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## Second International Equine Conference on Laminitis and Diseases of the Foot Announcement

## New Social Worker at Ryan Hospital

**Ms. Kathleen Dunn**, the Ryan Veterinary Hospital's chief of social work retired at the end of July. She came to the hospital in 1986 as a social worker and has helped countless clients get through difficult times. Over the years many letters from clients have expressed their gratitude to Kathleen for her help and many students, clinicians, and staff have leaned on her as well. She has been particularly helpful in oncology and emergency services. The grief support group she founded is recognized as the first of its kind in a university veterinary teaching hospital and has provided emotional support for clients of Ryan as well as for clients of other veterinarians.

**Jodi L. Levine** has been appointed as the Ryan Veterinary Hospital's new social worker. The social worker position has been restructured and much of Jodi's duties will involve research, collaboration with other institutions, academic pursuits, working with **Dr. James Serpell**, associate professor of humane ethics and animal welfare, grant writing, and teaching. She will also be available to Ryan Veterinary Hospital clinicians when their clients are in need of social work services.

Ms. Levine holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from American University and a Master of Social Work degree from Penn. She has worked as a social work internist at the David Lawrence Center in Naples, Florida and as a social work internist at Greater DC Cares in Washington, D.C. She served an internship here when enrolled in the University's School of Social Work. She also served as an intern at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in the Department of Family Practice.

### Correction

In *Bellwether* 56 we reported that **Brett Dolente, V'96**, received funding from the Bernice Barbour Foundation and the AVMA Foundation. The AVMA Foundation was incorrect; the grant was from the ACVIM Foundation and the Barbour Foundation to begin a clinical trial using a novel heparin in horses with coagulopathies.

## Coal Creek Joker: 1982–2003

The School lost a devoted, loyal, hard-working member of its family on May 19, 2003. Joker, one of three donated registered Morgan horses, who had been the linchpin of the carriage program at New Bolton Center, succumbed to colic at the age of 21. Joker and his half-brother, Promise, have represented the School's New Bolton Center at numerous prestigious events over the last six years. They have participated in drives at places as diverse as Saratoga Springs, N.Y., at the start of race season, the Devon Horse Show, Winterthur Steeplechase Races, and Ag Progress Days at Penn State. The team has done demonstrations for driving clubs and 4-H clubs, as well as a number of other community outreach or



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fundraising events. Joker was that once-in-a-lifetime horse—a perfect temperament, a noble work ethic, and a true “poster” horse for all that is best in the Morgan breed.

Everyone at New Bolton Center is deeply grateful to him for all his hard work, and extend sincere thanks to Mr. Art Glatfelter, who in 1997 generously donated Joker and Promise to the driving program, along with harness sets and a carriage. In 1999, he donated a third Morgan, Sammy, to the School. Through their efforts, the School's carriage program reached new heights as an educational, public relations, and outreach tool. Joker will be greatly missed, his stall will be very difficult to fill, but his contribution to New Bolton Center will always be remembered.

The **Second International Equine Conference on Laminitis and Diseases of the Foot** will be held November 10 and 11, 2003 at the Breakers Resort in Palm Beach, Fla. The conference is organized by **Dr. James Orsini**, associate professor of surgery, and is supported by Mr. and Mrs.

John K. Castle in loving memory of their horse, Spot.

The two-day program includes topics on diagnostic and therapeutic protocols, treatment options, pain management, nutritional considerations, and ethical concerns in the treatment of horses with laminitis. The program is open to veterinarians, who will receive continuing education credit, and owners, breeders and trainers who have their own breakout sessions.

The conference offers scientific presentations, and the world-renowned faculty will provide insight on the latest laminitis diagnostic and treatment options. A complete listing of the faculty and program can be found on the web at <[www.slackinc.com/laminitis](http://www.slackinc.com/laminitis)>.



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