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The afternoon of August 14 brought some unwelcome excitement to VHUP. A fire broke out on the roof, causing smoke throughout the hospital. Alarms sounded at 2:50 pm and evacuation began quickly. All patients were safely removed from the hospital by nurses, students and staff.

When the many laddertrucks of the Philadelphia Fire Department arrived, they were greeted by the sight of animals on gurneys, hooked up to fluids and in some cases, oxygen, animals on leashes and in portable crates. They all were calm as they were constantly reassured and petted by nurses, students and staff. The firemen quickly extinguished the blaze on the roof and by 5:15 pm everyone was back in their accustomed places.



"Everyone was fantastic," said **Barry Stupine**, vice dean and director of the hospital. "People knew exactly what to do and how to evacuate the animals quickly and safely." Once animals and people were settled back in VHUP, office staff phoned all the owners of the hospitalized pets to tell them that their animals were safely back in the wards.

There were no injuries to either animals or people. The damage to the building was on the fourth floor. The news of the fire spread quickly and the news media flocked to the VHUP area with helicopters, cameras, microphones and notepads. Each of the five local TV channels, the radio and both papers carried the story and the emphasis was on how animal patients were safely evacuated from the building and made comfortable in various locations.



Dr. David Knight Retires

Dr. David Knight, professor of cardiology and chief, section of cardiology, retired on June 30, 2001.

Dr. Knight, a 1962 graduate of Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine, came to Penn in 1964 to study at



the then Division of Graduate Medicine and to join the School's Comparative Vascular Studies Unit, which pioneered the study of veterinary cardiology.

On the faculty since 1967, Dr. Knight is a charter member of the American College of Internal Medicine and a member of the American Heart Association and the American Heartworm Society. During his tenure at the School, Dr. Knight served on many committees and was chief of the section of cardiology for many years. His primary research interests were pulmonary hypertension and heartworm disease.

Dr. Knight celebrated his retirement with a trip to Alaska!

Aazabu Students Come to Learn

Each August faculty members who have been to Japan hone their Japanese vocabulary, as it is time for the annual visit of veterinary students from Azabu University, Azabu, Japan.

This year ten students and two faculty members arrived. Eight students spent their time accompanying Penn veterinary students through clinic rotations at VHUP and two Azabu students did the same at New Bolton Center. The group spent 11 days at Penn and from their comments during the goodbye ceremony, they had an enriching and enjoyable time at the two hospitals.

