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## Wait—There's Even More Bellwether Online!

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# Upcoming Events

## March 2005

10-11

### 2005 Penn Annual Conference

*New Location!*

Wyndham Philadelphia at Franklin Plaza  
Philadelphia, Pa.

For information, visit <<http://alumni.vet.upenn.edu/pennannualconference.html>>.

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2:00-4:00 p.m.

### Veterinary Medical Alumni Society Executive Board Meeting at 2005 Penn Annual Conference

## May 2005

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2:30-3:45 p.m.

### Penn Alumni Weekend 2005

#### Classes Without Quizzes Presentation

"9/11 Search-and-Rescue Dogs and  
Handlers Health Update"

Rosenthal Building, Room 321  
3800 Spruce Street

They wowed us all with their tenacity and courage. Three years later, the health and psychological well-being of the 9/11 search-and-rescue dogs and their handlers continue to be the focus of a special research project at Penn. Dr. Cynthia M. Otto, associate professor of critical care in the School of Veterinary Medicine, and Dr. Melissa G. Hunt, G'90, GR'96, associate professor of psychology, will share what the research has revealed to date and discuss the study's future direction.

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2:00-4:00 p.m.

### Veterinary Medical Alumni Society Executive Board Meeting New Bolton Center

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### Penn Veterinary Medicine Class of 2005 Commencement

For information, visit

<[www.upenn.edu/commencement](http://www.upenn.edu/commencement)>.

## July 2005

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6:30-8:30 p.m.

### Alumni Reception

#### American Veterinary Medical Association Annual Convention

Hilton Minneapolis  
Minneapolis, Minn.

## October 2005

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### Alumni Weekend 2005/ Reunions for Classes Ending in "0" and "5"

New Bolton Center  
Kennett Square, Pa.

## Important Phone Numbers

### Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

24-Hour Emergency Service (215) 898-4685

Specialist Clinic Appointments (215) 898-4680

### George D. Widener Hospital for Large Animals at New Bolton Center

24-Hour Emergency Service and

Specialist Clinic Appointments (610) 444-5800

### Penn Veterinary Medicine

General Information (215) 898-5438

Dean's Office (215) 898-0600

Development and

Alumni Relations (215) 898-1480

Student Admissions (215) 898-5434

Student and Curricular Affairs (215) 898-3525

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Visit the *Bellwether* website and you'll find more articles, including:

### Penn Vets Keep Watch on Chronic Wasting Disease

A neurological disorder in deer and elk, similar to mad cow disease, has been reported in the United States and Canada. Read how Penn veterinarians are partnering with government experts to thwart its spread into Pennsylvania.

### The Aftermath: Dealing with the Grieving Process

The death of a pet can often be more painful than the loss of a friend or family member. Social worker Jodi Levine runs a support group at the Matthew J. Ryan Hospital to help pet owners deal with the grief of losing of an animal.

### Field of Dreams

Read about the trials—and joys—of food-animal veterinarian James T. Shissler, V'04, both as a student and a recent graduate.

### Scholarships

A listing of support received by Penn Veterinary Medicine's outstanding students from individuals, corporations, and private organizations.

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