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## Class Notes

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## 1940s

**1942 – Charles Raker** received a commendation from the Pennsylvania State Senate—sponsored by Senators Andrew Dinniman and Mike Brubaker; the certificate is awarded to “those citizens who, through dedication and excellence, contribute in a meaningful way to the well-being of their communities and ultimately to all the people” of Pennsylvania.

## 1980s

**1981 – Ted Spinks** started an expansion and renovation of his Animal Hospital of Sussex County in Augusta, NJ. The hospital will double in size to 6,400 square feet.

**1983 – Noah Cohen**, professor of large-animal clinical sciences at Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, received the 2008 Schering-Plough Animal Health Applied Equine Research Award at the 10th World Equine Veterinary Association (WEVA) congress in Moscow.

The award is for his research in equine neonatology and perinatology, most recently focusing on a collaborative study on *Rhodococcus equi* foal pneumonia, a major cause of disease and death in foals.

**1988 – Spencer A. Johnston**, formerly professor of veterinary medicine at Virginia–Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine, has been appointed the Edward H. Gunst Professor in the Department of Small Animal Medicine and Surgery at the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine. The Gunst Professorship was established in 1995 by Richard and Joanne Moyer of Richmond, Va., honoring a long-standing relationship the Gunsts have had with the College.

**1988 –** In September, **Gregory A. Lewbart**, professor of aquatic animal medicine at North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine was named Exotic DVM [VMD] of the Year during the AVMA Convention in Washington, DC. The award is presented annually to an individual embodying the essence of stewardship of exotic companion animal species, contributes to the education of veterinary students and clinicians and serves as international ambassador of goodwill for the exotic animal profession.

## 1990s

**1992 –** The Equine Science Center at Rutgers University selected **Patricia Hogan** as the 2008 winner of its Spirit of the Horse Award, which recognizes individuals whose lives have been profoundly changed because of their involvement with horses and who have acknowledged the impact by giving back to horses or the horse

industry. Dr. Hogan, widely publicized as the veterinarian responsible for saving Kentucky Derby–winner Smarty Jones, heads her own veterinary surgery clinic, Hogan Equine, LLC at Fair Winds Farm in Cream Ridge, NJ.

## 2000s

**2003 – Alison Joy Abramson** married Matthew Adam Hasson on January 19, 2008. Dr. Abramson is associate veterinarian at the Park East Animal Hospital in Manhattan. Mr. Hasson is an associate specializing in mergers and acquisitions at the CIT Group, a commercial and consumer finance company in Manhattan.

**2004 – Cailin Heinze** has begun her first year of a small-animal clinical nutrition residency at the University of California at Davis.

## deaths

**1936 – Earl W. Cook** on February 21, 2008.

**1941 – John P. Ruffing** on November 9, 2007.

**1941 – Robert J. Lerch** on January 7, 2008.

**1942 – George Conrad** on December 5, 2007.

**1951 – James Francis Wright** on January 10, 2008.

**1959 – Marvin Norcross** on September 11, 2007.

**1973 – Mark A. Bronstein** on October 16, 2007.

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