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**1950s**

**1958** – Under the direction of president **Max Herman, V’58**, the American Museum of Veterinary Medicine held its first Veterinary Career and Family Fun Day on May 30, 2009. Aspiring veterinarians viewed an ultrasound performed on a dog, listened to a dog’s heartbeat, drew blood from the neck of a rubberized dog, viewed animal dental models, and gave simulated intravenous and intramuscular injections, as well as participated in Penn Vet’s MASH TENT.

**1970s**

**1978** – **Nancy M. Bromberg, V’78**, MS, DACVO, participated in the second annual ACVO/Merial National Service Dog Exam week in May, 2009, examining more than 40 service and therapy dogs. Her participation was highlighted in the *Washington Post* and *Baltimore Sun* newspapers.

**1980s**

**1980** – **Steven W. Atwood, V’80**, MRCVS, MD, has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of Falmouth Academy, an academically rigorous, coed, college-preparatory day school for grades 7-12. He has also been re-appointed to the Board of Overseers of the School of Veterinary Medicine by the University of Pennsylvania Board of Trustees and continues to serve as a member of the Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

**1980** – **Caroline Hughes, V’80**, is serving as Acting State Veterinarian of Delaware, a position housed in the Delaware Department of Agriculture. Dr. Hughes also received the 2007 H. Wesley Towers Veterinarian of the Year Award from the Delaware Veterinary Medical Association for her work in revising the state’s veterinary practice act and with other legislative efforts.

**1981** – **Michelle Gerhard Jasny, V’81**, writes a regular column called the “Visiting Veterinarian” in *The Martha’s Vineyard Times*. Written through the eyes of a small animal clinician, topics and stories range from ringworm to cancer and from swallowed pennies to bloat.

**1985** – **Mark Cofone, V’85**, DACVS, co-owner of the Veterinary Specialty Center of Delaware, a small animal emergency and specialty hospital, moved the practice from Newport, DE to a new state of the art facility in New Castle, DE in August, 2009. The practice offers dermatology, surgery, ophthalmology, internal medicine, cardiology, dentistry, radiology and 24-hour emergency

services. New services include CT scanning, and an oncology service set to open in December, 2009. Other alumni partners include **Art Jankowski, V’94**, DACVS and **Michael Miller, V’79**, DABVP. Alumni clinicians in the practice include **Michael Cohen, V’02**, **Van William Knox, V’94**, DACVR, **Kelly Krell, V’04**, **Robin Pullen, V’92**, DACVIM-IM, **Carrie Tupper Hume, V’03**, and **Erin Vicari, V’97**, and former Penn Vet residents and interns **Drs. Jeremy Diroff, Alexandra Frank** and **Brian Palmeiro**.

**1989** – **Philippe Coudrai, V’89**, and his wife, Lee, owners of Winslow Animal Hospital in Sicklerville, NJ, for the past 10 years, wish to announce the grand opening of their new facility September, 2009. At 10,500 square feet, it is the largest small animal general practice solely dedicated to medicine and surgery (no boarding or grooming) in South Jersey. This state of the art hospital features 10 exam rooms, two operating rooms, digital radiography, a dental suite, a special procedures room, as well as more than 500 square feet for rehabilitation, including a Ferno underwater treadmill. Rehabilitation, as well as puppy training classes will be some of the new services offered in this \$3 million facility. [www.winslowanimalhospital.com](http://www.winslowanimalhospital.com)

**1990s**

**1992** – **Jennifer Baez, V’92**, Veterinary Oncologist with the Center for Animal Referral and Emergency Services in Langhorne, PA, commented to WSOTC.com about a canine melanoma vaccine study. She noted that “ideally, the non-canine version will train the dog’s immune system to recognize tyrosinase on melanoma cells as different from the protein on normal cells. If that happens, the dog’s immune system may mount an attack against the cancer.” WSOTC.com is based in South Carolina.

**1992** – **Bradford Bentz, V’92**, spoke at the Brumfield Hay and Grain Co. conference on September 5, 2009, a live natural horsemanship demonstration, on the pre-purchase exam for the competitive horse. Dr. Bentz is board certified in Large Animal Internal Medicine (ACVIM) and Equine Practice (ABVP) and has worked for the U.S. Equestrian Team. He has served as an endurance veterinarian, has worked extensively with show jumpers, hunters, dressage horses and eventers, and was a professor of equine internal medicine at Oklahoma State University where he was the team veterinarian for the Oklahoma State University’s Equestrian Team.

**1995** – **Kimberley (Breslee) Knipe, V’95**, has opened her own mobile veterinary hospital called “Dr. Knipe’s Veterinary Service” in Chester County, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Knipe brings pet care to the home of clients to prevent stress to the animal and owner, remove the risk of unruly pets in the waiting room, and contain infectious disease. The service provides well and sick visits, domestic health certificates, blood-work and monitoring of chronic diseases.

**1997** – The University of California Davis School of Veterinary Medicine announced that its section of Fish Health Services is now available for ornamental and commercially-raised fish. **Scott Weber, MSC, V'97**, will continue to provide aquatic animal health consultations at the William R. Pritchard Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital. His expertise includes freshwater, brackish and marine fish, amphibians, reptiles and aquatic vertebrates.

**1998** – **Anson J. Tsugawa, V'98**, DAVDC recently opened a new specialty clinic dedicated to veterinary dentistry and oral surgery, Dog and Cat Dentist, Inc., at the City of Angels Veterinary Specialty Center in Culver City, CA. In addition, the Tsugawa family welcomed a new baby girl in December, 2008, Jamey Antoinette.

**1999** – **Patrick Mahaney, V'99**, President of the California Pet Acupuncture and Wellness Hospital, provides conventional and complementary veterinary medical care in veterinary hospitals and clients' homes. Patrick enjoys the opportunity to utilize internet, print, radio, and television outlets to educate clients on how they can achieve the best quality of life for their pets, specifically through his regular e-mail stories and tip alerts, "The Pet Care Examiner," to clients and friends of animals.

## 2000s

**2002** – **Christine (Bohn) Kirnos, V'02**, and husband Paul proudly welcomed a baby boy, Julian, on April 25, 2009.

**2004** – **Laura Javicas, V'04**, DACVIM has accepted a position as the internal medicine specialist at Upstate Equine Medical Center, outside of Saratoga Springs, NY. After four years at the University of Florida, she is looking forward to being closer to family and friends in the Northeast.

**2006** – **Christin Veeder, V'06**, returned to Penn after completing her residency training in laboratory animal medicine at Emory University and joined ULAR as a clinical staff veterinarian in December, 2008.

## residents

**Dr. Steve Giguère**, former New Bolton Center resident in Large Animal Internal Medicine, has been named the Marguerite Thomas Hodgson Chair of Equine Studies in the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine. The Hodgson Chair is funded by a \$1 million endowment established by a donation to the department of large animal medicine from Marguerite Thomas Hodgson, and is designed to support a faculty member who will conduct research to improve equine health and teach students state-of-the-art techniques in equine medicine.

## deaths

**1938** – **M. Josephine Deubler** on May 17, 2009.

**1944** – **Robert E. Gibbs** on July 15, 2009.

**1947** – **Jules Silver** on May 18, 2009.

**1954** – **J. Harold Landis** on May 4, 2009.

**1958** – **William R. Williams** on January 25, 2009.

**1967** – **William J. O'Reilly** on April 27, 2009.

**1978** – **\*Anna E. Worth** on May 16, 2009.

**1979** – **Patricia Whittaker (Briggs)** on July 26, 2009.

**1981** – **Roland E. Fuhrman** on February 20, 2009.

**1982** – **Abbie Moos** on May 15, 2009.

### \*Editor's Note:

Sadly, Dr. Anna Worth passed away during the production of *Bellwether* Number 70, Spring 2009, which highlighted the story of her career and life in the article "Champion of Animal Welfare." We hope the words written of Anna's contributions to veterinary medicine provided comfort to her family and friends and appropriately reflected the passion and innovation of her life's work.

Have you received a promotion, gotten married, had a baby or received an award? Have you volunteered somewhere special, moved into a new building, ventured into a new business, or discovered the cure for avian flu? Please share with us all of your good news to include in the CLASS NOTES section of the *Bellwether* and the [vet.upenn.edu](http://vet.upenn.edu) Web site. All residents, interns and fellows are also invited to share!

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