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## Class Notes

## 1950s

**1957** – In December 2008, the City of El Paso, Texas, recognized **Lea Hutchinson** as the first-ever director emeritus of the El Paso Zoo. This honorary title recognizes meritorious, outstanding and dedicated service of a former director of an organization. Dr. Hutchinson has served as the city's director of veterinary services, El Paso Zoo veterinarian, zoo director and deputy director at the City-County Health and Environmental District.

## 1970s

**1973** – **Jerry D. Frantz** retired from Bristol-Myers Squibb Pharmaceutical Research Institute after a 19-year career there that culminated in his service as vice president of drug-safety evaluation. Dr. Frantz also served as president of the Society of Toxicologic Pathologists and was a founding member of the International Academy of Toxicologic Pathologists.

## 1990s

**1991** – **Nancy Kate Diehl** was awarded a Juris Doctor degree from Concord Law School of Kaplan University. Dr. Diehl is a regulatory veterinarian for the Pennsylvania Horse Racing Commission. She plans to use her law degree in legal research and consulting related to veterinary medicine.

**1991** – **Heidi Stout** was named executive director of Tri-State Bird Rescue and Research, a private nonprofit wildlife rehabilitation and rescue organization also involved with oil-spill response, in Newark, Del. Dr. Stout has served as director of oil-spill programs at Tri-State since 2000.

**1995** – **Steven Suter**, veterinary oncologist in charge of the Canine Bone Marrow Transplant Program at North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine, recently used a relatively new technique to treat a seven-year-old dog diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia. Dr. Suter used leukapheresis machines—the same equipment used in human medicine—to harvest the dog's own healthy stem cells from the peripheral blood prior to full-body irradiation.

## 2000s

**2003** – **Jessica Melman** joined Dermapet as director of veterinary and technical services after an internship and more than five years of practicing small-animal medicine and surgery in New York City. Dermapet manufactures all-natural and environmentally sensitive pet foods and products.

**2005** – **Michael Pierdon** received the Young Swine Veterinarian of the Year Award from the American Association of Swine Veterinarians (AASV). Established in 2008, the award is given annually to an AASV member five or less years post-graduation who has demonstrated the

ideals of exemplary service and proficiency. Dr. Pierdon owns and operates Pierdon Swine Veterinary Services in Elizabethtown, Pa.

**2007** – **Jeffrey Burdick** was named Veterinarian of the Year 2008 by the Delaware County SPCA in Pennsylvania. As volunteer clinician, Dr. Burdick provides surgical and medical services pro bono to the animal shelter by spaying and neutering and by providing medical care and vaccinations to adoptive pets on weekends. Dr. Burdick is employed by GlaxoSmithKline in King of Prussia, Pa., and owns a small livestock veterinary practice in the Delaware/Chester County region.

**2007** – **Jennifer Muller** has launched a mobile veterinary office in Philadelphia in November 2008 called “Mobile Veterinary Services.” MVS provides full physical exams, bloodwork, vaccines and medical testing for small animals. Dr. Muller also continues to work on governmental policy issues by serving on Pennsylvania's Dog Law Advisory Board since 2006, and as Chair of the Canine Health Board since 2009. Dr. Muller's husband, Todd Bernstein, is president of Global Citizen. He is also known for his work in creating the national Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, which he first started in Philadelphia. The couple shares their home with many cats, dogs and a cockatoo. Dr. Muller can be reached at [mullervmd@gmail.com](mailto:mullervmd@gmail.com)

## deaths

**1933** – **Clarence D. Parks** on January 27, 2009.

**1940** – **Harold “Doc” Edward Schaden** on April 6, 2009.

**1942** – **Russell E. Smith** on June 20, 2008.

**1948** – **Andrew C. Colando** on December 26, 2008.

**1950** – **Graham M. Miller** on January 2, 2009.

**1956** – **George A. Franko** on December 28, 2008.

**1957** – **Burleigh P. Anderson** on December 24, 2008.

**1960** – **Richard W. Kennedy** on February 1, 2009.

**1961** – **Harriet Doolittle** on January 30, 2009.

**1964** – **John J. Shelly** on February 6, 2009.

**1977** – **Richard J. Clement** on February 4, 2009.

**1998** – **Paul Rothaug**, surgery resident at New Bolton Center from 1995 to 1998, on April 2, 2009.

### Corrections:

**Sydney M. Evans** was listed incorrectly in *Bellwether* 69; she is a member of the Class of 1977.

**Ava Logan** was listed incorrectly in *Bellwether* 69; she is a member of the Class of 1985.