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# TUFTS

## VETERINARY ALUMNI NEWS

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### Support SCAVMA Auction on Saturday, March 27, 2004

Each year, the Tufts Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association hosts a combination live and silent auction on Parent's Weekend. The purpose of the auction is to raise money for the SCAVMA organization and for the Dr. Stanley O. Travis fund. The Travis Fund provides care for animals whose responsible owners cannot afford treatment.

**Who:** Parents, Families, Students, Faculty, Staff, and Alumni

**Where:** The Wachusett Country Club,  
 187 Prospect St.,  
 West Boylston, MA,  
 (508) 835-4484

**When:** Saturday, March 27, 2004,  
 4:30-7:30 pm

**Live Auction:** Begins at 6:15 pm.

**Auctioneer:** Dean Philip Kosch

Hors d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar will be available. The attire is smart casual. Admission is \$10 (students admitted for free) and there will be raffle and door prizes. Credit cards are accepted, cash is encouraged. For information, email [anne.cloudman@tufts.edu](mailto:anne.cloudman@tufts.edu).

### WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU?

*Inquiring minds want to know!*

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Yes, I'd like to help with Reunion 2004

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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



*Bill Rosenblad, V95*

The first quarter of a century of Tufts Veterinary School has seen more than 1400 highly qualified veterinarians graduate and move on to a broad variety of successful careers within the profession. Over those 25 years, many changes have taken place at "the dandiest little vet school in the country," as the late Dean Loew delightedly referred to TUSVM. The class size has increased to 80 per year; students are now at the Grafton campus for all 4 years of their veterinary schooling; beautiful new facilities have been built (including a softball field, and tennis, basketball, and volleyball courts on the grass field by the Peabody Pavilion); the commuter rail has a Grafton station; and Tufts Vet School is becoming a renowned center for biomedical research. One important thing that hasn't changed is that Tufts continues producing

successful veterinarians, YOU. The accomplished alumni have all been a part of the evolution of the school. Your continued contact with and support of the School is important as the current students represent the future of our profession and will be our colleagues before we (or they!) know it. The Alumni Association is trying to keep up with the changes at TUSVM and in the profession. The Association should be what you want it to be. Its goals are to be a link between you, your colleagues, and the Veterinary School and to provide support to our future colleagues. I have been honored to be placed in the position of President of your Association and look forward to helping it move forward into TUSVM's next quarter century.

*Bill Rosenblad, V95*  
 President, TUVAA

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Reunion & Comback**  
**Saturday, August 7, 2004**  
**Westin Providence**  
**Providence, RI**

**Reunion years for 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999**  
**All classes welcome!**

### TUFTS EVENTS

*March 27*  
**PARENTS AND FAMILY DAY**  
 Grafton Campus  
**SCAVMA AUCTION**  
 The Wachusett Country Club  
 West Boylston, Massachusetts

*March 28*  
**ANNUAL STUDENT**  
**SPRING SYMPOSIUM**  
 Grafton Campus

*May 23*  
**COMMENCEMENT**  
 Grafton Campus

*July 25*  
**AMERICAN VETERINARY**  
**MEDICAL ASSOCIATION**  
 Philadelphia Marriott Hotel  
 Philadelphia, PA

*August 7*  
**REUNION & COMEBACK**  
 Providence, Rhode Island

*August 8-11*  
**NORTH EAST VETERINARY**  
**CONFERENCE**  
 Providence, Rhode Island

*September 11*  
**OPEN HOUSE**  
 Grafton Campus

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## Tufts University VETERINARY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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## WHO INSPIRED YOU?

by Margaret LeRoux

What makes a great university? Lawrence Bacow, president of Tufts University, is fond of saying that it is outstanding faculty and excellent students. Both elements have been in plentiful supply over the 25-year history of Tufts Veterinary School.

While the quality of the curriculum speaks for itself, it's the students who are often the source of eloquent tributes to the faculty who taught them and made a lasting impression on their lives. When we asked, "Who inspired you?" the following Tufts alumni were enthusiastic about faculty members who made their veterinary school experience great. If you'd like to add your remembrance of an outstanding faculty member, send your comments to [vetalumni@tufts.edu](mailto:vetalumni@tufts.edu) or to Tufts University, Alumni Relations Office, 200 Westboro Road, North Grafton, MA 01536 and we'll publish it in an upcoming issue of Alumni News.

While working in the blood bank in 1993, Dr. Julie Kopser, V93, recounted how she had the opportunity to see **Dr. John Rush** with several others, resuscitate a dog with open cardiac massage. "When I had the chance to apply for a National Institute of Health summer research grant, Dr. Rush was kind enough to offer me a project. Once I saw the first echocardiogram, I was hooked on cardiology! Despite his many responsibilities, he gave me the time and guidance I needed to complete a research project and

present it at the ACVIM (American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine) the next year. The cardiology, ultrasound and critical care knowledge that I gained peripherally while working on that project formed the core upon which I built the rest of my education. I am now able to use these valuable ultrasound and echocardiography skills in private practice to increase the quality of care that our practice can offer."

**Dr. Susan Cotter** was cited by Dr. Gary Weitzman, V89, as "an outstanding teacher, clinician and mentor; a true role model."

Dr. Lori B. Kreidberg, V88, remembers Dr. Cotter from the perspectives of a student and client. "While in my senior year, my geriatric cat developed lymphoma. Dr. Cotter's practical, genius approach to my cat's cancer taught me so much about veterinary medicine, client relations, patient care and gave my cat one more year of quality life!"

Dr. Susan Pincus (formerly Rohrbach), V95, notes that **Dr. Mark Pokras, V84**, was "a great teacher, great researcher. He taught me that nothing should stop you from doing what you want to do. He has been an inspiration throughout my career." **Dr. Pokras** also inspired Dr. Kathryn M. McGonigle, V02, who wrote: "As a professor, advisor and trusted friend, Mark Pokras constantly sought the best for all his students.

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## Alumni Events Update

### Reunion 2003

On September 6, 2003, TUSVM alumni gathered on the Grafton campus to celebrate Reunion & Comeback. Held in conjunction with the Annual Open House, the day was filled with activities for alumni and their children. Members of Alpha Psi contributed babysitting services so alumni could participate in Comeback activities. Some highlights from Reunion & Comeback included Continuing Education presentations from Drs. Isabel Jurk, Bill Rosenblad, V95, and Randy Caviness, V93. Alumni and students had an opportunity to mingle at a reception that was hosted by SCAVMA. After dinner, alumni thanked Scott Handler, V88, for his service to TUSVM as the President of the Tufts University Veterinary Alumni Association for the past four years. To fill his shoes, alumni elected Bill Rosenblad, V95, as President and Dan Hebert, V01, as Vice President.

### American Veterinary Medical Association

On July 20, a lively gathering was held in Denver, Colorado in conjunction with American Veterinary Medical Association Conference. Approximately 40 alumni, students, friends, and staff gathered for an update on TUSVM by Dean Kosch and a fun-filled evening of reminiscing with old friends and colleagues.

### American Association of Equine Practitioners

More than 30 alumni, staff and friends gathered an alumni reception at the American Association of Equine Practitioners Conference in New Orleans on November 22.

## American Veterinary Medical Association Conference



## American Association of Equine Practitioners Conference



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**John de Jong, V85**, has been nominated as one of the four candidates for Alumni Trustee by TUAA. Two Alumni will be elected for a 5-year term. Ballots will be mailed on March 1, 2004 to alumni who do not have an active email address. On February 23, Tufts alumni with a valid email address will receive electronic notification. Deadline for voting is April 12. This is a great opportunity to register with the Tufts On-line community and participate in this important election.

### Alumni Gatherings

The Office of Alumni Relations hosts several receptions annually in conjunction with national veterinary conferences. Several dinners have also been hosted throughout the country for alumni concentrated in metropolitan areas. A complete listing of upcoming events can be found at [www.tufts.edu/vet/alumni.php](http://www.tufts.edu/vet/alumni.php). These gatherings are a great opportunity to reconnect with friends and colleagues.

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**Dr. Dominique Penninck and Susan L. Mitchell** authored "Ultrasound Detection of Ingested and Perforating Wooden Foreign Bodies in Four Dogs" which was featured in *JAVMA* on July 15, 2003.

**Drs. Theresa O'Toole, Amy Sato, and Elizabeth Rozanski** authored "Cryptococcosis of the Central Nervous System in a Dog" which was featured in *JAVMA* on June 15, 2003.

On July 1, **Mary Rose Paradis** co-authored two articles featured in *JAVMA*: "Demographic and Clinical Characteristics of Geriatric Horses: 467 Cases (1989-1999)" and "Assessment of Clinical Characteristics, Management Practices, and Activities of Geriatric Horses". **Dr. Mary Rose Paradis** is also president-elect of the American College of Veterinary Internal

Medicine (*JAVMA*, Vol. 223, No. 6, September 15, 2003).

**Natalie DiGiacomo, MS97**, director of the Great Lakes Humane Society was featured in *DVM Newsmagazine* in July regarding the strain of euthanasia on shelters.

**TUSVM** was featured in an article on euthanasia and gifts that can be made in memory of a pet. (*DVM Newsmagazine*, July 2003).

**Dan Cardosa, V90**, was quoted in a review for a Blackfin boat in the *Soundings Magazine* (October 2003).

**Kim Somjen, V06**, was featured this summer in a *Boston Globe* article regarding the prevalence of rats in Boston this summer. Somjen was interviewed for her group entitled Kim's Ark that attempts to place abandoned pet rats in a new home. (August 20, 2003).

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## AAZ/ARAV 2003 Meeting



AAZ/ARAV 2003 Meeting. Top row: Charles Innis, Mike Ryer, Shawn Caron, Terry Norton, Inga Sidor, Carlos Rodriguez, Joerg Mayer. 2nd row: Rose Borkowski, Elizabeth Hammond, Julie White, Beth Chittick. 3rd row: Janet Martin, Gretchen Kaufman, Leigh Clayton, Colin Gillin. Bottom row: Tom deMaar, Vinnie Seccareccia, Suzan Murray. Absent from photo: Chris Hanley.

## In Memoriam

On August 1, 2003, **Dr. Barbara Bonner, V94**, died unexpectedly. Dr. Bonner worked actively with the Bernice Barbour Wildlife Clinic after graduation while she also founded and directed The Turtle Hospital of New England Inc. Dr. Gretchen Kaufman, V86, wrote: "Barbara Bonner was an exceptional human being, as you all know, and leaves behind a great void of compassion, energy and creativity."

**Ellen Crighton, V89**, died on September 8, 2003 after a five-year battle with cancer. According to her godson, Bob Fitzhenry, after Tufts, she received her certification in animal chiropractic and became so loved by her clients (and their owners too), that a scholarship fund has been set up in her name. Scholarship contributions may be made to Claire Kontos, Doberman Rescue Unlimited, 52 Tenney Road, Sandown, NH 03873.

**Dr. Elizabeth Atwood Lawrence** died on November 12, 2003 at the age of 74. Dr. Lawrence served as a professor at Tufts for twenty years, during which time she became one of the world's leading scholars on the relationship between humans and the animal world. Dr. Lawrence joined the Tufts faculty in 1979 and during this first year, she developed a course in human-animal interactions which was modeled by other veterinary schools for similar courses. Dr. Lawrence leaves behind her husband of 46 years, Rev. Robert P. Lawrence.

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He encouraged and challenged us, making sure we had the skills we needed to be successful and confident veterinarians, while having lots of fun. What a wonderful difference he made in my education!"

**Dr. James Ross** was commended by Dr. Robert Marini, V84, and Dr. Tami Morgan, V94. "He was always 'on,' always enthusiastic about knowledge and the intellectual life, and tireless in his teaching...and he can really dance," said Dr. Marini. Added Dr. Morgan: "I would never have made it through school without his personal attention to me and my education. He was always there to reassure me that the hard, long road would pay off. Thank you, Dr. Ross, for being there for me!"

Dr. Cristina Sanz-Valas, V93, remembered **Dr. Mary Rose Paradis**. "From my first meeting at my interview at Tufts, I felt drawn to her caring attitude. When the foal I worked hard to keep alive for two weeks, aspirated a feeding given by someone else due to my being late that morning, she felt and understood my pain. Her support was quiet, but tremendous and even though I was a small animal student, she always greeted me by name. She is just awesome!"

Dr. Katherine Bergen Pierce, V98, noted that **Dr. Henry Childers** "was my mentor in the first Problem-Based Learning session. He was kind, thoughtful and always enthusiastic about learning. His energy and commitment to veterinary medicine was so inspiring. I will never forget how he quietly and kindly questioned my attempt to convince my fellow PBL members that "stomatitis" was not "inflammation of the stomach!"

Dr. Jane Linden, V99, cited **Dr. Orla Mahony**. "Not only was Orla an exceptionally knowledgeable and professional doctor, she was also a caring and compassionate person towards owners and their pets. She modeled the kind of veterinarian I wanted to be for my clients. She also had an excellent sense of humor which was always useful during times of stress and anxiety which new fourth-year students commonly have."

Dr. Linda Frank, V85, remembered that, "At graduation, I introduced **Dr. Charles Sedgwick** to my family. He said, 'It's Charles or Charlie, we're colleagues now.' I will never forget that and always appreciate how that made me feel. I continue to use that same approach with students that I teach."

Dr. Tracy A. Carreiro (formerly D'Allesandro), V84, praised both **Dr. Elizabeth Lawrence** and **Dr. Linda Ross**. "Dr. Lawrence was the first person to awaken me to the importance of the human-animal bond. This has

been critical in my development as a veterinarian. Her intelligent, caring demeanor made her a powerful role model for me. Dr. Ross taught me to think logically and critically about the signs and diagnostic test results of each case. This stays with me every day."

Dr. Cathy Findlen Gajewski, V93, recognized **Dr. Al Sollod**. "He helped facilitate numerous important events in my life as a member of the international club and because of him and his office I had experiences in Pakistan and Kenya that I will never forget. His limitless enthusiasm and ability to push, prod and meddle will forever be appreciated."

Dr. Caroline Heller, V98, commended **Dr. Howard Levine**. "Dr. Levine was my mentor for my four years at Tufts. He was one of the best. He was always available for questions, always a wealth of good advice, and always a positive influence. I was lucky to have him as a mentor."

## TUSVM RECEIVES \$25 MILLION NIH CONTRACT

Tufts has been awarded a \$25 million seven-year government contract from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to study diseases that could pollute the nation's food and water supply in a bioterrorism attack. The grant will support the establishment of a Microbiology Research Unit within NIH's new nationwide Food and Waterborne Disease Integrated Research Network. Tuft researchers will work with the University of Massachusetts research team to develop the Center of Botulinum Therapies Research and Development, which will focus on the diagnosis and treatment of botulism poisoning, a dangerous bioterrorism threat. Dr. Saul Tzipori, Distinguished Professor and Head of the Division of Infectious Diseases in the Department of Biomedical Sciences, will lead the research initiative. Tzipori's success in attracting this award clearly positions Tufts at the forefront of the national biodefense effort and enhances the School's growing reputation as a major biomedical research leader.

## TUSVM RECEIVES LARGEST GIFT

Tufts overseer, Agnes Varis, has made a \$5,000,000 gift to support TUSVM's groundbreaking research in biomedical sciences. The gift will be used to stimulate research collaboration across the University in comparative biomedical sciences and public health. Additionally, it will support the growth of graduate education programs to complement TUSVM's world-class research program in comparative biomedical sciences.

Varis' leadership support has been instrumental in bringing about numerous improvements to TUSVM. Her donations include the Agnes Varis Chair in Science and Society, the Agnes Varis Lecture Hall, and the Agnes Varis Cat Ward within the Henry and Lois Foster Hospital for Small Animals. This most recent gift was inspired by Varis' understanding of the importance of training veterinarians to meet critical national needs in biomedical research and public health.

Varis, a member of the Board of Veterinary Overseers since 1996, received an honorary doctorate in public service from Tufts in 2003. She is recognized as a pioneering leader in the pharmaceutical industry and is dedicated to increasing the accessibility and affordability of lifesaving drugs for people. Varis has worked tirelessly to raise awareness of science's responsibility to help society's problems. Her business and civic leadership is matched by her dedication to the arts and education, and by her love of animals - especially cats.

TUSVM is very appreciative to Agnes for her generous support!

## The 4th Annual Tufts Veterinary School Student Scholarship Golf Tournament

Please mark your calendars now to join us for the 4th Annual Veterinary School Golf Tournament on Saturday, May 8, 2004. All proceeds from the benefit tournament support student scholarships at Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine. Again this year, the beautiful Blackstone National Golf Course in Sutton, Massachusetts will be the event site. Many golf awards will be given and you will also have a chance to win a variety of terrific raffle prizes at the awards banquet immediately following the golf! For more information, including sponsorships and raffle donations, please contact Eric Overstrom at [eric.overstrom@tufts.edu](mailto:eric.overstrom@tufts.edu), or by calling (508) 839-7956.

## Annual Student Spring Symposium Save-the-Date

Join us on March 28, 2004 for the annual Student Spring Symposium organized by the student wildlife (WAZE) and international (VGS) clubs. Topics will cover wildlife rehabilitation and conservation policy. This year marks the 20th Anniversary of the Wildlife Clinic! Our Symposium features, Dr. Charles J. Sedgwick, Founding Director of the Wildlife Clinic, presenting the Annelisa M. Kilbourn Memorial Lecture.

For more information email:  
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### 5th Reunion



Members of the Class of 1998 who attended reunion

### 10th Reunion



Members of the Class of 1993 who attended reunion

### 15th Reunion



Members of the Class of 1988 who attended reunion

### 20th Reunion



Members of the Class of 1983 who attended reunion

## IN THE NEWS

Director of the Wildlife Clinic **Mark Pokras, V84**, was interviewed by the *Worcester Telegram & Gazette* regarding the deaths of geese found at Elm Park in Worcester (September 3, 2003).

An editorial authored by **Lisa Pesch, V96**, was featured in *JAVMA* on September 1 regarding practitioners using alternative medicine.

**Charles E. Eastin, V98**, was listed in *The Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association (JAVMA)* as one of the new diplomates to be approved by the ACVPM (Vol. 223, No. 7, Oct. 1, 2003).

**Diana K. Davis, V94**, was highlighted in *JAVMA* (Vol. 223, No. 7, 10/1/03) as she was a speaker at the American Veterinary Medical History Society meeting on July 22 where she spoke on "Prescribing Progress: Colonial Veterinary Medicine in the Service of Empire."

**Dr. John de Jong, V85**, is listed as a member-at-large for the Governance Performance Review Committee (*JAVMA*, Vol. 223, No. 5, September 1, 2003).

**Kristine E. Burgess, V97**, was listed as completing her board certification in Oncology by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (*JAVMA*, V.223, No. 7, 10/1/03).

**Dr. Jim Ross**, president of the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care and Distinguished Professor of Small Animal Medicine at TUSVM, was featured in *USA Today* regarding the medical advances that have occurred in veterinary medicine (September 22, 2003).

**Dr. George Saperstein**, Professor, Assistant Dean for Research, Environmental and Population Health, International Veterinary Medicine was interviewed by the *Worcester Telegram & Gazette* for the role that veterinary medicine plays in bioterrorism (September 30, 2003).

**Paul Waldau**, clinical assistant professor at the Center for Animals and Public Policy, was interviewed by the *New York Times* in reference to the controversy of foie gras as cuisine versus the treatment of the geese and ducks (September 24, 2003).

*JAVMA* reported that **Dr. Henry Childers** announced his candidacy as president-elect for the AVMA in 2004-2005 (Vol. 223, No. 5, Sept. 1, 2003).

TUSVM was featured in the *Boston Globe* for the classes offered on chiropractic care of animals (July 25, 2003).

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## FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

**Robert Goldman, V90**, has been elected 2004 President of the Southern California



Veterinary Medical Association. Dr. Goldman is currently the medical chief of staff for the City of Los Angeles mobile animal spay and neuter unit.

**David Sobel, V92**, is operating his own mobile small animal endoscopy/ultrasound practice across Vermont and New Hampshire as well as in England. His wife, Jennifer, was recently appointed by the Governor as a district court judge. They have two children, Ben, age 4, and Hannah, age 8.

**Leslie Prescott, V98**, and **Mark Prescott, V99**, had their first child, Finnian Clayton Prescott on May 16, 2003. Leslie is still working at her practice where she is a partner

and Mark is the Federal Veterinarian for New Hampshire, working for APHIS-VS.

**Wendy Ernst, V01**, reports that she got married on June 28, 2003 to DJ Fowler.

**Celeste Wells, V02**, finished her small animal medicine surgery internship at the UREC in Norwalk. Two days after finishing her internship, Dr. Wells married Owen Zimmerman in the Adirondack Mountains and honeymooned in Belize. They currently are living in Stratford, CT. Dr.



From L-R: Xuan Mai Vo, Raimon Duran-Struuck, Sandra Silva-Arrieta, Sip Siperstein, Fotini Emiri.

Wells is working at the Trumbull Animal Hospital while her husband is returning to school.

**Sandra Silva-Arrieta, V02**, married Christian Brander in Lima, Peru on October 3rd. **Fotini Emiri, V02**, **Sip Siperstein, V02**, **Xuan Mai Vo, A97, V02**, and **Raimon Duran-Struuck, A98, V02**, all made it out for the festivities. After the wedding day, the bride and groom led a group of 16 family and friends on a tour of Cusco and the ruins at Machu Picchu. It was an amazing trip and an exotic little reunion.



From L-R: Fotini Emiri, Xuan Mai Vo, Raimon Duran-Struuck, Sandra Silva-Arrieta, Christian Brander, Sip Siperstein.

## RAY POWELL, V85, RECEIVES OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS AWARD

At Reunion & Comeback in September, 2003, the Tufts University Alumni Association honored Ray Powell, V85, as the Outstanding Alumnus for 2003. Steve Rowell, V83, commented, "Ray has shown himself as a person that veterinary medicine can be proud of. He is also one of those rare people that one might ask 'How did a veterinarian get involved in that?'"

"Ray served not only as a veterinarian, but he has held positions in public service as well. He has served as the president of the Western Land Commissioners Association and as the New Mexico Commissioner of Public Lands. As the New Mexico Land Commissioner, Ray was in charge of over 13 million acres of state land. Income from that land went to fund education and many other worthy programs in the state. Ray saw that the land produced money for many uses, but no one

was repaying the land. His vision, tenacity, and even audaciousness had him doing things that no Land Commissioner had dared to do before. He looked out for the land, he found ways to leverage the land into fruitful production by other means than raising cattle or extracting the natural resources. He truly has changed the way people think about land use in New Mexico and he has instituted programs and policies that will live on for many years.

Ray continues to practice veterinary medicine and he remains involved in areas that affect our profession. He recently jumped into being on the New Mexico state board in veterinary medicine. When the Los Alamos area burned a few years ago,



Steve Rowell, V83 and Ray Powell, V85

Ray coordinated efforts with local veterinarians to create shelters for the many displaced animals – pets and wildlife and helped avoid additional catastrophe. He has helped create programs to educate children on the importance of the land and animals around us. He promotes education to foster growth of people that care about one another, and this planet we inhabit with other animal and plant species."

## On-Campus News *continued from page 7*

### Alumni Volunteers

Tufts Adventures in Veterinary Medicine Program had a very successful summer. Nine sessions were held with 224 participants ranging from 7th graders to adults.

Several alumni volunteered their time to make this program a huge success! Many thanks to:

Deborah Brady, V01  
Patricia Caisse, V99  
Arthur Donohue-Rolphe, L79  
Lisa Freeman, J86, V91, N96  
Gretchen Kaufman, V86, J76

Janet Martin, V90  
Melissa Mazan, V93  
Susan Mitchell, V90  
Mark Pokras, V84  
John Pollock, V97

Katherine Reiner, V84  
William Rosenblad, V95  
Scott Shaw, V98  
Scott Weber, V87

## RENOVATED HENRY & LOIS FOSTER HOSPITAL FOR SMALL ANIMALS REDEDICATED

On November 1, 2003, Overseers, Trustees, faculty, staff and friends joined together for the dedication of the newly renovated Henry and Lois Foster Hospital for Small Animals. The \$3.25 million renovation undertaken over the past 18 months included a 20% expansion of space that includes a new emergency room and trauma center, a more spacious intensive care unit, and new hospital wards and treatment areas. Tufts now treats more than 22,000 animals a year at the Foster Hospital for Small Animals, nearly double the case load the Hospital could manage when it opened in 1985. The Foster Hospital for Small Animals continues to garner international attention for its leadership in veterinary specialties such as emergency and critical care medicine, oncology, diagnostic imaging, surgery, nutrition and behavior.

## FACULTY NEWS

**Dr. Saul Tzipori**, Distinguished Professor of Infectious Diseases, has been appointed as the Agnes Varis University Chair of Sciences and Society.

At the International Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Symposium in New Orleans, **Dr. Lisa Freeman, J86, V91, N96**, and **Dr. Kathryn Michel, V83**, shared the honors of receiving the annual American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Scientific Achievement Award. The award recognized the duo for their outstanding contributions to clinical nutrition through research, teaching, publishing, and other scholarly activities. Congratulations!

## Upcoming Continuing Education Events

**Pain Management for the Dog and Cat: Perception, Diagnosis and Treatment; Includes wet lab**  
March 12-14, 2004

**Hoof Care for the New Millennium: Draft Horses**  
March 26-28, 2004

**Basic Acupuncture Courses for Veterinarians**  
Four Module Course  
March 5-11, 2004    May 14-16, 2004  
April 16-19, 2004    June 16-20, 2004

**Western Herbal Medicine: Marrying Tradition And Science • Two Module Course**  
June 4-10, 2004    July 9-15, 2004

For information call 508-887-4723 or email [susan.brogan@tufts.edu](mailto:susan.brogan@tufts.edu).

## NEW STAFF

**Ann Basatto** has returned to Tufts! Ann will be working as a technologist in the pathology laboratory. Ann worked in the hematology/chemistry section of the Tufts Veterinary Diagnostic Lab for 10 years and remained with the lab when it was purchased by IDEXX.

**Dr. Charles Shoemaker** joined the Department of Biomedical Sciences as a Research Professor in August 2003. He received his PhD degree in Biochemistry from the University of Iowa in 1979. Following his post-doctoral fellowship under the supervision of Nobel Laureate, Dr. David Baltimore, and then as one of the original scientists to start up Genetics Institute (1981-1978), he was appointed Assistant Professor in the Department of Tropical Public Health, Harvard School of Public Health. He was promoted to Associate Professor in 1996. He has been at AgResearch Ltd., a New Zealand owned life sciences company, since 1997 while maintaining an adjunct Associate Professor appointment at Harvard University, Department of Immunology and Infectious Diseases. He has been leading the Animal Health Platform of AgResearch Ltd. since 1999. His expertise in the molecular biology and immunology of helminthes complements our current expertise on cryptosporidiosis and microsporidiosis.

**Dr. Patrick Skelley** joined the Department of Biomedical Sciences as Assistant Professor in August. He received his PhD degree from the Australian National University, Canberra, Australia in 1986. Following his post-doctoral fellowship and research fellowship he joined the Department of Tropical Public Health, Harvard School of Public Health, where he also served as an Instructor. He is well known for his studies on schistosome glucose transport protein and his research is supported by grants from NIH and WHO. He also has extensive teaching experience and will be a valuable asset to TUSVM's infectious diseases teaching program.

## ON CAMPUS NEWS

**Dr. Henry Foster Honored**  
The Massachusetts Society for Medical Research celebrated its 50th anniversary and honored Tufts Veterinary School honorary alumnus, Tufts University Trustee Emeritus, chair of the Veterinary Board of Overseers, **Dr. Henry L. Foster**. TUSVM was delighted that a prominent member of the TUSVM community was recognized for his leadership in biomedical research.

**Curriculum Changes**  
The Executive Faculty Board approved the following recommendations of the Curriculum Committee which went into effect this academic year:

**1st and 2nd Year:** The Cell and Tissue Biology Course was dismantled and a Veterinary Histology Course was constructed from parts of Cell and Tissue Biology and Organology. Other molecular biology material was moved to the Biotechnology Course which was moved from the 2nd year to the 1st year, 2nd semester. Ten hours were added to the Histology Course to include organs of special senses and the brain.

**2nd Year Farm Rotation:** Eliminated the Fall Semester half day and changed the Spring sessions to 7 a.m.-12 p.m.

**4th Year Rotations:** Practice Environments Rotation can now be accomplished any time during the 4th year curriculum. The Subspecialty Core rotation was increased from 3 to 4 weeks (Subspecialties include Oncology, Neurology, Cardiology, Ophthalmology, and Dermatology). The Curricular Mission Statement was adopted to guide further changes, as the curriculum continues to be reviewed:

*The mission of the TUSVM curriculum is to prepare graduates for entry level practice in any of the major domestic species, provide exposure to the innovative TUSVM Signature Programs, and provide enough flexibility and access to resources to allow TUSVM students to pursue non-practice or non-traditional practice careers (such as public health, wildlife, international veterinary medicine and biomedical research). The curriculum is designed to nurture students who will become leaders in developing the science, technology and ethics that will shape veterinary practice in the future and to foster students to become life long learners.*

### Spay/Neuter Clinic On-Site at TUSVM

On September 7, TUSVM dedicated the Luke & Lily Lerner Spay/Neuter Clinic. This clinic is located in the basement of the Henry & Lois Foster Hospital for Small Animals. This facility will contribute to TUSVM's surgical training program as well as to community efforts to reduce companion animal overpopulation. The new clinic will free up the hospital surgical suites and will keep shelter animals separate from hospital client animals.

### Student Statistics

Dr. Angie Warner reported the summary results of TUSVM students who took the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination in Nov.-Dec. 2002; TUSVM students had a 98% pass rate and scored above the national mean for number of correct responses in all categories!

83 members of the Class of 2007 were welcomed to campus this fall. Ten new interns and 12 residents also began their clinical training programs this past summer while nine new students began the M.S. in Animals and Public Policy and three students enrolled this past fall in the new PhD program in Comparative Biomedical Sciences.

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