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**Dr. Gail Smith, V'74**, professor of surgery, was appointed chair of the Department of Clinical Studies-Philadelphia.

**Dr. Kirk Gelatt, V'65**, was named the sixth recipient of the Mark L. Morris, Sr. Lifetime Achievement Award. The award was presented during opening ceremonies of the North American Veterinary Conference in January in Orlando, FL.

**Dr. Lawrence Gerson, V'75**, was elected president of the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association. **Dr. Mark B. Guise, V'82**, was elected president-elect and **Dr. James Rummel, V'79**, was elected vice-president. The organization appointed **Dr. Richard Detwiler, V'48**, as delegate to the AVMA. **Dr. Harvey Bendix, V'75**, was appointed as alternate delegate.

**Dr. Lisa Barber**, staff veterinarian, passed her board examinations and is now a diplomate of the ACVIM (Oncology). **Dr. Evelyn Ivey**, lecturer in special species, passed the ABVP Avian Species boards. **Dr. Raquel Walton**, lecturer in pathology, passed the ACVP boards and is now certified in clinical pathology. **Dr. Teresa Rieser, V'95**, lecturer in critical care, and **Dr. Lori Waddell**, staff veterinarian in critical care, passed the certification exam of the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care and are now diplomates of the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care. **Dr. Barbara Dallap, V'94**, is a new diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons as is **Dr. Heather Swann, V'93**, staff veterinarian at VHUP. **Dr. Margherita Gracis**, lecturer in dental medicine, passed the American and the European dental boards. **Dr. Margaret Sleeper, V'93**, passed the ACVIM boards in cardiology and is a diplomate of the ACVIM (cardiology). **Dr. Diane Frank**, lecturer in behavior, is now a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary

Behaviorists. **Dr. Tanya Lemire**, lecturer in pathology, passed the ACVP boards and is now a diplomate of the ACVP.

**Dr. Robert Eckroade**, associate professor of poultry pathology, was appointed to the AVMA Legislative Advisory Committee. Dr. Eckroade received a lifetime achievement award from PennAg Industries. He was an invited speaker at the Simposio Internacional Sobre Influenza Aviarin in November in Maracay, Venezuela to present a paper on Avian Influenza Outbreaks in Domestic Poultry in the United States. Dr. Eckroade was appointed chair of the United States Animal Health Association's Committee on Transmissible Diseases of Poultry.



*Dr. Colin Harvey, professor of surgery and dentistry, was honored by the American Dental Hygienist Association. He was presented The Golden Scaler Award by Carol Welden, ADHA liaison to veterinary dental organizations.*

**Dr. Sherrill Davison, V'83**, associate professor of avian medicine and pathology, has accepted the nomination as secretary/treasurer by the board of governors of the American College of Poultry Veterinarians.

**Dr. Eric Parente**, assistant professor of sports medicine, organized and lead the first Respiratory Surgery Wet Lab at the AAEP meeting in Albuquerque, NM. It was oversubscribed and a huge success.

**Karen Biesinger**, pharmacy manager at New Bolton Center, received the Delaware Women's Alliance for Sports

and Fitness Recreational Athlete Award.

**Dr. Michael Kotlikoff, V'81**, professor and chairman, Department of Animal Biology, was named chair of the Department of Biomedical Sciences at Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine, effective July 1, 2000.

**Dr. Harry Werner, V'74**, was elected treasurer of the American Association of Equine Practitioners.

**Dr. Robert Washabau, V'82**, associate professor of medicine and chair, Section of Medicine, was elected president of the Internal Medicine Specialty of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine.

**Dr. Sheldon Steinberg, V'59**, professor of neurology and chair, Section of Neurology/Ophthalmology, was elected officer-at-large for the Neurology Specialty of the ACVIM. Dr. Steinberg was recently honored for his forty years at Penn.

**Dr. Dorothy Brown**, assistant professor of surgery, received a grant from the Morris Animal Foundation for a study "Comparative Analgesia of Intravenous and Itrathecal Oxytocin and Morphine Using Dolorimetry."

**Dr. Cynthia Ward, V'87**, assistant professor of medicine, received a grant from the Morris Animal Foundation for a two year study "G Protein-Mediated Signaling Abnormalities in the Pathogenesis of Feline Hyperthyroidism"

**Kathleen Dunn**, VHUP's social worker, gave a presentation at the American Boarding Kennel Association annual meeting in Milwaukee, WI in October. In November, Ms. Dunn gave a keynote address at the 19th Annual Veterinary Cancer Society Conference in Woods Hole, MA.

**Dr. Ina Drobrinski**, assistant professor of large animal reproduction, received a grant from the USDA/ CSREES/NRICGP for work on "Germline Modification in

Farm Animals through Xenogeneic Spermatogonial Transplantation.”

**Dr. Daniel O. Morris**, assistant professor of dermatology, received a grant from the AKC Canine Health Foundation for a project entitled “Studies of the Host (Canine) Immune Response to the Opportunistic Pathogen *Malassezia pachydermatis*.”

**Lord Soulsby of Swaffam Prior**, former professor and chairman of pathobiology, was elected president of the Royal Society of Medicine. Lord Soulsby, the only veterinarian in Britain’s House of Lords, is the first veterinarian to head the Royal Society of Medicine.

**Dr. Jeffrey A. Wortman, V’69**, associate professor of radiology, has been appointed Associate Dean for Curricular Affairs.

**Lynda Barness**, vice-chair of the School’s Board of Overseers, was named one of Montgomery County’s 1999 Women of Achievement by the March of Dimes.

**Dr. George W. Leighow, V’58**, was named Distinguished Veterinarian of the Year by the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association. He was honored for his contributions to veterinary practice in the Commonwealth.

**Dr. John Moss, V’76**, was inducted into the Morris Animal Foundation Honor Roll. Dr. Moss’ practice, the Brandywine Valley Veterinary Hospital, is in Coatesville, PA.

**Dr. Adrian Morrison**, professor of behavioral neuroscience, was re-elected to a third four-year term as secretary general of the World Federation of Sleep Research Societies at its quadrennial meeting in Dresden, Germany in October. He was elected as chair-elect of the Advisory Council of the Benjamin Rush Society which serves all health-care alumni of Franklin and Marshall College.

**Dr. James Orsini**, associate professor of surgery, is the chairman of the United Way Campaign of the Kennett Area.

**Dr. Ralph E. Werner, Jr., V’68**, was appointed to the AVMA Alternative and Complementary Therapies Task Force.

**Donna Oakley**, head nurse at VHUP, was appointed to the AVMA Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities.

**Dr. Fred Rude, V’58**, was honored

by the Keystone Veterinary Medical Association for his long service to the organization.

**Christine Bohn, V’02**, named by the Morris Animal Foundation as Ballard



Student at the School is shown here with the Foundation’s President Emeritus and Trustee Betty

White. Ballard students represent the foundation to students and faculty at their school.

**Dr. Amy Marder, V’79**, has been appointed vice president for behavioral medicine and companion animal services at the ASPCA in New York.

**Dr. David A. Meirs II, V’54**, was named Horse Person of the Year for 1999 by the New Jersey equine industry. Dr. Meirs is president of Walnridge Farm and Equine Clinic, a Standardbred breeding facility in Cream Ridge, NJ.

**Dr. Gerhard Schad**, professor of parasitology, gave a plenary session at the World Association of Veterinary Pathologists in Copenhagen, Denmark. He also presented a lecture at the Swiss Tropical Institute in Zurich, Switzerland.

**Henry S. McNeil, Jr.**, a member of the School’s Board of Overseers, handled his Labrador retriever, FC-AFC Candlewood’s Bit O’Bunny (Babe), to the 1999 National Amateur Field Trial Championship. Babe and Hank won this title once before, in 1996.

**Sue Ann Latterman, V’85**, has been appointed as vice president of business development at pets.com, an online pet products and service store.

**Dr. Karen Overall, V’83**, head of VHUP’s behavior clinic, presented data from her study on canine panic at the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior meeting in New Orleans, at the European Society of Veterinary Clinic Ethology in Lyon, France, and at the 1999 World Congress of Psychiatric Genetics in Monterey, CA.

**Dr. Joan Hendricks, V’79**, professor of critical care medicine and chair, Section of Critical Care, was interviewed on NPR about her recently published study on the rest behavior of *Drosophila melanogaster*.

**Dr. Amanda Fine, V’97**, is still in Mongolia, working on a USAID funded project for ACIDI-VOCA, performing agricultural development work for livestock health.

**Dr. David McDevitt**, professor of anatomy, spent a year in France on sabbatical leave at the I.N.S.E.R.M.. (the French equivalent of NIH) Unit 450-Development and Regeneration of the Retina to research transcription factors in eye development and regeneration.

**Dr. Cindi Bossart, V’78**, was featured in Purina’s *Today’s Breeder*. Dr. Bossart breeds and shows collies and operates a small animal hospital in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

**Dr. Kevin Byrne**, lecturer in dermatology, was appointed chair of the examination committee of the American College of Veterinary Dermatology.

**Dr. Kathryn Michel**, assistant professor of nutrition, organized the nutritional support workshop for the AAZT in October and was an invited speaker at the Purina Nutrition Forum the same month. In December, Dr. Michel lectured at Azabu University, Azabu, Japan.

**Dr. Cynthia Otto**, assistant professor of critical care medicine, was elected vice president of the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care. Dr. Otto co-chaired the Advances in Veterinary Shock Research Meeting held in Philadelphia in association with the 4th International Shock Congress. Dr. Otto received a grant from Merck to develop antibodies to canine tumor necrosis factor. Dr. Otto was sent to North Carolina with the Pennsylvania Task Force 1 Urban Search and Rescue Team in response to Hurricane Floyd.

**Dr. Leslie King**, associate professor of critical care, assumed the office of president of American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care.

**Dr. Ron Harty**, assistant professor in pathobiology, received an American Cancer Society institutional grant for his project “Role of Proline-Rich Motifs of LMP2A in EBV-Induced Transformation.”

**Dr. David Holt**, associate professor of surgery, lectured at the American College of Veterinary Surgeons meeting in San Francisco in October. Dr. Holt presented lectures at the Danish Small Animal

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# Animal Crackers

## Ears and Tails

The breed standards for a number of breeds call for docked tails and/or cropped ears. This has been a controversial procedure and is now banned in most European countries. The American Kennel Club has adopted a position statement which “recognizes that ear cropping, tail docking and dewclaw removal, as described in certain breed standards, are acceptable practices, integral to defining and preserving breed character and/or preserving good health. Appropriate veterinary care should be provided.”

For many years, the American Veterinary Medical Association’s position on ear cropping was “The AVMA has recommended to the American Kennel Club and appropriate breed associations that action be taken to delete mention of cropped or trimmed ears from breed standards for dogs and to prohibit the showing of dogs with cropped or trimmed ears if such animals were born after some reasonable date.” The AVMA at that time had no position on tail docking.

Last July, the AVMA passed the following resolution. “Ear cropping and tail docking in dogs for cosmetic reasons are not medically indicated nor of benefit to

the patient. These procedures cause pain and distress, and, as with all surgical procedures, are accompanied by inherent risks of anesthesia, blood loss and infection. Therefore veterinarians should counsel dog owners about these matters before agreeing to perform these surgeries.”

In this country, we are seeing more uncropped ears in the show ring, and some of these dogs are winning over those with cropped ears. Laws in many states require that this must be done by licensed veterinarians. Probably arguments against the procedure will continue, but for now it is not against the law.

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Association meeting in Aarhus, Denmark in November. **Dr. Karen Overall** also presented talks there. In December Dr. Holt gave a presentation at the New Mexico Veterinary Medical Association.

**Barry Stupine**, associate dean for administration and finance and director of VHUP, was named an honorary member of the PVMA. He was elected president of the Abington School Board and appointed co-chair of the University of Pennsylvania’s Business Advisory Board.

**Dr. Colin Harvey**, professor of surgery and dentistry, presented papers at the British Small Animal Veterinary Association and the British Veterinary Dental Association in Birmingham, UK, World Veterinary Dental Congress, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia, World Small Animal Veterinary Association Congress and European Veterinary Dental Meeting in Lyons, France, and Veterinary Dental Forum in Baltimore.

**Dr. Margherita Gracis**, lecturer in dental medicine, presented a lecture at the European Veterinary Dental Society meeting in Lyons. **Dr. Alex Reiter**, resident in dental medicine, also presented a paper there and one at the Veterinary Dental Forum in Baltimore. Dr. Gracis and **Dr. Paul Orsini**, assistant professor of dental medicine, presented laboratory sessions at the Veterinary Dental Forum.

**Dr. Rebecka Hess**, staff veterinarian and **Dr. Paula Henthorn**, associate professor of medical genetics, received a research grant from Ralston Purina for looking at genetic alterations in Samoyed dogs with Diabetes Mellitus. Owners and veterinarians can help by referring both diabetic and non-diabetic dogs of that breed to Dr. Hess for blood tests.

**Dr. Hamish Rodger**, lecturer in aquatic animal medicine, was appointed to the editorial board of the *Journal of Fish Diseases*, the leading journal in it

field. He served on the panel of experts for the European Community in Brussels in December assessing research applications for the Key Action Area “Quality of Life—Control of Infectious Diseases.”

**Dr. Sydney M. Evans, V’77**, associate professor of radiology, was appointed as an ad hoc member of the Radiation Study Section, National Institutes of Health. Dr. Evans received a secondary appointment to the department of radiation oncology at the University’s School of Medicine.

**Dr. Loy C. Awkerman, V’52**, has written a book of short stories, *Thoughts While Holding A Thermometer*. It was published by Masthof Press.

**Robert Richardson, V01**, was elected president of the Student chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association at the SCAVMA National Meeting, held in March. 🐾