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Jack Mara/Hill's Dean's Scholarship

VHUP Endoscope Enhanced

The depth of VHUP's endoscopy service was enhanced by the addition of a new, more powerful light source and a 100 millimeter bronchoscope. This equipment was made possible through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Remer, Villanova.

"The new light source tremendously enhances our ability to perform gastrointestinal endoscopy as well as bronchoscopy in large and giant breed dogs," says Dr. Robert Washabau, assistant professor of medicine. "The other light source was not sufficiently bright enough for studies in large and giant breed dogs. And, the other bronchoscope was not of sufficient length for these larger dogs. With the new equipment we can now offer the same services to all breeds of dogs."

The new equipment adds to the teaching facilities at the hospital as it is integrated into the existing video array. The video array allows for a number of people to observe a given procedure. It took nine months for the bronchoscope to arrive. The reason, according to Dr. Washabau, "an entire production line had to be shut down to



Dr. Robert Washabau, Dean Andrews, Mrs. and Mr. Remer.

manufacture the bronchoscope, which because of its length, did not conform to the regular production run."

Mary and Jay Remer made the donation in honor of their maternal grandmothers, Virginia Simmons duPont, Mr. Remer's grandmother who raised greyhounds and sporting dogs under the Squirrel Run prefix, and Lillian Wood Febiger, Mrs. Remer's grandmother who had Dandie Dinmont and Sealyham terriers.



Dr. Washabau shows the new bronchoscope.

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The School honored Dr. John L. Mara, director of veterinary affairs, Hill's Pet Products, on June 2, 1992 by naming a scholarship in his honor. The

Jack Mara/Hill's Dean's Scholarship is the third scholarship funded through the proceeds of the sale of pet food provided by Hill's to the School for the

Student Feeding Program.

Dr. Mara, a member of the Class of 1951 of the New York State College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University, has directed veterinary affairs for Hill's since 1979. He has worked tirelessly to promote the company's veterinary college program and is an advocate of nutrition research, education, and teaching.

Hill's supports the veterinary dental residency program, a nutrition residency program at the School, and the renovation of the kitchen in the patient wards at VHUP.

The Jack Mara/Hill's Dean's Scholarship brings to 20 the number of fully endowed Dean's Scholarships at Penn's Veterinary School. The 20 scholarships represent a total of \$1,000,000 accumulated over the past three years for the Dean's Scholars Program.