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### Class Notes

## 1950s

**1954 – David A. Meirs II** was chosen chairman of the New Jersey Sire Stakes Board of Trustees In 1999, Dr. Meirs was honored as Horseperson of the Year by New Jersey's equine industry at the 42nd Annual Breeders Awards Dinner. Dr. Meirs is founder and president of Walnridge Farm and Equine Clinic, a Standardbred breeding facility in Cream Ridge, Monmouth County, N.J., since 1965.

## 1970s

**1974 – In December 2005, Stuart Porter** helped secure full AVMA accreditation for a Veterinary Technology Associate Degree Program at Blue Ridge Community College in Weyers Cave, Va. Dr. Porter serves as director and professor in the college's Veterinary Technology Program.

**1977 – Randy Abelson** was featured in the October 16, 2005 edition of the *Philadelphia Inquirer* for her efforts to help animals caught in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. She assessed and treated animals at a makeshift medical unit in Gonzales, La. In 1985, Dr. Abelson founded the Gloucester County Animal Hospital in Sewell, N.J.

## 1980s

**1983 – In October 2005, Mark W. Logan** was honored with the 2005 Cape May County (N.J.) Chamber of Commerce Conservation Award. For the past 20 years, he has acted as staff veterinarian for the Wetlands Institute in Stone Harbor, N.J. Dr. Logan has volunteered his hospital as a "repair center" for injured diamondback terrapins in need of carapace repair; each year, hundreds of terrapins are injured or killed on the roadways leading out to the barrier islands of southern New Jersey.

**1988 – Eric K. Dunayer**, a consulting veterinarian in clinical toxicology at the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center in Urbana, Ill., has become a diplomate of the American Board of Toxicology, Inc.

## 1990s

**1992 – Don Neiffer** passed the American College of Zoological Medicine board examination in October 2005. He is currently veterinary operations manager for Disney's Animal Programs, Lake Buena Vista, Fla., and has been involved in zoological and wildlife medicine for nearly 14 years.

**1997 – Emi Saito** joined the USDA Veterinary Services in September 2005 as a veterinary epidemiologist. She became a member of the National Surveillance Unit in the Center for Epidemiology and Animal Health and

works on surveillance planning of national animal health programs. She is currently stationed at the National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL) in Ames, Iowa, where her work focuses on laboratory testing issues at NVSL, Plum Island Animal Disease Center and the National Animal Health Laboratory Network for early disease detection, as well as coordinating with Emergency Programs' preparations for emerging and foreign animal diseases.

**1998 – In January, Michael Bodri** became North Georgia College and State University's dean of the School of Natural and Health Sciences. Previously, Dr. Bodri served as chair of the Biological Sciences Department at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, La.

## marriages

**1997 – Alisa Siceloff** (nee Iriye) was married on June 21, 2005. She and her husband John currently live in Panama City, Fla.

**2002 – Sarah Newton D'Oench** married Dr. Thomas Michael Jenei on September 10, 2005. Dr. D'Oench is an associate with the Massachusetts Equine Clinic in Uxbridge, Mass.

## deaths

**1936 – H. Robert Becker** on September 2, 2005.

**1947 – Norbert R. McManus** on November 30, 2005.

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