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## Dear Alumni

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## *New Bolton Center benefit at Saratoga raises \$100,100*

Representatives of A WEEKEND IN OLD SARATOGA presented a check to the School in the amount of \$100,100.00, the proceeds of the successful benefit for New Bolton Center held in Saratoga in August. Monies will be directed for programmatic endowment of the Connelly Intensive Care Unit/Graham French Neonatal Section and equine research efforts at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine' rural campus.

A WEEKEND IN OLD SARATOGA is a non-profit organization which sponsors carrying in Saratoga each year. This year the weekend benefited New Bolton Center. Participants were treated to a country carriage drive, a drive to a polo match, and a carriage parade at the Saratoga race course. Activities culminated in "An Evening in Old Saratoga," a black-tie gala and silent auction held at the Gideon Putnam Hotel in the Saratoga Spa State Park on August 9. More than 260 people attended the beautifully designed event and enjoyed the music by Robert Hardwick Orchestra. Prior to the gala, the champagne reception was held at the Saratoga Springs home of Miss Beverly R. Steinman, Lancaster, PA. for benefactors, coaching fellows and patrons.

Chairperson of the board of A WEEKEND IN OLD SARATOGA was Mrs. Lawrence E. Ensor, Jr. of Philadelphia. Honorary chairpersons of the gala were Mr. and Mrs. William C. Lickle, Montchanin, DE.

The gala was ably chaired by Mrs. John R. Landan, Jr., Chester Springs, PA. and Mrs. Edwin J. Andrews, Mont Clare, PA. The silent auction was headed by Mrs. James A. Orsini, Kennett Square, PA. and Mrs. Wylie F.L. Tuttle, Rock Hall Stud, MD. Members of the Gala Committee included such local residents as Mrs. Richard D. Abbott, Cochranville, PA, Mrs. Kathleen Crompton, and Mrs. Richard I.G. Jones, both of Unionville, PA. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rapp, Downingtown, PA, assisted the Gala Committee.

The honorary committee for the New Bolton Center benefit included Mrs. Walter M. Jeffords, Andrews Bridge, PA,



*On behalf of the School, Board of Overseers member Vincent B. Murphy accepts the check from representatives of A WEEKEND IN OLD SARATOGA. Shown with Mr. Murphy are, from left to right, Mrs. Lawrence E. Ensor, Jr., Mrs. William C. Lickle and Mrs. John R. Landan, Jr.*

Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Levy, Bryn Mawr, PA, Mrs. Harry W. Lunger, Wilmington, DE, Mrs. J. Maxwell Moran, Paoli, PA, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent B. Murphy, Far Hills, NJ, and Mr. George A. Weymouth, Chadds Ford.

New Bolton Center's George D. Widener Hospital for Large Animals and the Field Service treat more than 25,000 animals annually. Approximately 1,000 of these patients are cared for in the Connelly Intensive Care Unit/Graham French Neonatal Section, which will

benefit from the funds raised for programmatic endowment.

The other endowment supported by the event, equine research, assists such basic research efforts as the study of the mechanisms of the equine airway.

"This outstanding event for New Bolton Center would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of the volunteers, many of whom are active participants in equine sports," said Dr. Edwin J. Andrews, former dean of the veterinary school. ■

### *DEAR ALUMNI:*

*It is written that "it is better to give than receive." We who had the opportunity to attend the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine received one of the finest veterinary educations anywhere on this planet.*

*A cloudy veil has descended on our alma mater that may threaten its very foundation. The events of the past several years - a difficult national economy, recommendations to curtail or eliminate state funding, and the University's position to close the School if state funding ended - demoralized students, faculty, and alumni.*

*My answer to these threats is to give back something to our alma mater. I believe the Lord has blessed us as alumni of this fine school and we should all give. I chose to fund, using appreciated assets, a Dean's scholarship over a four-year period. Now in my third year of funding the scholarship, I have not had to compromise my lifestyle in any way to make this commitment. On the contrary, my pledge enables me to avoid confiscatory capital gains taxes. I encourage you to join me to create permanent endowment funds, generating income in perpetuity, so the School will never again suffer when economic or political winds shift.*

*Put funding for the Veterinary School in your short and long term goals so that you will help sustain our noble institution.*

*Sincerely,  
Alonzo Edminston, Jr. V.M.D.  
Class of 1967*