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To improve the health and well-being of cats everywhere by:

- Finding ways of preventing and curing diseases of cats by conducting and sponsoring breakthrough feline health studies
- Educating veterinarians and cat owners about feline health by providing timely medical information and by promoting public understanding and awareness of feline issues
- Aiding veterinarians when new or unknown feline diseases occur



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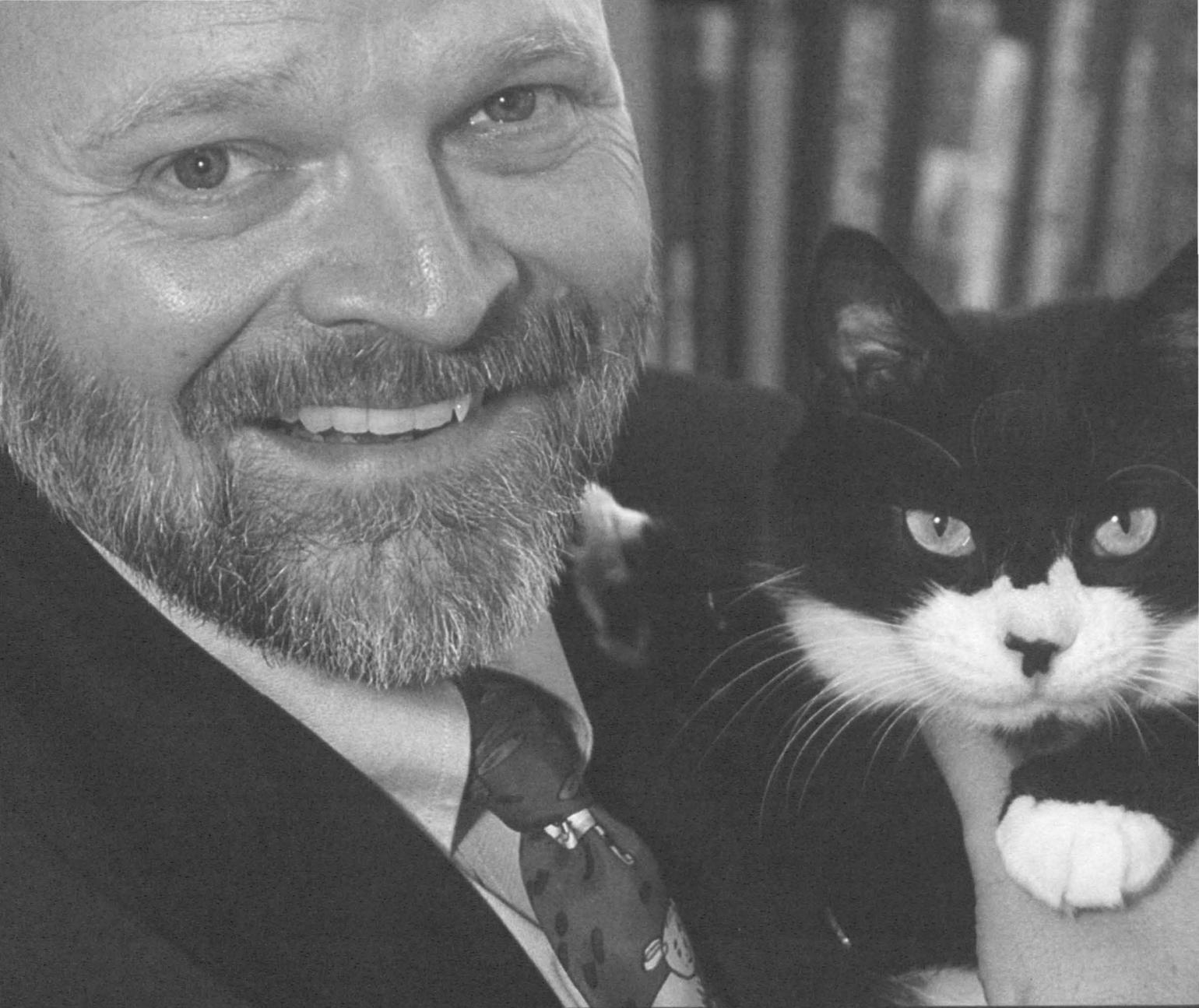
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The Cornell Feline Health Center's mission has remained clear for nearly 30 years: to improve the health and well-being of cats everywhere. Although it sounds simple enough, accomplishing this mission requires creativity, persistence, and the support of those who love cats.

A pivotal way the center is fulfilling its mission is by conducting leading studies to improve feline health. In addition to groundbreaking research, we are committed to much more. Equipment purchases, scholarships, symposiums, and a host of other educational resources for veterinarians and cat owners all help fulfill the mission. We also remain deeply involved in national and global issues such as vaccine-associated sarcomas and appropriate vaccination and infectious disease testing, along with controversial issues like declawing and the management of feral and abandoned cats.

If it has to do with the well-being of cats, you can be assured that the Cornell Feline Health Center will be involved. My good feline friend and officemate, Dr. Mew (who claims he is the real director of the center), joins me in thanking you for your faithful support and for sharing our mission "to improve the health and well-being of cats everywhere."

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2003-2004 Feline Health Studies

Virus Entry Studies of Feline Calicivirus:

Is Virulence Related to Differences in Attachment and Uptake?

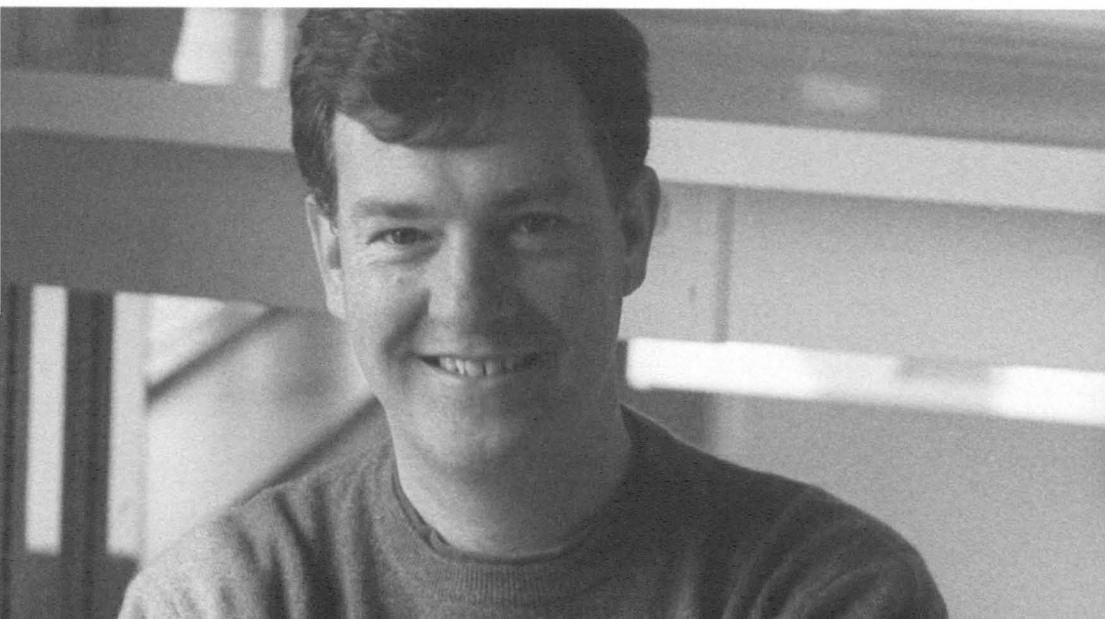
Principal investigator: Dr. John S. Parker, virologist at the James A. Baker Institute for Animal Health, a part of Cornell's College of Veterinary Medicine

Feline caliciviruses (FCV) are important feline pathogens that cause significant disease and sometimes death. FCV is present in 8 percent of healthy household cats, 25 percent of cats at cat shows, and upwards of 100 percent of cats with chronic oral inflammation. FCV, together with

feline herpes virus, is associated with 80 to 90 percent of all upper respiratory tract diseases in cats; other syndromes associated with infection include lameness and abortion. Recently, strains of FCV have been isolated from cats with a hemorrhagic-like fever syndrome that caused

death in a third to a half of infected cats; outbreaks have occurred sporadically in various parts of the country and apparently originated in environments where cats are housed in close confinement.

Despite the availability and widespread use of vaccines, the prevalence of infection remains high. Available vaccines appear to protect most cats from severe disease—with the exception of the hemorrhagic-like fever syndrome in which vaccinated cats were minimally protect-



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ed—but do not reliably prevent infection from the many different strains of virus to which cats are exposed. The differing patterns and severity of disease are likely due in part to differences in strain virulence. However, the genetic determinants of FCV virulence have not yet been identified. Dr. Parker and his team hypothesize that differences in virulence between strains correlate with differences in binding and uptake of virus into cells. Using well-established techniques, his team will compare the binding and uptake of FCV strains from cats with different disease syndromes in various types of cells in culture. They also will compare the genetic

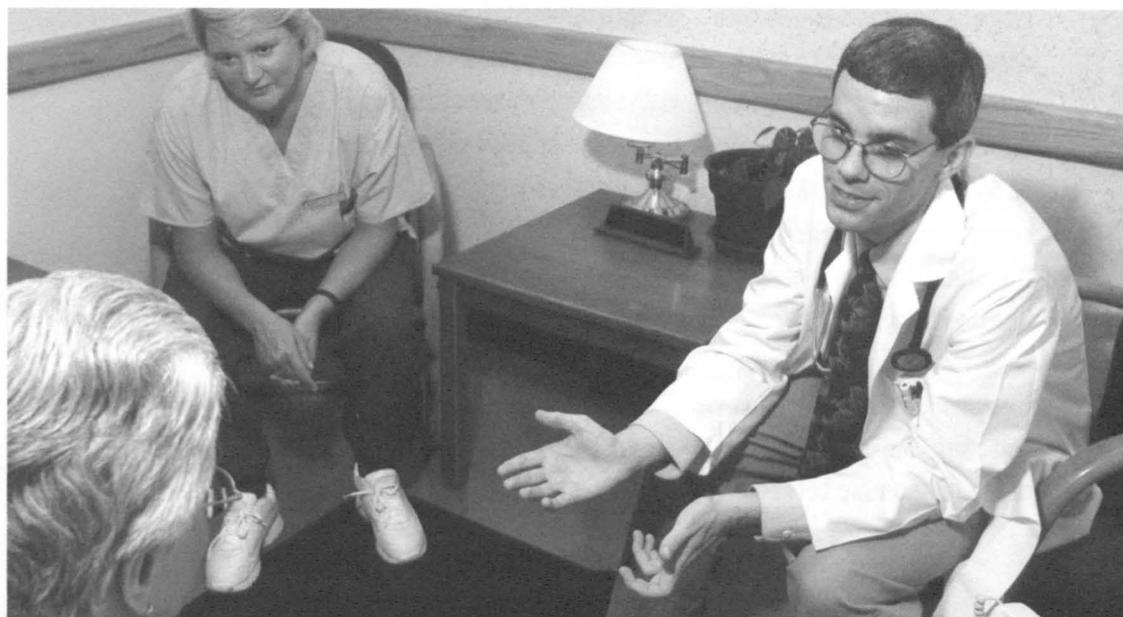
makeup of a number of strains of FCV from cats with disease of differing severities and analyze the relationship of genetic differences to differences in virulence.

Carboplatin Dosage in Cats:

A Phase I Clinical Trial Prospectively Evaluating a Dosing Strategy Based on Renal Function

Principal Investigator: Dr. Dennis Bailey, resident in medical oncology, Cornell University Hospital for Animals

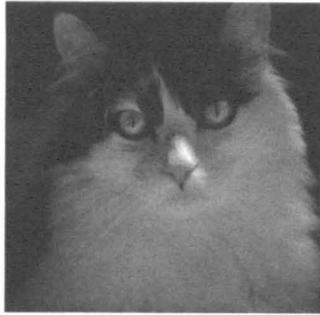
Carboplatin is a broad-spectrum anticancer drug that has activity against a variety of tumors in cats, including certain squamous-cell carcinomas and vaccine-associated sarcomas. When cats with cancer are given dosages calculated using the more traditional approach based on



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body surface area, unpredictable degrees of bone-marrow toxicity frequently result in treatment delays. The goal of this project is to continue developing a dosing strategy based on parameters other than body surface area that will allow carboplatin to be administered safely and more effectively to cats with cancer. Client-owned cats with cancer that present to the Sprecher Institute for Comparative Cancer Research at Cornell University will be considered for inclusion in this study. The newly named institute brings together basic cancer biology, clinical treatment, cancer education, and a growing understanding of the relationship between

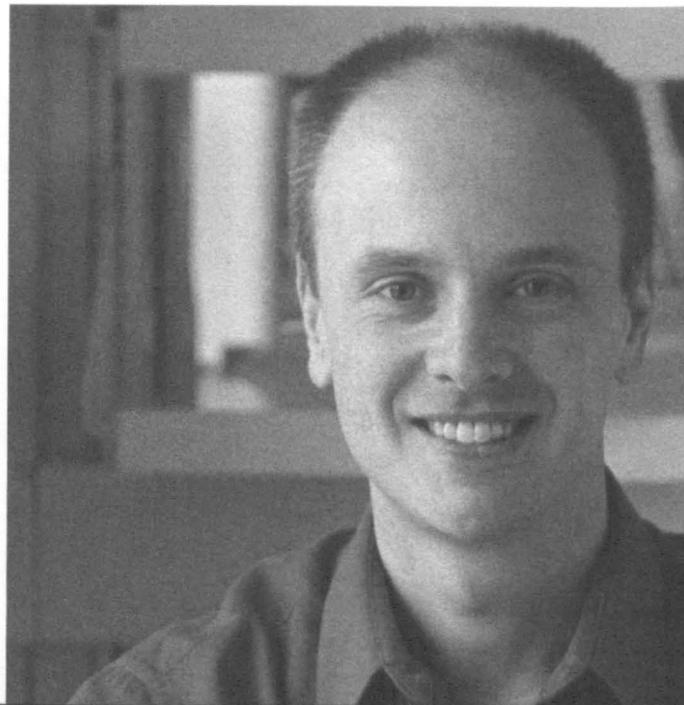


cancer and the environment. Researchers working with the institute take basic discoveries through testing and evaluations that will make them viable in applications to control cancer in animals and humans.

Optimization of Spermatogonial Stem-Cell Transplantation in the Domestic Cat

Principal investigator:

Dr. Alexander Travis, reproductive biologist at the James A. Baker Institute for Animal Health, a part of Cornell's College of Veterinary Medicine



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This unique study reaches somewhat beyond the traditional subjects explored by scientists supported by the Cornell Feline Health Center, the vast majority of which deal with helping domestic cats. Our dedication to the

health of domestic cats defines our purpose and will continue to be our focus in the future. But the irrevocable loss of genetic diversity in nondomestic cats due to infertility or the death of rare individuals is a tremendous obstacle to the conservation of endangered species of cats. Dr. Travis and his colleagues are attempting to develop a technique—spermatogonial stem-cell transplantation—that may help preserve endangered species of cats. Attempts are being made within the scientific community to collect and store sperm cells from valuable endangered cat species for use in artificial insemination. However, this method

has several drawbacks, including the limited number of breeding attempts that a given sample of sperm cells will allow. Spermatogonial stem-cell transplantation offers significant advantages over this method when trying to preserve the genetic potential of valuable felids. The preservation of spermatogonia—early-stage sperm cells—will allow for the production of sperm on a renewable basis. The cells they produce undergo genetic recombination, thereby preserving the entire genetic diversity of the male cat. Spermatogonial stem cells can be collected from immature males as well as adults, offering a way to preserve



genes from cats that die prior to sexual maturity. Finally, this method will give researchers a greater understanding of abnormal sperm cells, a condition that plagues a number of species of exotic cats and hinders their ability to reproduce. ■

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Vaccine-Associated Sarcomas

The Cornell Feline Health Center remains committed to helping resolve the problem of vaccine-associated sarcomas—soft tissue sarcomas occurring at vaccination sites. The goals of the **Vaccine-Associated Feline Sarcoma Task Force** are to facilitate investigation of the epidemiology, etiopathogenesis, treatment, and prevention of these malignancies, as well as to disseminate information to veterinarians and the cat-owning public. The veterinary profession formed the VAFSTF

to address these very serious but thankfully very rare cancers. Dr. Richards continues in his role as chair of its Education and Communication Subgroup. The Feline Health Center has financially supported the task force since its inception nearly seven years ago and has contributed \$70,000 to studies designed to discover the best ways to prevent and manage these aggressive tumors. ■

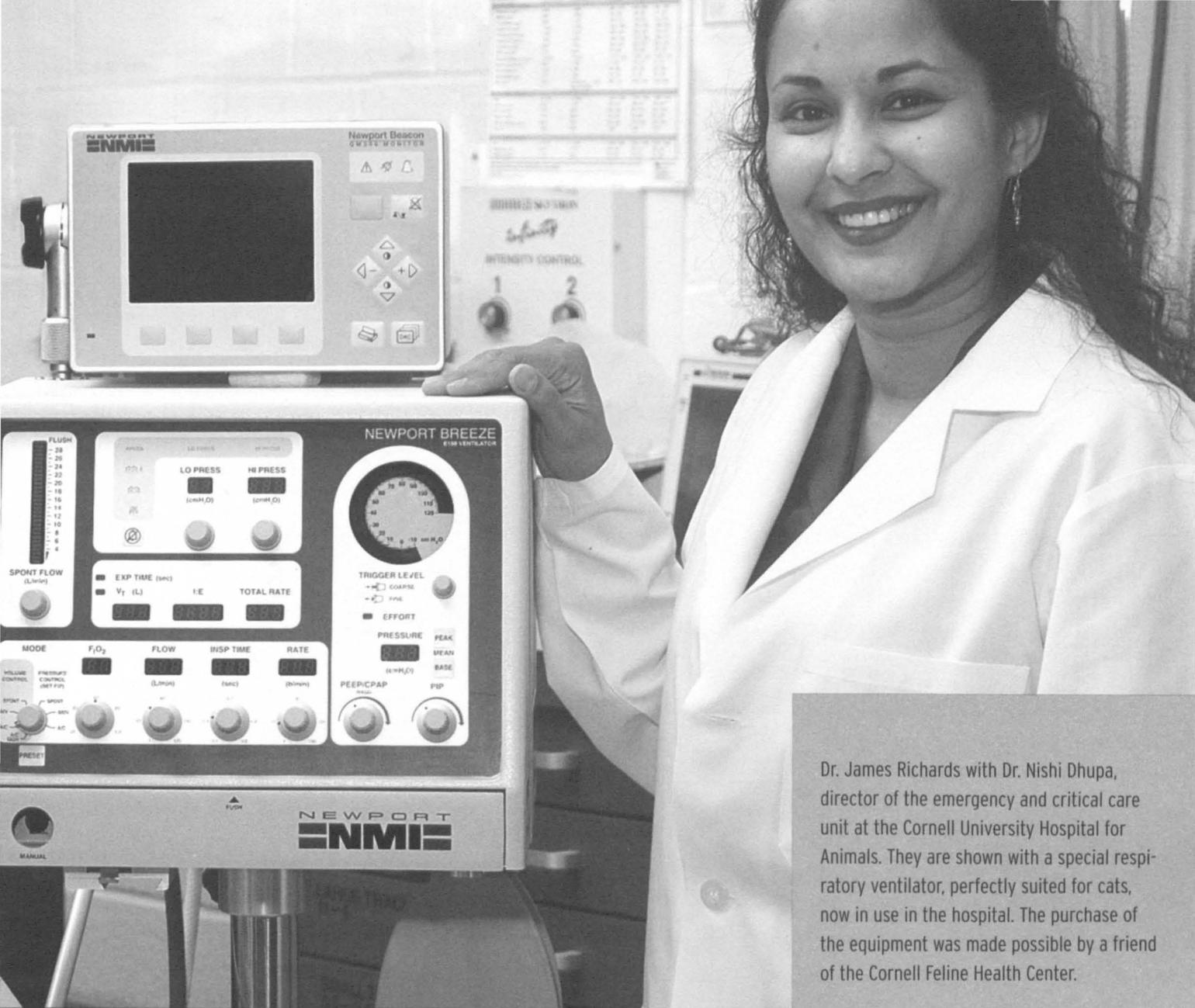
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Dr. James Richards with Dr. Nishi Dhupa, director of the emergency and critical care unit at the Cornell University Hospital for Animals. They are shown with a special respiratory ventilator, perfectly suited for cats, now in use in the hospital. The purchase of the equipment was made possible by a friend of the Cornell Feline Health Center.

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This scholarship, established by Patricia S. Cope '50 in honor of her parents, provides assistance to deserving, qualified DVM students with demonstrated financial need. Preference is given to third- or fourth-year students in good academic standing who demonstrate an interest in feline medicine and plan to pursue a career in the field. A related fund established by Ms. Cope supports the scholarship recipients by reimbursing the costs of their textbooks and supplies.

Sheila Forbes '04 is a recipient of the Jessie D. and Denny W. Speidel Scholarship in Feline Medicine. She is shown here with a feline patient in the Cornell University Hospital for Animals. Forbes plans a career as a feline medicine practitioner. After graduation, she hopes to join a practice in Las Vegas, Nevada. She currently lives with four wonderful cats, whom she calls love-muffins: two rescued barn kittens, Sage and his brother BoBear, and two former research kittens, Zephyr and Samson.



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July 1, 2002-June 30, 2003

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ized assistance to veterinarians and cat lovers alike, and is accessed by calling 1-800-KITTY-DR (1-800-548-8937). There is a fee for consultations. A growing endowment established in Dr. Camuti's name supports this service.

(left to right) Drs. Christine Bellezza, Carolyn McDaniel, and Paul Maza are veterinarians who provide assistance via the Camuti Memorial Feline Consultation and Diagnostic Service.

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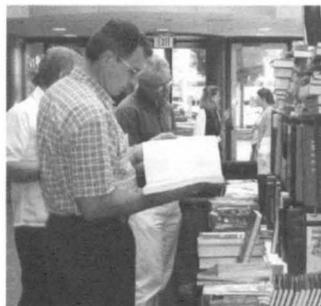
The Annual Fred Scott Feline Symposium

draws veterinarians from all over the world because of its reputation as one of the premier feline continuing educational programs. Seminars and workshops offer veterinarians and professionals current information on a broad array of feline health issues. This year's topics included feline neurological disorders, kidney disease, feline infectious peritonitis, and many others. The yearly symposium is named in honor of Fred W. Scott, DVM, PhD, professor emeritus of virology in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at Cornell's College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Scott served as director of the Cornell Feline Health Center



Veterinarians received hands-on instruction in the latest laser surgery techniques.

from 1974 until his retirement in 1996. The symposium is sponsored by the Cornell Feline Health Center in cooperation with Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine and several corporate sponsors. The 16th Annual Fred Scott Feline Symposium will be held at Cornell from July 30 to August 1, 2004. For details, see www.vet.cornell.edu/extension/conedu



Attendees were given the opportunity to evaluate the most up-to-date veterinary publications and textbooks.

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Animal General, L.L.C., Avon, Conn.

Animal Medical Center, Herndon, Va.

Ann Arbor Cat Clinic, P.C., Ann Arbor, Mich.

Atlantic Animal Care, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Bayshore Animal Hospital, Port Orange, Fla.

Briar Patch Veterinary Hospital, Ithaca, N.Y.

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Cat Care Hospital, West Chester, Ohio

Cat Clinic of Greensboro, P.A., Greensboro, N.C.

Cat Hospital of Petaluma, Petaluma, Calif.

Cathedral Dog and Cat Hospital, New York, N.Y.

Cats Only Veterinary Clinic, Columbus, Ohio

Clarkson Veterinary Hospital, Brockport, N.Y.

Companion Animal Clinic, Fairfax Station, Va.

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North Windham Animal Hospital, North Windham, Conn.



Carol Mauriello '04 is a recipient of the Jessie D. and Denny W. Speidel Scholarship in Feline Medicine. She is pictured here during a rare quiet moment on a busy day of clinical rotation in the small-animal medicine service in the Cornell University Hospital for Animals. When she graduates, Mauriello plans to pursue an internship in small-animal internal medicine and then either an internship in exotic-animal medicine or a residency in internal medicine. She is very interested in teaching and shelter work. Her background includes being a docent at the Bronx Zoo and volunteering at North Shore Animal League in Port Washington, N.Y. She is the human companion to five cats: Saki and Sushi (18-year-old Siamese cats), Amber-Lee, Ellen, and Silvia.

Northland Cat Clinic, Kansas City, Mo.
Olde Towne Animal Hospital, Southampton, N.Y.
VCA Oneida Animal Hospital, P.C., Oneida, N.Y.
Oxford Veterinary Hospital, P.C., Oxford, Conn.
Port Animal Hospital, L.L.C., Port Washington, N.Y.
Quarry Ridge Animal Hospital, Ridgefield, Conn.
Rockledge Veterinary Clinic, Rockledge, Pa.
Ross Veterinary Medical, Inc., Lawrenceville, Ga.
Rutland Veterinary Clinic, Rutland, Vt.
Rye Harrison Veterinary Hospital, P.L.L.C., Rye, N.Y.
Sakonnet Veterinary Hospital, Tiverton, R.I.
Saratoga Veterinary Hospital, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Saugerties Animal Hospital, Saugerties, N.Y.
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Westside Animal Clinic, Worcester, Mass.
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Cat Care Center, P.L.L.C., North Syracuse, N.Y.
Cat Doctor, Columbus, Ohio
For Cats Only, Inc., West Palm Beach, Fla.
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Germantown Veterinary Clinic Partnership, Germantown, Md.
Godspeed Animal Care, Williamsburg, Va.
Hanover Veterinary Hospital, Inc., Hanover, Pa.
Home Veterinary Services, Ithaca, N.Y.

Mary St. Martin '05 is a recipient of the Jessie D. and Denny W. Speidel Scholarship in Feline Medicine. She is shown here with her cat, Yoda, whom she rescued as a kitten sleeping in the middle of the highway. They both volunteer as Cornell Companions, visiting older persons, sick persons, and children with disabilities. St. Martin's interest in the role that companion animals play in our lives prompted her application to veterinary school. She enjoys learning about the interconnectedness of animal and human lives and wants to help to nurture this bond through strong veterinary care, client communication, and community outreach. She also volunteers for the Cornell Pet Loss Support Hotline. Following graduation, St. Martin hopes to pursue feline medicine and shelter medicine and to continue working with the ASPCA and other rescue and shelter organizations.



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 Linwood Animal Hospital, Lowell, Mass.
 Manheim Pike Veterinary Hospital, Lancaster, Pa.
 Marsh Hospital for Animals, Verona, N.J.
 Matawan Animal Hospital, Matawan, N.J.
 Milford Animal Hospital, Milford, Pa.
 Millersport Small Animal Clinic, Getzville, N.Y.
 Millhopper Veterinary Medical Center, Gainesville, Fla.
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 Springville Animal Hospital, P.C., Springville, N.Y.
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 Animal Medical Hospital of Belair Road, Overlea, Md.
 Ardda Animal Hospital, Rochester, N.Y.
 Arlington South Veterinary Hospital, Arlington, Tex.
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 Bellerose Animal Hospital, Inc., Bellerose, N.Y.
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 Brockport Animal Hospital, Brockport, N.Y.
 Brockton Animal Hospital, Brockton, Mass.
 Burrstone Animal Hospital, P.C., New Hartford, N.Y.

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Client education brochures, which can be obtained from veterinarians, are developed by the Cornell Feline Health Center and the American Association of Feline Practitioners. Current titles include *Choosing and Caring for Your New Cat*, *Feeding Your Cat*, *Feline Behavior Problems (House Soiling, Aggression, Destructive Behavior)*, *Feline Vaccines: Benefits and Risks*, *The Special Needs of the Senior Cat*, *Vaccines and Sarcomas*, *Feline Infectious Peritonitis*, *Feline Immunodeficiency*

Virus, *Feline Leukemia Virus*, *Diabetes in Cats*, *Feline Lower Urinary Tract Disease*, *Gastrointestinal Parasites of Cats*, and *Inflammatory Bowel Disease*. Brochures on cat-scratch disease, an update on toxoplasmosis, and diseases transmittable from cats to humans will be released in the near future. To order brochures, practitioners should call Pamela Sackett at (607) 253-3443.



The Feline Health Center's web page is a valuable information resource for cat people:

www.vet.cornell.edu/public/FHC

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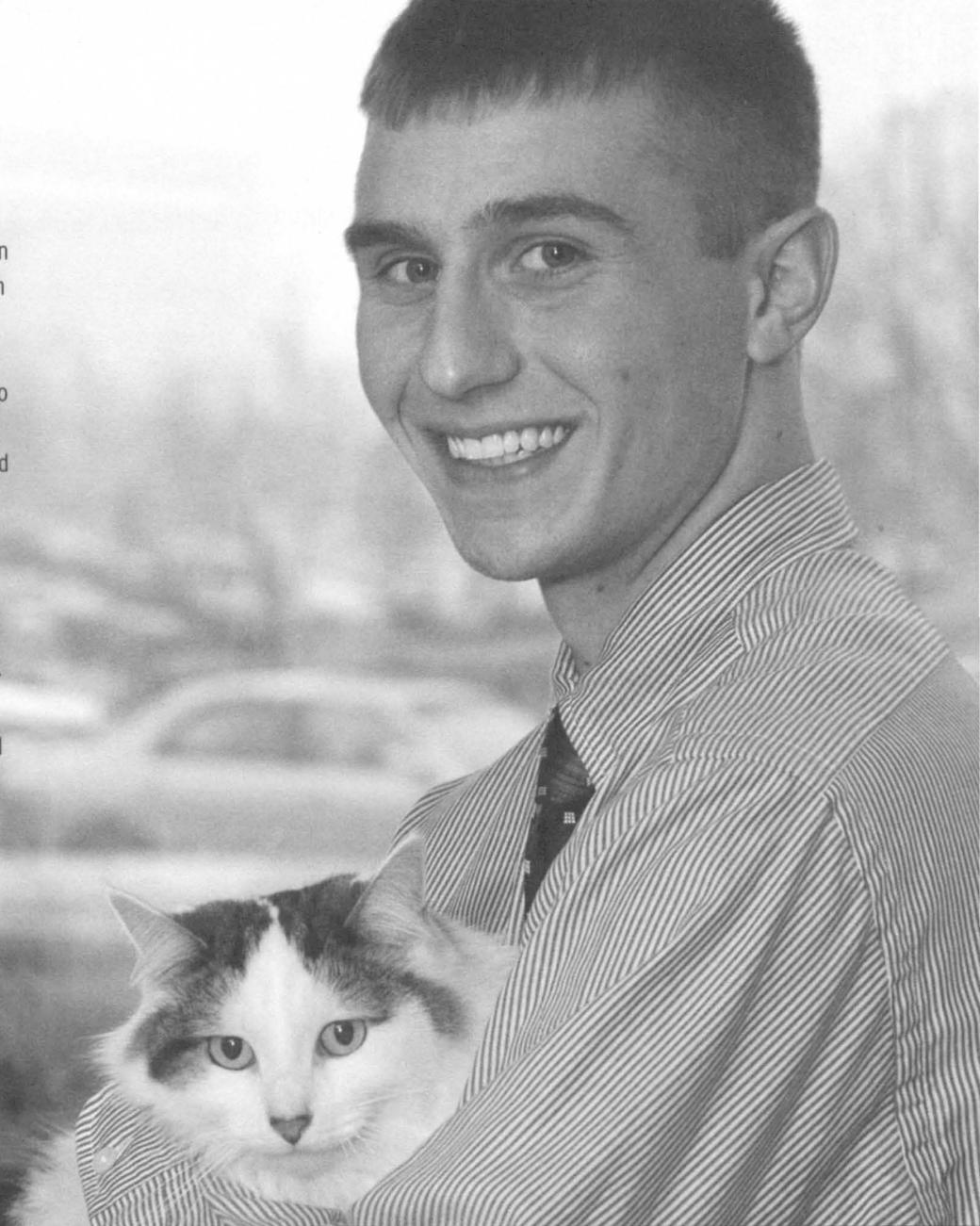
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Erik Ask '04 is a recipient of both the Jessie D. and Denny W. Speidel Scholarship in Feline Medicine and the Cornell Feline Health Center Student Scholarship. The Feline Health Center Student Scholarship is awarded to the fourth-year veterinary student who served as president of Cornell's student chapter of AAFP. The award covers travel and lodging expenses and meeting registration for the annual meeting of the American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP), a major educational event. Ask attended the fall 2003 AAFP symposium in New Orleans, where he learned about feline pain management and new anesthetic and surgical techniques. He is shown here with a feline friend outside Cornell's Veterinary Medical Center.



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CatWatch, the Newsletter for *Cat People*[™], is available by subscription or free to members of the Feline Health Center. This monthly newsletter contains a wealth of useful information to help cat lovers keep their cats healthy and happy

The Cornell Book of Cats, now in its second edition, is heralded as "a virtual encyclopedia for cat owners," and "perhaps the best buy around for anyone living with a cat,

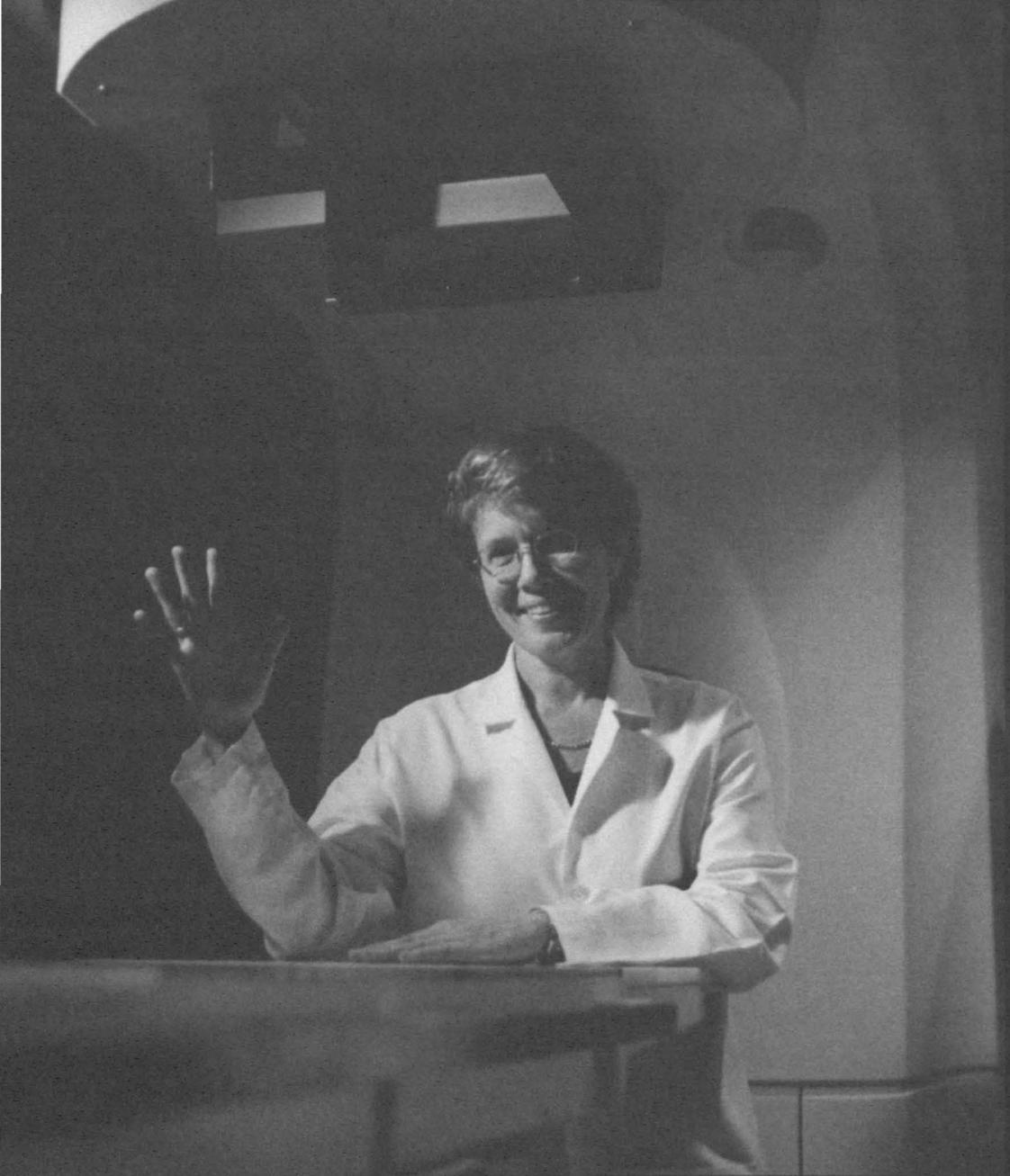
and a definite must for inclusion in any cat library." The book, written in language understandable to cat owners, is the work of many authorities and is exhaustive in scope, covering feline medicine, surgery, nutrition, behavior, pediatrics, geriatrics, reproduction, and many other topics.



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Stocks. Through your gift of appreciated securities, stocks, or bonds to the Feline Health Center, you may avoid some or all of the capital gains tax by deducting their full current market value as a charitable contribution.

Dr. Louis J. Camuti Memorial Endowment Fund

Louis J. Camuti, a well-known doctor in the New York metropolitan area, was the first veterinarian in the United States to devote his entire practice to cats. For more than 60 years, Dr. Camuti made house calls for his feline patients. Following his death in 1981, friends sought to honor his memory through the creation of the Dr. Louis J. Camuti Memorial Endowment Fund. Together with a small consultation fee, this fund helps defray the Feline Health Center's costs of approximately \$100,000 a year to operate the Camuti Memorial Feline Consultation and Diagnostic Service. Cat lovers, breeders, and veterinarians worldwide use this service to obtain information on feline ailments and treatment options. Contributions to help maintain this fund are welcome.

