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## School Honors Alumni: Robert L. Ticehurst, John D. McCullough, Donald A. Abt, Jack Bregman

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## School Honors Alumni

*Dean Alan M. Kelly recently honored four alumni for their outstanding support to the School. The School's Bellwether Medal was presented to each. Following are the citations:*

**A citation of gratitude to  
Robert L. Ticehurst, V.M.D.  
University of Pennsylvania  
School of Veterinary Medicine  
Class of 1934**

**A** loyal and supportive alumnus since you began your practice in 1936. Involved in various types of practice, your special interest was in pet and equine medicine. The author of many papers on equine practice and a frequent lecturer, early on you displaced a keen interest in professional education.

Altruism comes to mind when Bob Ticehurst's name is mentioned. You are no stranger to service to the community where many benefitted from your volunteer efforts, including Penn's Veterinary Alumni Society, the American Animal Hospital Association, the New Jersey, Metropolitan New Jersey and Central New Jersey veterinary medical associations, First Presbyterian Church, Red Bank Lodge 277, the Red Bank Rotary Club and the Second Century Fund Alumni Committee to mention just a few.

Students continue to be the mainstays of your kindness. As a moving force in establishing the Second Century Fund Campaign's John Baxter Taylor Scholarship Fund and as a loyal Ben Franklin Society member, you continue your generosity by honoring Mark and Lila Allam with Opportunity Scholarships in their names. Your Alumni Award of Merit was a well-deserved celebration of your generosity.

As a loving parent of three accomplished children—with your life partner Alice for almost 65 years—your actions have taught them the qualities of humanitarian life.

The University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine has chosen the occasion of The North American Veterinary Conference 2000 to pay tribute to you and your exceptional accomplishments by awarding you the Bellwether

**John D. McCullough, V.M.D.  
University of Pennsylvania  
School of Veterinary Medicine  
Class of 1943**

**A** loyal and supportive alumnus, after graduating in '43, you moved to Clarion County, Pennsylvania with Dorothy and practiced—mostly bovine—veterinary medicine until 1952. Ever the adventurer when your Country called you to serve, your willingness to stay in the Air Force provided many opportunities to continue to treat patients and travel Overseas and throughout the country.

Your financial savoir-faire was evident even as a student, and continues with the Haines City Cooperative where your Florida orange grove has flourished. The oranges from your grove provide yet another example of the kindness you have shown to people at the School of Veterinary Medicine. We are most appreciative to be the recipient of your myriad talents.

The School is endlessly indebted to the generosity shown by you and Dorothy with the innovative idea and

creation of the John D. and Dorothy W. McCullough Research Fund at New Bolton Center. By providing an opportunity for faculty to take sabbatical leave and pursue special training, new research programs are developed and the faculty is revitalized. You have set a sterling example of forethought for the future of the School of Veterinary Medicine. For this we are profoundly grateful.



Former Dean Edwin J. Andrews presents the School's Bellwether Medal to Dr. McCullough on behalf of Dean Kelly.

The University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine

pays tribute to you and to your exceptional accomplishments. We applaud and are thankful for the distinguished recognition you bring to the School of Veterinary Medicine and the University of Pennsylvania and present to you today the Bellwether Medal.

January 12, 2000

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Leadership Medal. We celebrate your thoughtful compassion and contributions to society in general and the School of Veterinary Medicine in particular.

January 16, 2000

**Alumni  
Day**  
May 21, 2000

**Citation**  
**Donald A. Abt, V.M.D.**  
**University of Pennsylvania**  
**School of Veterinary Medicine**  
**Class of 1961**

**A**lmost forty years ago you entered the School of Veterinary Medicine and it has never been the same; your influence permeates the very core of its education, policy and procedures, and aquatic animal medicine. After graduation in 1961 your career began as an instructor in anatomy and within five years a move to an Assistant Professor of Epidemiology Biostatistics. It was there that your fame began with the profound observation that half the people in the world are below average.

While working on a leukemia project,



it was noted that you maintained a desk that was always orderly, precise, uncluttered and immaculate — clearly the sign of a very sick mind! However, Dean Mark Allam was impressed and in 1970 appointed you to Associate Dean to organize the new Core-elective curriculum — a curriculum which you voted against! No other faculty member had the talent to pull all the details together. It was no accident that this curriculum became so complicated that only you could understand it. For nineteen years with little change to this day — and under three Deans — the education component of this School was successful under your tutelage. It has served the School extraordinarily well and for this

we owe you an enormous debt of gratitude, praise and thanks.

From summers sailing on Cape Cod your experience ingrained a belief that you were destined to be an old salt. It was instinctive that you would become the Rear Admiral behind Dean Marshak's Admiral of the Fleet, in an era marked by facial characteristics of all administrators — as hair left the top of heads in increasing amount and shifted to chins — you, Don, increasingly looked like the old man of the sea. Thus, with a beard full grown, organizing Aquavet was a natural progression of your career; doing the two things you love best: teaching and sailing on Cape Cod. Not satisfied to be by the water only in the summer; in 1990 you moved to Cape Cod permanently and headed the Aquatic Animal Medicine & Pathology Lab in Woods Hole while continuing the success of Aquavet training. It is to your credit that there is not a single person holding a significant position in aquatic animal medicine in the US today who has not graduated from the program you created.

We have honored you in the past with the Alumni Award of Merit and the International Association for Aquatic Animal Medicine has recognized you many years of leadership in promoting aquatic animal health and today, The University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine has chosen the occasion of the Penn Annual Conference 2000 to pay tribute to you and to your myriad accomplishments. We applaud your dedication to your alma mater and are proud to present to you the School of Veterinary Medicine Bellwether Medal.

January 26, 2000

**Saturday:** Players breakfast with the dean at Loch Nairn Golf Course, Avondale, Pa. Followed by a golf tournament with great competition and prizes. For non-golfers there will be a tennis tournament. In the evening festivities commence with the dean's cocktail party at the Allam House.  
**Sunday:** Alumni Day at New Bolton Center — fun for the whole family with plenty of activities for children.  
**Watch for your Alumni Day invitation in the mail!**

**Citation**  
**Jack Bregman, V.M.D.**  
**University of Pennsylvania**  
**School of Veterinary Medicine**  
**Class of 1966**

**G**raduating in 1966, you are a rare man who absolutely loves your job, loves veterinary medicine, loves the School and does everything you can to promote both the profession and the School.



From specializing in equine practice in New York City to companion animals in your own Midbrook Animal Hospital in Brooklyn, you have successfully expanded your hand in partnership with your son Eric so that now you have three additional practices with increased emphasis on feline care.

For your extensive contribution to your profession with the City of New York Mounted Police Department, to your efforts in veterinary education in your role as a Deputy Examiner, to your persistent commitment and avid support of the School, we are grateful. Your service on the VMAS Executive Board for many years and your leadership as its president in 1991 demonstrated your belief in the ideals of education. Your continued support of the School led you to revamp Alumni Day, doubling the attendance and making it the most successful it has ever been. From focusing on making it a family day at New Bolton Center, to organizing the Alumni Golf Tournament, you have promoted good will and spirit among our alums. By your example, your son has taken the reigns of Alumni Day.

The University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine has chosen the occasion of the Penn Annual Conference 2000 to pay tribute to you and to your myriad accomplishments. We applaud your dedication to your alma mater and present you with the School of Veterinary Medicine Bellwether Medal for Leadership.

January 26, 2000