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February to review the progress.

Dr. Margret Casal, assistant professor of medical genetics, and **Dr. Paula Henthorn**, associate professor of medical genetics, received a grant renewal from the AKC Canine Health Foundation for their study, Cricopharyngeal Dysphagia in the Golden Retriever. Dr. Casal also received a five-year grant from the NIH/NIAMS for her study, A canine model for human X-linked ectodermal dysplasia.

Dr. Jill Beech, V'72, Georgia E. and Philip B. Hofmann Professor in Equine Medicine and Reproduction, presented a lecture on equine myopathies at the 5th Meeting of Flemish Horse Practitioners in Ghent, Belgium, last year. Dr. Beech gave a talk, Comparison of Hormonise® (Vitex castus agnus extract) and pergolide in treatment of Equine Cushing's Syndrome, at the AAEP meeting in Orlando in December. She gave a talk, Medical Problems of Performance Horses, at "Meet the Veterinary Experts" horse health symposium at the Jockey Club, Palm Beach Equestrian Club, in West Palm Beach in February. In September, she presented a lecture, Inherited Neurological Diseases, Equine Protozoal Myeloencephalitis, at the International meeting of the European Society of Veterinary Neurology, held in Philadelphia.

Dr. Gail Smith, V'74, professor of surgery, is on leave as chair of the Department of Clinical Studies-Philadelphia through June to oversee

Check-ups for pets

Spring is an excellent time to review the vaccination status of pets. Puppies and kittens need to have complete sets of puppy and kitten shots; young animals need their adult boosters; and adults need their booster shots too. Check with your veterinarian about the proper vaccination regimen for your dog and cat. Spring is also the time for a heartworm check for the dog – again, your veterinarian can perform the blood test and provide the preventive medication to keep the pet heartworm-free. To protect your pet against flea and tick bites, consult your veterinarian about monthly flea and tick preventives. Your veterinarian knows your cat or dog and is the best source for such preventives.

Dr. Leon Saunders, who served for many years as adjunct professor of pathology at the School, recently was awarded the Cheiron medal. It is the highest international award that can be presented to a historian of veterinary medicine. Dr. Saunders was honored for devoting 30 years to a rigorous international research program. He is the first American to be so recognized. The medal was presented by Dr. Philip M. Teigen, deputy chief, History of Medicine Division, National Library of Medicine. Shown here are Dr. Teigen and Dr. Saunders.



the transitioning of PennHIP back to Penn. A PennHIP seminar was held in association with the 2003 Penn Annual Conference in January. PennHIP seminars will also be held in conjunction with the AVMA meeting in July and the ACVS meeting in October. Since the program returned to Penn, utilization of the screening method has increased markedly. Dr. Smith presented talks at the 2nd Annual National Detector Dog Training Conference in December, the North American Veterinary Conference in January, and Western Veterinary Conference and the Veterinary Orthopaedic Society in February.

Dr. Michelle Powers, PennHIP fellow, and **William Culp, V'04**, gave presentations at the Veterinary Orthopedic Society meeting in Steamboat Springs, Colo., in February.

Dr. Joan Hendricks, V'79, Henry and Corrine R. Bower Professor of Small Animal Medicine, is serving as Interim Chair, Clinical Studies-Philadelphia, until June 30.

Dr. Brett Dolente, V'96, instructor in medicine, received funding from AVMA Foundation and Bernice Barbour Foundation to begin a clinical trial using a novel heparin in horses with coagulopathies. She presented a talk at the 2003 Camelid Conference at Oregon State University in March on critically ill camelid neonates and hepatic lipidosis.

Dr. Amy J. Alwood, resident in critical care, and her collaborators, **Drs. Lori Waddell, Cynthia Otto, Kim Slensky** of Penn and Dr. Marjorie Brooks of Cornell, were awarded a Winn Feline Foundation Research Grant. The grant of \$15,000 under Winn's Ricky Fund is for the

investigation of the effects of low molecular weight heparins on coagulation in normal cats. This is expected to provide the basis for future clinical applications and use of low molecular weight heparins in cats with cardiomyopathy and/or saddle thrombus (aortic thromboembolism).

Marsha Finkelman, Ellen Lomastro, Larry Nann, Wendy Curtis-Uhle, and Bethanne Walters, all veterinary technicians specializing in anesthesia, either at the Ryan Veterinary Hospital or at the Widener Hospital, were members of the Academy of Veterinary Technician Anesthetists organizing committee, and were among the first group of technicians who were officially granted certification as Veterinary Technician Specialists in Anesthesia.

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The Penn Treaty Kennel Club Scholarship was awarded to **Dana Clarke, V'06**. **Brett Begely, V'03** is the recipient of the Clifford R. Wright, Jr. Scholarship. The Richard A. Dorr, Jr. Memorial Scholarship was awarded to **Lisa Berstine, V'03**. **Daniel Kirsch, V'06** received the Philip E. Potter Foundation Scholarship. **Rebecca Kensinger, V'03** received the Hart Clinics Proficiency (IDEXX) Scholarship. **Emily Jones, V'05** was awarded a scholarship by the Nestlé Purina Pet Care Company.