

Wildlife Service Update

The student-run Wildlife Service at the Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania saw 391 animals during 1988. The release/rehabilitation rate increased from 42% in 1987 to 53% in 1988. Voluntary services and consultations from many of the clinical departments helped the students in the diagnosis and treatment of the animals. Orthopedics, Neurology, Radiology, Surgery, Anesthesia, and Emergency Service Departments (faculty, staff, residents and interns) all assisted. The Schuylkill Valley Rehabilitation Center and Tri-State Bird Rescue and Research Center cooperated in the long term rehabilitation efforts.

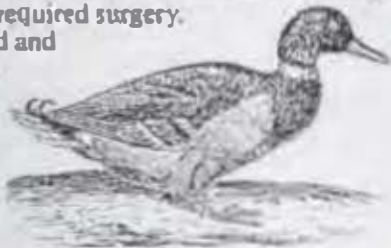
In 1989, there are 21 second year and 34 first year veterinary student volunteers in the Wildlife Service. Everyone has been putting in a valiant effort to help provide this important public service while maintaining their educational pursuits. A series of seminars and special lectures is scheduled this year to enhance the education in veterinary medicine, as well as in some basic information on wildlife in the state. Anyone interested in obtaining a schedule should contact the Wildlife Service at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine.

Among some of the more interesting success stories for 1988:

- A box turtle, with 1/3 of its shell missing after being chewed on by a dog, was treated. Its shell repaired and released.



- A Canada goose with a fractured femur had a half K-E placed, and recovered and was released.
- A yellow shafted flicker with a severed foot was cared for and eventually was able to mount up to balance with the stump well enough to be released at a wildlife refuge.
- A Peregrine Falcon with head trauma and a fractured femur had an IM pin placed, recovered and is currently at Tri-State for further rehabilitation.
- A box turtle which was being abused by some children was brought in with a necrotic hindfoot. It was healed and then released at a wildlife preserve.
- Several orphaned kestrels were successfully raised for release back to the wild - some were released at Tinicum National Wildlife Refuge.
- An opossum which was hit by a car, losing one eye and suffering from a badly fractured mandible, was successfully released after surgical treatment and patient care.
- A female Mallard duck and a Canada goose, both suffering from open humeral fractures (from gunshot wounds) required surgery. They recovered and were released.



- A sad, but interesting case was an adult osprey brought in with an open humeral fracture, again with signs of gunshot wounds. It unfortunately died just prior to surgery. The body was donated to the Carnegie Foundation in Pittsburgh for the preparation of a museum display specimen.

The 1989 Penn Annual Conference

Many, many thanks to the 700 veterinarians, 84 exhibitors, 42 speakers and Penn's students, faculty and staff for making the 89th Penn Annual Conference an outstanding success. The Conference offers an opportunity for education, as well as lively camaraderie.



Members of the Veterinary Benjamin Franklin Society meet with Dean Andrews for the annual luncheon which honors alumni contributing gifts at the leadership level. Shows here from left to right are Dr. Max Herman, incoming Alumni Society President, Dr. Mike Kainer, incoming Vice President, and Dr. and Mrs. Owen Fox.



A complimentary luncheon, hosted by the Alumni Society, welcomes those alumni graduating within the past four years. This year, 160 recent graduates attended the Conference.



Members of the Executive Board of the Veterinary Medical Alumni Society meet at the Conference. Here Dr. Wilbur Arnold discusses the relationship between the Philadelphia Zoo and our school. Dr. Robert Shumer spoke to the Board about the need for an Impaired Veterinarian's Program in the State of Pennsylvania.



Our exhibitors play a key role in subsidizing the cost of the Conference. Participants at the Conference kept our exhibition busy during both days of the Meeting.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the 1990 Penn Annual Conference to be held on Wednesday, January 24 and Thursday, January 25, at the Adam's Mark Hotel.

We wish to thank the following exhibitors for their contributions:



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WELCOME

The new residents and interns at VHUP began their duties on July 1. The new interns are: Dr. Kelly Blackwood (Purdue University); Dr. Daniel M. Brehm (V'89); Dr. Cynthia Easton (University of California, Davis); Dr. Victor S. Kutz (Ohio State University); Dr. Jay H. Margolis (University of Tennessee); Dr. Elizabeth Murtrie (V'88); Dr. Michael A. Park (University of Glasgow); Dr. Arnold N. Plotnick (University of Florida); Dr. Catherine A. Popovitch (Ontario Veterinary College); Dr. David C. Sweet (V'89).

The new VHUP residents are: Dr. Andrew W. Beardow, cardiology; Dr. Maribeth J. Boszaly (V'88), emergency medicine; Dr. Mary Beth Callan (V'88), small animal medicine; Dr. Carla Chieffo (V'86), medical genetics; Dr. Susan N. Fitzmaurice, neurology; Dr. Roger M. Fred, III, medical oncology; Dr. Marjan H. Th. Govers, orthopedic surgery; Dr. Carlos M. Mongil, soft tissue surgery; Dr. Karen A. Kuhl, dermatology; Dr. Sandra Z. Perkowski, anesthesia, also at New Bolton.

There is no longer an internship program at New Bolton Center. The new residents here are: Dr. Carolyn Charlton (V'88), Dr. Jeffrey Rubin, medicine; Dr. Dirk Riemersma, Dr. William Hay, surgery; Dr. Patricia Blakeslee (V'88), field service.