

## Open House

The School held its first Open House in more than 10 years on September 23, 1995. Thousands came to New Bolton Center to look at the hospitals and displays prepared by faculty and clinicians from both campuses.

The exhibits encompassed the entire school, representing the two hospitals as well as the basic sciences. People found out about toxic plants and parasitic diseases, could compare x-rays of dogs and horses, were treated to explanations about ultrasound, had scintigraphy and laser surgery explained, and were able to peer through microscopes at tissue samples.

The ICU was transformed into a neonatal unit inhabited by foals created from blankets and pillows, hooked up to monitors, fluid pumps, ventilators and the like to show the advanced care available. Computers were set up where people could view information about VHUP's Emergency Service, find out about different breeds of pigs and learn about feed rations.

There were several breeds of horses on display and in the livestock barn, potbellied pigs and chickens were a bit hit. Other attractions were the dog agility demonstrations and a six-horse Percheron hitch. These two will again be present for this year's Open House to be held on Saturday, September 21, 1996 at New Bolton Center. Other attractions are planned: cattle breed exhibition, oxen team, llama obstacle course demonstration, Animal Blood Mobile, Delaware State Police Canine Unit demonstration, and much more. Students will staff an Emergency Tent for the treatment of injured stuffed animals. Admissions personnel from the School and from Harcum Junior College will be on hand to provide information about the education of veterinarians and veterinary technicians. The 1996 School of Veterinary Medicine Open House will be from 10 AM to 3 PM on September 21, 1996 at the School's large animal campus, New Bolton Center, 322 West Street Road, Kennett Square, PA. Admission and parking are free. Schools planning to send busses need to call 610-444-5800, ext. 2182, to let the School know.



## New Bolton Center Presents Lecture On Equine Emergency Care

On the evening of April 18, 1996, the School offered a free lecture for the public at New Bolton Center (NBC). The presentation, *Basic First Aid and Emergency Care for the Horse*, included a lecture followed by a live demonstration. Topics covered such basics as how to take a horse's pulse and temperature to more complicated procedures like how to stop severe bleeding while waiting for the veterinarian, how to wrap a fractured leg, and how to recognize colic and what to do about it. The course was intended for novice horse owners, 4-H and Pony Club members, or anyone who felt a need to brush-up on the basics of emergency care.

*Basic First Aid and Emergency Care for the Horse* was presented by Dr. Janet Johnston, head of Emergency Services at

NBC and Dr. Krista Seltzer. Dr. Johnston is a clinical instructor in the Department of Clinical Studies and director of the Connelly Intensive Care Unit at NBC. Dr. Seltzer is a clinical associate in emergency services.

Originally intended to be a class only held in the Woerner Amphitheater for 90 people, the response was overwhelming with 300 people calling to attend. Dr. Seltzer was invited to teach a second course in Alumni Hall. One hundred and eighty people of all ages, from as far away as Freehold, NJ; Harrisburg, PA; Laurel, DE and Port Deposit, MD, attended that evening. The remainder went on a waiting list for a second lecture which will be given Thursday, September 26, 1996 at 7 PM.