the life of Emeritus Professor of Medicine Dr. William Boucher.

Buchanan, a veterinary nurse assistant, and another nurse were grazing their equine patients one morning when she noticed Boucher walking out of the Field Service Building. Boucher, who uses a walker, tripped coming down the steps. Although he caught his balance, his momentum moved him down the steps much faster than he expected. A few moments later, Buchanan saw him "stop and then fall straight over."

"I ran over with my horse and yelled into the building for someone to call an ambulance," Buchanan recalled. "Dr. Boucher had a pretty good gash on his head, and you know how head wounds can bleed, but he looked blueish. I gave my horse to the other nurse and listened for a heartbeat and felt for a pulse. There was nothing."

"All I could think was, 'I can't just let him lay here.' I knew I had to do something."

Buchanan, who had taken a C.P.R. class in high school, says she "went on automatic pilot. I started to resuscitate and in a few minutes he began breathing again."

A few minutes later, the ambulance arrived and took Boucher for an overnight stay at the hospital. He later returned to New Bolton Center and told Buchanan, "I guess I owe you a pretty big thanks."

A special ceremony was held at New Bolton to honor Buchanan for her actions. Barbara Butterfield presented her with a plaque in appreciation and recognition.

Boucher and his wife have had a long history with New Bolton Center. Throughout his career, their home has been open to many a veterinary student for good, hot meals and a warm feeling of family. So distinguished was his service to the Center, that the Field Service Building is named for him. Even after retirement the Bouchers have played an instrumental role in establishing and maintaining emergency funds



Dr. William Boucher

for veterinary students faced with financial crises. Through donations and regular bake sales, for which Mrs. Boucher still bakes cakes and cookies, money is added to the fund.

The Bouchers and Barbara Butterfield aren't the only people who recognize what Kimberly Buchanan did that morning, and how she contributes overall to New Bolton Center. Assistant Dean Bruce Rappaport wrote, "I don't believe there is ever an adequate means of recognizing performance such as yours, but I hope that you'll accept my own thanks and appreciation for your performance...I have to sincerely tell you that this adds to the already established high esteem that I and others have for your abilities and accomplishments at New Bolton Center...You are a perfect example of what makes New Bolton Center above and beyond the rest of the veterinary profession."

Buchanan has worked at New Bolton for a little over a year. With three children, ages six, four and two, she said, "It was the benefits that brought me here. Sure it can get stressful, but still, I like it."

Working at New Bolton Center also fulfills her childhood ambitions. "I have always liked animals. This sounds funny, but really, when I was little I used to think New Bolton would be a really neat place to work, I thought, 'maybe someday.'"

As for her next goal, Kimberly looks forward to attending West Chester State University's nursing program next semester where she will study small- and large animal medicine. "I really am a large animal person," she admits. "I am more afraid of being bitten by a dog than being kicked by a horse." When she earns her diploma it may very well hang on her living room wall next to the plaque just recently presented to her.

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following our completion of these courses. A move we applauded but with regret that it did not occur sooner.

Our class was but one in a long chain of classes to receive the benefit of Dr. Lee's presence. As we came back for alumni functions, the formal Dr. Lee became Don as friendships ripened and deepened.

Don was interested in our career progress as well as the growth of our families. This interest was formally recognized in 1962 when Dr. Lee was appointed associate dean at the Veterinary School with duties pertaining to curriculum and student affairs. It is with affectionate remembrance that we gather today to honor his memory and to emphasize the important part he played in our student lives.

