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Class Notes

1940s

1944 – Mary Clark Keyser has written two novels: *The Secret Lives of Doctors* and *Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary* (a murder mystery based on her time as a student at Penn Vet). She is working on a third book, *Mary, Mary, Do Be Wary*, in which the action starts the day she graduated from veterinary school.

1950s

1955 – Ava Logan, an award-winning singer-actress, recently released her first major CD recording, *So Many Stars*. Dr. Logan, a classically trained vocalist, still practices veterinary medicine, in addition to performing jazz, pop and rhythm and blues in the U.S. and abroad.

1959 – H. L. Todd Addis has completed *A Backward Glance: Hounds, Horses, Veterinary Medicine*, an 88-chapter book that chronicles Dr. Addis's childhood of hard work and play and an adult life of veterinary practice, hounds, horses and fox-hunting in Chester County.

1959 – In 1997 **Uri Bargai** was awarded an honorary distinction of merit at the Annual Conference of the Israel Dairy Cattle Sciences for his lifelong contribution to the promotion of the Israeli dairy industry. Dr. Bargai is professor emeritus at the Koret School of Veterinary Medicine at the Hebrew University in Israel.

1960s

1965 – Seth Koch recently produced an instructional video, *Parotid Duct Transposition in the Dog*. Considered an expert in the area of parotid duct surgery, Dr. Koch is a member of the Veterinary Emergency and Referral Group in Brooklyn, N.Y.

1970s

1972 – In June, **Catherine Walleigh Carnevale** retired after 34 years of service with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). She was director of international affairs at the FDA's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition and served as the country's lead delegate to the Codex Alimentarius Committee on Food Import/Export Inspection and Certification Systems. Dr. Carnevale also was the FDA's lead foods negotiator in the North American Free Trade Agreement and in the Uruguay Round negotiations that resulted in the World Trade Organization Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures in 1994.

1974 – Theodore B. Robinson was selected by the American Veterinary Medical Association to receive the 2008 Meritorious Service Award for the volunteer project involving veterinary care on Native American reservations he began eight years ago, in which Penn Vet students still participate.

1977 – Christian E. Newcomer, associate provost for animal research and resources at Johns Hopkins University, was appointed executive director of the Association for the Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International, which offers the only international accreditation program for institutions that use animals in scientific and medical research.

1979 – Sydney M. Evans has been accepted into the year-long Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine's Program for Women at Drexel University for 2009. The program is the nation's only in-depth program focused on preparing senior women faculty at schools of medicine, dentistry and public health to move into positions of leadership. Dr. Evans, also an M.D., is a faculty member in the Department of Radiation Oncology at Penn Medicine.

1980s

1981 – Renate Reimschuessel was named a finalist for the 2008 Homeland Security Medal, which recognizes a federal employee for a significant contribution to the nation in activities related to homeland security (including border and transportation security, emergency preparedness and response, intelligence and law enforcement).

1985 – Jamie Thomson was elected into the National Academy of Science for being a pioneer in his field and his success in culturing and maintaining human embryonic stem cells. Membership in the society is considered one of the greatest honors for a scientist or engineer. Earlier this year, Dr. Thomson was appointed director of the Morgridge Institute for Research at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

1990s

1990 – Marian Siegel was named Good Doctor of the Year by the Maryland Veterinary Medical Association for her work with feral cats. The award is given in recognition of outstanding leadership, dedication and continued commitment to the veterinary profession, namely her involvement in the rescue of feral and tame unwanted cats and kittens and mentoring to numerous high school students.

Dr. Seigel works at the Metropolitan Cat Hospital in Owings Mills, Md.

1992 – In April, **Patty Hogan** opened a new clinic, Hogan Equine LLC at Fair Winds Farm in Brattleboro, Vt. Dr. Hogan also will continue to work at the Ruffian Equine Medical Center at Belmont Park in Elmont, N.Y. She is perhaps best known for saving the eye of Smarty Jones after he seriously injured himself at Philadelphia Park Racetrack in 2004. Earlier this year, the Equine Science Center at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J., honored Dr. Hogan with the “Spirit of the Horse” award, which recognizes people whose lives have been profoundly changed due to their involvement with horses and who have acknowledged the impact on their lives by giving back to horses or the horse industry.

1997 – In March, **Alisa Sicheloff** gave birth to Savannah Isabella Sicheloff. Dr. Sicheloff has two other children, Alexis and Rex.

1997 – **Bonnie Shope** recently passed the boards in veterinary dentistry and is now a diplomate of the American Veterinary Dental College. Dr. Shope works at Veterinary Dental Services in Acton, Mass.

1997 – **Amy Bentz** was appointed veterinarian manager of the Professional Service Center of Veterinary Learning Systems, a division of MedMedia USA, Inc. Dr. Bentz, a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine, also serves as equine chair for the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association’s Scientific Program Committee. In 2005 she received an award for the Most Outstanding Equine Abstract from the International Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society. Since 2006 Dr. Bentz has served as a National Research Service Award Postdoctoral Fellow at Penn Vet.

2000s

2000 – **Anne E. Hessinger** recently finished a two-month internship with the World Organization for Animal Health at its headquarters in Paris, France. Dr. Hessinger became board certified in the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine in June 2007. She has been promoted to the rank of major in the U.S. Army and is awaiting her next assignment as a civil affairs veterinarian.

2007 – Pennsylvania governor Ed Rendell announced nine appointments to the new Canine Health Board, charged with making key decisions on standards for flooring, lighting and ventilation for commercial breeding

kennels in Pennsylvania. **Jennifer Muller**, small-animal practitioner and member of the Governor’s Dog Law Advisory Board, was named board chair.

2008 – The French Creek Veterinary Hospital in Pottstown, Pa., and its sister hospital, the County Companion Animal Hospital in Morgantown, Pa., announced the hire of **Casey Kurtz**, whose professional interests include orthopaedic surgery, dermatology and ophthalmology.

deaths

1943 – **John Douglas “J. D.” McCullough** on July 6, 2008.

1943 – **Clayton I. Blum** on October 8, 2008.

1946 – **Seibert L. Berlin** on January 3, 2008.

1947 – **Humberto Zayas-Chardon** on November 30, 2007.

1952 – **Raymond J. Widmann, Sr.**, on April 17, 2008.

1952 – **James Madison Newman** on May 22, 2008.

1954 – **Richard Post** on August 13, 2008.

1959 – **Bruce Schmucker** on May 31, 2008.

1960 – **John E. Del Favero** on October 6, 2008.

1962 – **Michael Radovic** on March 12, 2008.

1963 – **Clayton Kimble** on June 20, 2008.

1966 – **Joseph W. Ciccarelli, Jr.**, on April 12, 2008.

1968 – **Kenton Stokes** on April 23, 2008.

1969 – **James J. Boswell** on January 11, 2008.

1977 – **Randy Abelson Oldreik** on October 26, 2008.

1986 – **Saint George Hunt** on December 4, 2008.

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