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During the Annual Meeting of the Veterinary Medical Alumni Society (VMAS) of the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine on May 17, 2003, three alumni were honored with a 2003 Alumni Award of Merit. They are:

**Dr. Elinor A. Brandt**, a 1963 graduate. A resident of Los Angeles, she owns East Valley Veterinary Clinic in Sun Valley, Calif. She was honored for her longstanding commitment and dedication as Class Agent for the Class of 1963.

**Dr. Henry L. Croft, Jr.**, a 1978 graduate. A resident of Stahlstown, Pa., he owns Loyalhanna Veterinary Clinic in Stahlstown, Pa. He was recognized for promoting animal welfare in his community through numerous outreach programs, and for his 23 years of leadership to the Westmoreland County, Pa., 4-H Veterinary Science Club.

**Dr. John D. McCullough**, a 1943 graduate. A resident of Atlantic Beach, Fla., he was recog-

nized for his exemplary service to the U.S. Air Force that spanned 22 years and three continents—during which he rose to the rank of Colonel in the Veterinary Corps, and was honored with an Air Force Meritorious Service Medal for outstanding noncombatant meritorious service during the Korean War.

The VMAS honors alumni who have made outstanding contributions to their profession and the School with the Alumni Award of Merit. The award is given annually to recognize distinguished graduates for their contributions that advance knowledge in biomedicine, promote the welfare of animals through public education of animal



**Eric M. Bregman, V'95, VMAS President, Henry L. Croft, Jr., V'78, and Jeffrey A. Wortman, V'69, Associate Dean.**

owners, and benefit society through civic activities that foster the advancement of the profession and the School's good name.

University of Pennsylvania  
School of Veterinary Medicine  
Veterinary Medical Alumni Society  
Salutes  
**Elinor A. Brandt, V.M.D.**  
Class of 1963

*For your longstanding commitment and dedication to the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine in your role as Class Agent for the Class of 1963. According to a classmate, you have "been the glue that has kept [your] class together and has been instrumental in building bridges for the School."*

*For taking an active interest in your profession as a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, the American Animal Hospital Association, the Southern California Veterinary Medical Association, and the Lesbian and Gay Veterinary Medical Association.*

*The Alumni Award of Merit is presented to you this 17th day of May 2003.*

University of Pennsylvania  
School of Veterinary Medicine  
Veterinary Medical Alumni Society  
Salutes  
**Henry L. Croft, Jr., V.M.D.**  
Class of 1978

*For promoting animal welfare in your community through numerous outreach programs including "Bite-Free," which educates children on pet responsibility and how to prevent dog bites.*

*For taking an active interest in your profession as a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, the American Animal Hospital Association, the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association, and the Western Pennsylvania Veterinary Association.*

*For your service to the community that promotes the good name of the School of Veterinary Medicine, most notably as a member of the Advisory Board of the Powdermill Nature Reserve of the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, and as a member of the St. Vincent College Animal Welfare Committee.*

*For being honored with the 1991 Public Service Award of Merit by the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association for outstanding achievements in working with young people to encourage respect and responsibility for nature, animals, and the environment.*

*For being recognized for 23 years of leadership to the Westmoreland County, Pa., 4-H Veterinary Science Club.*

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University of Pennsylvania  
School of Veterinary Medicine  
Veterinary Medical Alumni Society  
Salutes  
**John D. McCullough, V.M.D.**  
Class of 1943

*For advancing veterinary care in your community by establishing and running a private veterinary practice—specializing in bovine care—in Clarion County, Pa., from 1943, directly after your graduation, until 1952.*

*For your exemplary service to the U.S. Air Force that spanned 22 years and three continents—during which you rose to the rank of Colonel in the Veterinary Corps.*

*For being presented an Air Force Meritorious Service Medal for outstanding noncombatant meritorious service during the Korean War.*

*For being recognized by the School of Veterinary Medicine with its Bellwether Medal in 2000 for your exceptional accomplishments that have brought distinguished recognition to the School.*

*For your generous support of your alma mater, including your annual gifts to the McCullough Research Fund at New Bolton Center, which promotes faculty development and leads to improved teaching, research, and service at the School, and your contribution to name the John D. McCullough, V'43, and Dorothy Wilson McCullough Reception Area in the new Teaching and Research Building.*

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