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## Alumni Updates

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## 1940s

**Arthur Richards, Jr. (V '49)** is the author of *Tale Wagging: Recollections of a Rural Veterinarian*, a book that reveals many of the unexpected and humorous cases that kept Dr. Richards hopping for 50 years. A long-time member of the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association, he was its president in 1976 and recognized as its Veterinarian of the Year in 1977. His hospital was recognized by the American Animal Hospital Association for 38 years. Dr. Richards and his wife have five children and 10 grandchildren. He has sold his practice and retired, but continues to do relief work for various local practices.

## 1980s

**Diane Eigner (V'80), Steven Prier (V'81), Dennis Burkett (V'84)** along with **Kimberley Galligher (V'03)** were the featured speakers during the "Tails from the Trenches" Happy Hour Series. Co-hosted by the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association and the Penn Veterinary Business Management Association, the program invites students to hear "tails" from practice owners on the ins and outs of owning a veterinary practice.

**Lisa Handy (V'84)** has written and had illustrated a humorous coffee table book called *Just For Kicks* that portrays the lighter side of equine practice. She considers it an amazingly rewarding profession, constantly filled with surprises and plenty of horse laughs – all of which are reflected with tongue firmly in cheek throughout her new book. Dr. Handy is founder and owner of Carolina Equine Clinic in Aiken, S.C. She practiced at Palm Beach Equine Clinic before performing a residency in surgery at the University of Florida.

**Patricia Provost (V'85)** has been named the designee to the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners for the American Association of Equine Practitioners. After graduation, she completed an internship in equine medicine and surgery at the University of Missouri and an equine surgical residency at Michigan State University. Dr. Provost became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons in 1992. She has been a faculty member at the Tufts Cummings College of Veterinary Medicine since 1990.

## 1990s

**Patrick Mahaney (V'99)** recently wrote for the "Daily Vet" on PetMD where he shared his personal experience during 9/11 and talks about the opening of the Penn Vet Working Dog Center. Visit PetMD and search on "commemorating the 11th anniversary of 9/11" to read his posting. The Daily Vet is a log featuring veterinarians from all walks of life. Every week they tackle topics in the world of animal medicine.

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In May, the Class of 1962 celebrated its 50th reunion. We apologize for excluding it from the Alumni Weekend photos in the last issue of Bellwether. Pictured left to right are: Durbin Donahue, Charles Kresge, Stephen Potkay, Allan Lavin, Elizabeth Schultz, Clyde Johnson, Dean Joan Hendricks, Joseph St. Clair and Thomas Albert.

## 2000s

**Leslie Kuczynski, (V'06), DACVIM**, recently Clyde Johnson joined the Internal Medicine Team at Metropolitan Veterinary Associates in Norristown, Pa. as an Metropolitan Veterinary Associates is a small animal specialty and emergency hospital that originated in 1986. They currently have 25 specialists in 11 different disciplines: [www.Metro-Vet.com](http://www.Metro-Vet.com).

**Dana Yard (V'10)** recently joined Metropolitan Veterinary Associates & Emergency Services in Norristown, Pa, as an emergency clinician. Dr. Yard completed her internship in small animal medicine and surgery in June of 2011 at Metropolitan.

**Sam Gartland, (V'14)** won first place in the Student Case Competition at the Society of Theriogenology Annual Meeting in Baltimore for his presentation of a case titled "Equine Oviduct Dysfunction."

## DEATHS

**Dr. Lee O. Fletcher (V'62)** passed away on August 10, 2012. As noted by his classmate and friend, "Lee was one of a kind." After graduating, Dr. Fletcher started his own veterinary hospital in Claremont, N.H. He had many interests including fishing, travel and going to local and regional veterinary meetings. Lee leaves behind his wife