



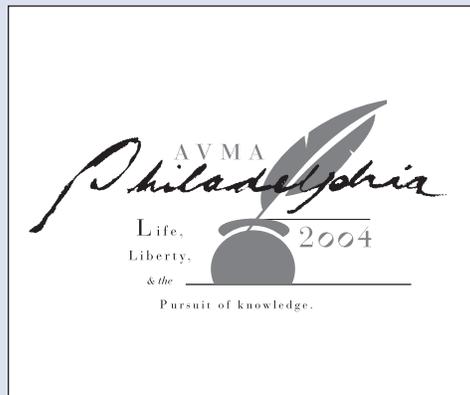
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Nearly 75 Penn Veterinary Medicine alumni and their guests attended an alumni reception during the American Veterinary Medical Association Annual Convention in Denver on July 20, 2003. **Associate Dean Jeffrey A. Wortman, V'69**, provided an update on current activities at the School.

Plans are being made for a special alumni reception on the top floor of the Loews Philadelphia Hotel, located in the landmark PSFS Building, in honor of the 2004 Annual Convention being held in Philadelphia, "The Place that Loves You Back," July 24-28.



Two Alumni Join AVMA

Raymond Stock, V'75, and **Mark Lutschaunig, V'88**, have been named new assistant directors in the American Veterinary Medical Association's Governmental Relations Division office in Washington, D.C. They will be responsible for monitoring the activities of Congress and federal regulatory agencies while providing liaison activities for the veterinary medicine profession to the federal government and applicable agencies on a variety of issues that could impact the profession.

Israel's Animals

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rarely sees in Israel.) She credits Penn for her ability to make this mental transition.

"Penn Vet really teaches you how to problem-solve in a very organized, efficient manner so you can approach something you've never seen before very systematically," she explains.

When Alexandria, Va.-based CHAI approached her about starting an offshoot in Israel, Levine welcomed the opportunity. "I was excited to be able to make a difference," says Levine, who brought the U.S.-made mobile clinic to the streets last March. "In a country that's young, you can really make a difference and pave the way."

Recently, Levine worked with Israel's agricultural (veterinary services), environmental, and health ministries to end the strychnine poisoning of strays. Also, she was invited to spay/neuter animals in Orthodox communities around Jerusalem, where heretofore these procedures have been prohibited.

While the mobile unit, which is also manned by a driver and a veterinary technician, travels only to familiar neighborhoods, Levine hopes to bring CHAI Israel's veterinary services to Arab towns that are known to be safe. In August, she took the clinic into the desert to vaccinate and spay/neuter the dogs of the nomadic Bedouins and educate the group about responsible pet ownership. She says that raising Israel's veterinary standard of care is a first critical step in cracking down on needless disease and suffering in animals.

For more information on CHAI, visit www.chai-online.org.