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School's vital role in servicing the Commonwealth's agricultural communities was recognized when the School became a full partner in the Commonwealth Diagnostic Commission.

None of Dean Andrews' accomplishments were more valued than his enthusiastic and aggressive support for the improvement in the quality of student life. During his term of office, financial

aid increased dramatically, and the highly successful Dean's Scholars Program was established. At the same time, he worked diligently in an effort to have the Commonwealth Assembly enact legislation to enable relief of a portion of the students' financial burden.

**RESOLVED**, that the Overseers of the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, on behalf of them-

selves, the administration, faculty, staff, students, and alumni express to Dean Edwin J. Andrews, a gracious and unassuming man, their appreciation for his tireless and dedicated service on behalf of the University and the School of Veterinary Medicine and they look forward to Dr. Andrews' continued involvement in the School of Veterinary Medicine. ■

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The School honored Dr. M. Josephine Deubler, V'38, by presenting the Centennial Medal to her during a dinner held prior to the Montgomery County Kennel Club show in October, the all-terrier show chaired by Dr. Deubler. Following is the citation:

### M. Josephine Deubler, V.M.D., Ph.D.

Brought into this world surrounded by a love of animals and veterinary medicine, you have created in your 70+ years a legacy of love, admiration, respect and awe. Throughout your childhood years at Indian Rock Farm in Newtown, Pennsylvania, you enjoyed riding to the hounds and the challenge of guiding jumpers to a collection of ribbons and trophies.

Your interest in veterinary medicine emerged from a family where your father, brother, uncle and two cousins all became veterinarians. It is no surprise then that in 1938 a young Josephine Deubler joined that list, and became the first female graduate of the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. Not content with this accolade, however, you then obtained a Masters Degree and a Ph.D., to become the first female veterinarian to achieve such distinction at the University. Secure in your new niche, you then enriched the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association as their first member of your gender.

Joining the faculty at the School of Veterinary Medicine as an Assistant Instructor, your research interests focussed on important diseases from periodic ophthalmia in horses, to feline panleukopenia, and bovine keratitis. You



Dr. Deubler with Walter Goodman, member of the School's Board of Overseers, and former Dean Edwin Andrews.

served your School for 53 years through 5 of its 10 Deans eventually retiring with emeritus status in 1987.

Your real love in life, however, emerged as a breeder, exhibitor and judge of dogs. You owned, bred and showed Smooth Fox Terriers, Kerry Blues, Irish Terriers, Dachshunds and Dandie Dinmonts. YOUR Dandies took Best of Breed at Westminster in 1956, and then took Best of Show honors at the National Specialty for three consecutive years. Now you hold the distinction of being an internationally renowned AKC judge for all terriers, all hounds, both groups and, Best in Show.

A caring and giving person, you have served the dog fancy in enumerable ways, including Chairperson of the Montgomery County Kennel Club Show, and Chairperson of the Bucks County Kennel Club Show for over 25 years. A long time contributor to Popular Dogs, your dedication to the fancy never diminished interest in your profession or your

alma mater. Steadfastly serving as a Veterinary School class agent, as secretary and historian of the Veterinary Medical Alumni Society, as secretary/treasurer of the Bucks-Montgomery Veterinary Medical Association, as secretary of the Animal Rescue League in Philadelphia, and as a regular contributing editor to the School's news magazine, the Bellwether, you have also been the spark that ensures the success of the School's annual canine and feline symposia.

Through your personal efforts the School is the beneficiary of major bequests, myriad donations, judging fees, and other multitudinous contributions from individuals, foundations, and dog clubs. Your tireless energy and selfless dedication has been recognized repeatedly. On three occasions the coveted "Fido" has designated you as dogdom's Woman of the Year; The Association of Women Veterinarians has presented their Distinguished Service Award; The Veterinary Medical Alumni Association has bestowed on you its Award of Merit; and The Westminster Kennel Club has honored you as a Terrier Group Judge. In 1987 a scholarship fund at Penn was established in your honor and today there are three fully endowed Dr. M. Josephine Deubler Dean's Scholars.

Yet, as much as you have been lauded, you continue to outshine your trophies and awards. So today, The School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, is privileged to bestow on Dr. M. Josephine Deubler the highest accolade of her alma mater, its Centennial Medal. ■