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stability of the AVRS was jeopardized by declining membership and rising operational costs, which also jeopardized the journal. Fortunately, Dr. Rhodes did not stand idly by and watch the journal crumble. In 1979 he negotiated an agreement with J.B. Lippincott Company whereby they would assume publication of the journal and it would become the official journal of the ACVR. In late 1979 the journal was reborn as *Veterinary Radiology*, with the same blue cover familiar to us all. In 1981 after 18 years of serving as editor-in-chief of the only journal devoted solely to veterinary radiology, Dr. W.H. Rhodes elected to relinquish his editorial duties. With Dr. D.E. Thrall, then as Editor in Chief, Dr. Rhodes continued as Consulting Editor from 1981 to 1997.

After being on the faculty for 31 years, Dr. Rhodes retired in 1986, as Emeritus Full Professor of Radiology at the University of Pennsylvania. At Penn, he had an outstanding teaching and clinical record. He was honored with the school's first University Wide Distinguished Lindback Teaching Award in 1965, and over the years had a major

influence in how hundreds of his students, as veterinarians, would practice radiology. He has been a wonderful mentor and/or faculty colleague to approximately 22 of our current ACVR Diplomates. Along with Drs. Bernstein and Kevin Kealy, he also was instrumental in the organization of and subsequent success of the International Veterinary Radiology Association (IVRA). In 1997, the IVRA presented Dr. Rhodes with Honorary Membership, its highest award in recognition of his outstanding world wide contributions to veterinary radiology.

Clearly, Dr. Rhodes has had a monumental impact on the development of veterinary radiology in the world. His contributions created an environment in which radiology could be pursued and enjoyed as never before. Dr. Rhodes is truly deserving of the highest honor that the ACVR can bestow—its Distinguished Service Award. 🐾

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Congratulations to Dr. Wilbur B. Amand, V'66, adjunct professor at the School, who was presented the first annual Exotic Veterinarian of the Year Award by the International Conference on Exotics in 1999. Dr. Amand was instrumental in establishing the exotic animal curriculum here in 1969, which began with an exotic pet medicine course for third-year veterinary students. The curriculum was expanded in the mid-1970s to include Zoo Mammal Medicine, Avian Medicine and Surgery, and Reptile and Amphibian Medicine and Husbandry. Dr. Amand attended Millersville State College, and completed his V.M.D., internship in small animal medicine and surgery, and residency in dermatology here at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Amand became a staff member of the department of medicine and opened an exotic pet clinic. After completing a post-doctoral program in comparative gastroenterology at Cornell University, he became full-time veterinarian for the Philadelphia Zoo, with additional responsibilities that included curator of mammals, acting executive director, and vice president for animal health. Dr. Armand retired from the zoo in 1992 after a 30-year career.

Dr. Amand is the current executive director of the American Association of Zoo Veterinarians (AAZV), editor of *The Journal of Zoo and Wildlife Medicine*, president of the World Association of Wildlife Veterinarians (WAWV), and executive director of the Association of Reptilian and Amphibian Veterinarians (ARAV). 🐾