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1943

During the annual meeting of the American Association of Avian Pathologists at the American Veterinary Medical Association Annual Convention in July 2004, **Stephen B. Hitchner** was honored with the Bruce W. Calnek Applied Poultry Research Achievement Award. The award is given to a member of AAAP who has made outstanding research contributions resulting directly or indirectly in a measurable, practical impact on the control of one or more important diseases of poultry.

1958

During the Delaware Veterinary Medical Association's annual meeting in April 2004, **Robert L. Ricker** was honored with the 2003 Veterinarian of the Year award. Former state veterinarian and private practitioner, he is a past president of the DEVMA and has served on the Delaware Board of Veterinary Medicine. Although retired, Dr. Ricker continues to serve Delaware as a bioterrorism representative and as an administrator of the newly formed John's disease control program.

1963

Eugene Witiak has recently published a book of vignettes and personal commentary, *True Confessions of a Veterinarian: An Unconditional Love Story*. According to the publisher, "Dr. Witiak's stories of the bond between the veterinarian, client, and pet take the reader into the exam room and on house calls to experience the laughable calamities, miscues, and surprises as well as the personal sorrows, revelations, and joys that treating animals can bring." For more information or to order the book, visit <www.glenbridgepublishing.com>.

1968

During the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association's annual meeting in June 2004, **Richard A. Mansmann** was honored with the Martin Litwak Award for his contributions to the North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine and the veterinary profession in the state. Dr. Mansmann is a clinical professor and director of the Equine Health Program at NC State, and also owns Central Carolina Equine Practice in Chapel Hill.

1973

Nancy O. Brown, a member of Harcum College's Board of Trustees since 1997, has been recently elected Vice Chair of the Board. Located in Bryn Mawr, Pa., Harcum is a two-year, private women's college that offers programs in the health sciences, liberal arts and sciences, and business and professional studies. Dr. Brown owns Hickory Veterinary Hospital in Plymouth Meeting, Pa.

1979

Edgar J. Balliet III was profiled in *The Morning Call* of Allentown, Pa., on May 28, 2004. His wife, Gay, has written three books about the couple's experiences together. Her most recent book is *Lions & Tigers & Mares . . . Oh, My!* According to the publisher, RDR Books, "[Gay's] travels as assistant to her husband, a large animal veterinarian, take her along the colorful back roads of the Pennsylvania Dutch farm country as well as backstage at circuses, game preserves, and even TV shows." Dr. Balliet's practice is located in Northampton, Pa., and 80 percent of his patients are horses.

1982

Robert J. Washabau has recently left Penn Veterinary Medicine for the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine where he will serve as a professor of medicine and chair of the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences.

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1987

Robert S. Kieval is President and CEO of CVRx, Inc., located in Maple Grove, Minn., which is developing therapeutic medical devices for cardiovascular markets.

1988

Patrice Noelle Klein has been named team commander of Veterinary Medical Assistance Team-2, which is based in Maryland. Highly trained teams composed of veterinarians, veterinary technicians, and support personnel, the VMATs provide veterinary medical treatment and address animal and public health issues resulting from natural, man-made, and technologic disasters. Dr. Klein is a senior staff regulatory veterinarian with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

1990

In celebration of the 100th birthday of the ice cream cone, *The News Journal* of Wilmington, Del. featured the Woodside Farm Creamery on August 26, 2004. Owned by **Janet Mitchell** and her husband, Jim, the creamery is located in Hockessin, Del., and is open April–October. According to Dr. Mitchell, “What make us unique is the atmosphere—people love to come in the evening and sit outside eating an ice cream cone while their kids can run around and see the cows and the farm.” Dr. Mitchell practices at Hockessin Animal Hospital.

1992

Patricia M. Hogan was honored with a President's Award from the American Veterinary Medical Association during its Annual Convention in July 2004. The award recognizes individuals and groups inside and outside veterinary medicine who have made an impact on animal, human, or public health; veterinary organizations; and the profession. Dr. Hogan treated Smarty Jones after he suffered a potentially career-ending injury.

Roy P.E. Yanong has been promoted to associate professor at the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. Based at the Tropical Aquaculture Laboratory in Ruskin, Fla., Dr. Yanong provides on-site veterinary assistance as well as diagnostic laboratory support, including water quality, necropsy, and microbiology for fish producers in the area.

1993

Laurie Bergman is a new diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists. She is in charge of the Behavior Service at the University of

California Veterinary Medical Center—San Diego, a joint venture of the University of California, Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine and the University of California, San Diego. Dr. Bergman and her husband, **Stephen Long, V'91**, welcomed their first child, a son, Daniel Owen, in December 2003.

Cynthia S. Dahle was featured in *The Star Democrat* of Easton, Md. on September 8, 2004 about her use of acupuncture in her practice at Bay Area Veterinary Hospital in Stevensville, Md. According to Dr. Dahle, who is a certified veterinary acupuncturist, “Most conditions can be helped or treated by acupuncture.”

1996

Karen M. Froberg-Fejko and her husband, Michael, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Colton Michael, on February 7, 2004. As of July 19, 2004, Dr. Froberg-Fejko assumed a new position as president of Bio-Serv, a company in Frenchtown, N.J., which serves the pharmaceutical industry.

Sharon D. Gottfried is a new diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons. Dr. Gottfried practices at Veterinary Surgical Associates in Concord, Calif.

1998

David Adam-Castrillo is a new diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons.

Heather Peikes was profiled in the *New York Post* on July 13, 2004. The only board-certified veterinary dermatologist in New York City, she recently opened a new practice, Animal Allergy and Dermatology. According to Dr. Peikes, “People laugh when you mention dogs have allergies, but when you have a dog with allergies and it's sleeping with you and up all night, licking its paws, itching and keeping you up, it's not good for the dog and it's not good for its owner.”

1999

Akiko Sato is a new clinical veterinarian in the Stanford University School of Medicine Department of Comparative Medicine.

2000

Tracey Anne Hall is very happy to announce her marriage to Peter Thomas Schiron, Jr. on September 25, 2004 on Nantucket Island, Mass. Peter and Tracey met in the Caribbean two years ago and now live on Manhattan's Upper West Side. Tracey practices small-animal medicine and surgery on Manhattan's Upper East Side, and Peter is an attorney with Deloitte & Touche's Office of General Counsel in Manhattan.

They both enjoy life in the big city and continue to explore new islands together.

Margaret C. Mudge, a resident at the University of California, Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine, was featured in an article about her treatment of a horse with sand colic in the July 2004 issue of *EQUUS* magazine.

Births

1996

Julianne E. Grady, a daughter, Cadence Paige, on February 20, 2004.

Correction: **Jennifer A. Morris, V'99**, gave birth to a son, Calvin Robert, on January 25, 2004.

Deaths

1936

Albert L. Opp on April 22, 2004.

1939

Patrick F. Cosgriff on June 13, 2004.

Thomas A. Ladson on January 23, 2004.

1943

George N. Wade, Jr. on August 4, 2004.

1945

Charles F. Thumm on July 11, 2004.

1946

Elmer B. Kipp on July 5, 2004.

1955

John D. Beck, Jr. on April 6, 2004.

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