

Animal Crackers



Class of 1985

The University of Pennsylvania awarded the V.M.D. (Veterinariae Medicinac Doctoris) degree to 105 graduates last May 20th. All other American Veterinary Schools award a D.V.M. to their graduates. The degrees are equivalent. The first class graduated from Pennsylvania in 1887. The first woman obtained her degree in 1938. Since that time there have been 4,062 graduates, 3,459 men and 603 women. There were 53 men and 52 women in the Class of 1985.

The number of women choosing veterinary medicine as a profession has been increasing steadily. Total student enrollment in the 27 veterinary colleges in the United States for the 1985-1986 academic year was 8,843. Of these, 4,516 (51.1%) were men and 4,327 (48.9%) were women. The American Veterinary Medical Association reports that 28% of all qualified applicants were accepted in the 1984 first year class.

At the University of Pennsylvania, the Admissions Committee received 626 applications for admission to the Class of 1989 (entering in September 1985). The number of applicants has been decreasing since 1975 when 1,280 sought admission. The 1985 applicant pool had 211 men and 414 women. It is probable that two-thirds of the Class of 1989 will be women. About 110 are accepted in a class.

Veterinary medicine offers a wide range of career opportunities in addition to its primary charge of delivering health care to animals. In the research field, veterinarians were the first to discover filterable viruses, tumor viruses and the cause of viral encephalitides. They also developed tuberculin, tetanus toxoid, the first tumor vaccine, the first pinning techniques in fracture reduction and the first hip replacement prosthesis. Veterinarians devised the first spinal anesthesia,

the first electrocardiogram and the first cardiac catheterization. The development of animal models of human disease is a major contribution of the profession. The veterinarian also plays an essential role in regulating the safety of food and drugs for human use and in maintaining public health standards.

Information about the School, including entrance requirements, may be obtained by writing to the School of Veterinary Medicine, 3800 Spruce St., Philadelphia, PA 19104.



The Canine Consultant

The Canine Consultant series of six audio cassettes has just been introduced. The tapes deal with six specific aspects of a dog's life—Selecting a Dog; Welcome Home, Puppy; Puppy Grows Up;

It's a Dog's Life; Recycled Pet; Your Dog's Final Years.

This new learning method works well with children as well as adults. It covers the obvious things that may be overlooked, and the tapes can be played while playing with the puppy, driving the car or coping with the older dog. They provide a new way to learn about and care for dogs.

SELECTING A DOG gives the prospective buyer a verbal dog show tour, tells what questions should be asked and stresses responsible dog ownership.

WELCOME HOME, PUPPY helps establish good habits from the minute the puppy comes in the door. It covers the basics for every type of home, owner and dog. A wonderful gift to go with a new puppy.

PUPPY GROWS UP takes the owner through two years—including those months of the "terrible teenager".

IT'S A DOG'S LIFE covers changes that take place in our lives—separation, divorce, moving, illness, mis-matches and vacations (with or without the dog.)

RECYCLED PET refers to the "adopted" or "inherited" dog, usually an older dog, and explains why this can be a better choice than a puppy.

YOUR DOG'S FINAL YEARS is a sympathetic but realistic approach to get dog and owner through this difficult period.

There is much historical trivia along with many facts and helpful hints. The whole series is a guide for the pet owner and brings attention to how help can be obtained from veterinarians, breeders, groomers, boarding kennels, dog clubs and shelters.

The cost is \$9.95 for each tape, from Bardwyn Productions, Inc., 25 Van Zant St., East Norwalk, CT 06855.

Veterinary Student Government Award for Excellence in Teaching

The student government at the School has created an award for excellence in teaching. It was presented for the first time this year to four teachers. The recipients were Ms. Carol Hand, an instructor in anatomy; Dr. Geraldine Kaufman, an instructor in intensive care; Dr. Charles Newton, associate professor of orthopedic surgery; and Dr. Charles Reid, professor of radiology.

The award was designed to enable each of four classes to honor an individual who exemplified the highest degree of proficiency in teaching. The person chosen could be anyone involved in the educational process (i.e. a laboratory technician, resident, or a full professor) who made a major contribution to the students' veterinary education

through dedicated, creative and informative teaching.

"All too often people spend an inordinate amount of time preparing and teaching their classes or rotations without any tangible acknowledgement," said Anne Barnhart, president of student government. "This award is intended to thank our teachers for their commitment and dedication and to encourage others to strive for the same degree of excellence."

*Veterinary Student Government Award Recipients
Ms. Carol Hand, Dr. Charles Reid, Dr. Geraldine Kaufman, Dr. Charles Newton.*

