Research advances in Baker Institute laboratories today are making a difference for tomorrow's generation of companion animals.

Our Vision
is to serve the animals that so faithfully serve mankind.

Our Mission
is to improve animal health through basic and applied research.

Our Goal
is to be the leading institution in animal health research worldwide.

The Baker Institute for Animal Health... Advancing Veterinary Medicine through Research since 1950

On the cover: Nova Scotia duck tolling retrievers Boomerang, Epic, and Darwin owned by Liz Corey
This report chronicles two years of activity at the Baker Institute for Animal Health. During this period, Cornell inaugurated a new president, the university’s first alumnus to serve in this office. In his first year in office, Jeff Lehman has confirmed the university’s commitment to excellence in the biological sciences. It is a pleasure to note that Baker Institute scientists have been at the forefront of Cornell’s New Life Sciences initiative in areas ranging from the evolution of viruses to gene therapy.

As part of Cornell’s College of Veterinary Medicine, the Institute functions not as a clinic, but as a site for basic and applied research on health problems of animals. The Institute has focused primarily on conditions that are widespread and which have an infectious origin or a genetic basis. These two areas, genetics and infectious disease, are high-priority areas for the Veterinary College. The solutions to conditions of both types fall under the umbrella of preventive medicine. Vaccines and other control measures for infections prevent these scourges and, in some cases, have virtually eradicated the causative diseases. More recently, the Institute’s programs in inherited disease have led to the development of genetic tests that can be used by breeders to select mating pairs that will “improve the breed” and prevent the occurrence of certain inherited conditions.

As you will read in this report, many of our programs have a strong international component. The Baker Institute has been a magnet for students and visiting scientists for over half a century, and this trend shows no signs of diminishing. Today, Institute projects on dog and horse genetics involve researchers from nearly every continent, and trainees and visitors from 15 countries work at the Institute daily.

For nearly 55 years, the Baker Institute has been at the forefront of veterinary medical research, and today we enjoy a reputation for finding practical solutions to problems in animal health. This is indeed an enviable position, but it carries the risk of complacency. How does an established institution remain current and relevant in today’s rapidly changing world? Externally, we rely on the Institute’s Research Partners, practicing veterinarians who communicate regularly with the Institute and who provide a window to the world of real-life problems for our research staff. Internally, we continue to recruit the finest scientific talent we can attract to take on the challenges of tomorrow. With this combination, we hope that the Institute’s “tradition of innovation” will endure for many decades to come.

Without the financial assistance of the Institute’s many friends, we could not undertake our important work. On behalf of all of the Institute’s staff members, and of the animals we serve, I thank you.

Sincerely,

Douglas F. Antczak, Director
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The only way to eliminate the occurrence of hip dysplasia is to identify affected dogs before breeding. Until the genes that cause this trait are identified, radiographic methods to assess hip conformation and stability remain an important diagnostic tool for veterinarians and breeders.

George Lust and his coworkers compared three radiographic diagnostic traits: the extended hip (OFA-like) radiograph, the PennHip™ distraction index (DI), and the dorsolateral subluxation (DLS) score. Comparisons were made with dogs at eight months—the age by which hip joint development is essentially completed—to see which test better predicted whether a hip joint would have osteoarthritis. This disease is considered evidence of hip dysplasia. Dr. Lust found that both osteoarthritic dogs and disease-free dogs could be identified most reliably by using a single DLS radiograph.

In a separate study of 55 dogs, Dr. Lust observed that all of the dogs with a DLS score of more than 55 percent at eight months were diagnosed as having normal hip joints at two years of age on the OFA-like diagnostic test. Of the dogs with DLS scores below 55 percent at eight months, about half had evidence of hip dysplasia. Since osteoarthritis—a consequence of hip dysplasia—develops slowly, it is likely that waiting longer would identify more dogs with osteoarthritis in the OFA-like diagnosis.

To find out more, see Dr. Lust’s web page at bakerinstitute.vet.cornell.edu/research/lust/lust.html.

In the continuing search for a noninvasive biomarker for the early detection of osteoarthritis, Nancy Burton-Wurster’s laboratory has ruled out what was once thought most promising: a unique type of protein called fibronectin isoform. After careful analysis of the synovial fluid from dogs with hip dysplasia and cranial cruciate ligament insufficiency, the scientists concluded that although there are elevated levels of this protein in the early stages of cartilage change, it is not particularly useful in predicting the fate of individual animals.

An important new tool was added to the laboratory this year. The Affymetrix DogGene chip allows scientists to study the up or down regulation of the activity of thousands of genes simultaneously. The device should accelerate progress in the lab’s examination of precisely what happens during the spread of cell death in the early stages of cartilage degeneration in osteoarthritis.

In the future, Dr. Burton-Wurster will combine these gene expression studies with a genome-wide screening conducted by the Institute’s George Lust and Cornell veterinary colleague Rory Toddhunter. As a collaborator on the Genomics project, the lab focused on fine-mapping and identifying candidate genes on canine chromosome 37—one of 12 chromosomes that show linkage to the phenotypic measures of canine hip dysplasia and osteoarthritis. Combining these two approaches will enhance the search for genes that contribute to early osteoarthritis.

For more details on Dr. Burton-Wurster’s research, go to bakerinstitute.vet.cornell.edu/research/burton_wurster/burton_wurster.html.
Alex Travis's lab has taken a novel approach to understanding male fertility, investigating what happens to sperm during the process of capacitation, through which sperm become able to fertilize an egg.

In the female reproductive tract, sperm are exposed to specific stimuli, such as agents that remove cholesterol from the sperm's plasma membrane.

These stimuli trigger a series of changes that give sperm the ability to fertilize an egg. How these stimuli induce the functional changes in the sperm is unknown. Dr. Travis has identified one mechanism by which these stimuli might be acting. He has found that the membrane of the sperm is composed of different domains, some of which are greatly enriched in cholesterol. Moreover, he has found that these regions organize many of the molecular pathways involved in fertilization. This work points to a mechanism through which removal of cholesterol from the plasma membrane might give sperm the ability to fertilize. Dr. Travis's research also has shown that sperm have what are possibly the largest and most stable membrane sub-domains known in all cell biology. He presented this work at the Annual Meeting of the American Society for Cell Biology in Washington, D.C.

In addition, Dr. Travis has been working to benefit the conservation of wild species of cat and dog by optimizing new stem cell technologies to preserve genetic diversity.

For more information on Dr. Travis, see his web page at bakerinstitute.vet.cornell.edu/research/travis/travis.html.

Vicki Meyers-Wallen, VMD, PhD
Associate Professor of Genetics and Reproduction

Scientists in Vicki Meyers-Wallen's Laboratory for the Study of Inherited Canine Reproductive Diseases have been searching for the gene mutation responsible for Sry-negative XX sex reversal, an inherited disorder that lab scientists had previously found in 17 dog breeds. Sry-negative XX sex reversal, an autosomal-recessive inherited trait, causes testicular tissue to develop in dogs that are chromosomally female. Infertility or sterility commonly results.

Dr. Meyers-Wallen and other scientists in her laboratory concluded a genome-wide screen on DNA for a family of dogs with this disorder. They narrowed down the location of this gene mutation from the 78 possible chromosomes to five. These five regions are being analyzed by fine-mapping; specific genes are being examined as possible candidates.

One candidate gene has definitely been ruled out: Pisrtl. Discovering this is significant because a Pisrtl mutation has been identified by other scientists as the cause of a similar disorder in the goat. Four other genes that were considered candidates were excluded by scientists in the Meyers-Wallen laboratory. Results were presented at the Second International Conference on Advances in Canine and Feline Genomics held in Utrecht, The Netherlands, in October 2004, and at the Fifth International Symposium on Canine and Feline Reproduction: Basic and Applied Research on Reproduction of Domestic, Exotic, and Endangered Carnivores.

To learn more, visit bakerinstitute.vet.cornell.edu/research/meyers_wallen/meyers_wallen.html.
John Parker, BVMS, PhD
Assistant Professor of Virology

The main focus of virologist John Parker's work is reoviruses, a model system for understanding the cellular pathobiology of viral infections. His current studies focus on the processes of assembly and replication that occur within structures that he calls "viral factories." In previous work, Dr. Parker identified two proteins that form the infrastructure of these factories. His current studies are focusing on how cellular proteins are co-opted into aiding viral replication and assembly within viral factories.

These studies use advanced microscopy techniques that allow scientists to watch—on time-lapse movies—the dynamic movement of proteins that form factories and how they interact with cellular organelles.

In addition, Dr. Parker and collaborator Colin Parrish, have received funding from the Feline Health Center and more recently the Winn Foundation to study important aspects of feline calicivirus cell infection. A newly emergent, highly pathogenic strain of this virus is causing up to 50 percent mortality in sporadic outbreaks. Initial studies in the Parker and Parrish labs have identified important differences in growth and stability between the virulent and nonvirulent strains. Dr. Parker hopes that these findings will allow his lab to identify the genetic determinants of these differences. This information will allow the design of modern screening tests that can distinguish the virulent from the nonvirulent strains in cats.

For more information, go to bakerinstitute.vet.cornell.edu/research/parker/parker.html.

Colin Parrish, PhD
Professor of Virology

Scientists in Colin Parrish's lab have had an exciting breakthrough: they have figured out how the feline parvovirus, originally infecting just cats, has been able to expand its host range to infect dogs to become the canine parvovirus. They have shown that two mutations—occurring spontaneously in nature—allowed the feline virus to bind to a receptor on dog cells called the transferrin receptor (TFR). In the next phase of their studies, lab scientists will examine the structure of the TFR to determine precisely how the virus binds to it and infects the cells and spreads throughout the animal.

In related studies, Dr. Parrish and colleagues are tracking the dynamics of the process that allows the canine parvovirus to evolve from its ancestor among the feline viruses. They have found that new mutations have been occurring every four to five years, and within a year or two those mutations appear all over the world.

A second major project is a collaboration with John Parker's laboratory to discover the structure and understand the functions of the calicivirus. This virus, common to cats, also infects dogs. Scientists in both labs are examining the properties of each virus, how it grows, and how changes in its structure can cause a more (or less) virulent disease. As with the parvovirus, they are comparing the properties of cat and dog viruses. Although they are the same type of virus, they affect the two species quite differently.

For more information on Dr. Parrish's work, visit bakerinstitute.vet.cornell.edu/research/parrish/parrish.html.
Scientists in Judy Appleton’s laboratory have identified three different types of proteins that are promising candidates for use in a vaccine against *Parela-phantostrongylus tenuis*, a parasitic worm that causes paralysis by damaging the spinal cords of llamas, alpacas, goats, and sheep raised in the eastern United States. Aggressive anti-inflammatory treatment is expensive and few animals recover; therefore, developing a vaccine is important.

Five proteins were cloned and characterized by Dr. Mike Duffy. Two were found to be enzymes, and the remaining three are related to proteins found in the venom of vespids (wasps and hornets).

The proteins made by *P. tenuis* are not simple proteins, rather they have sugars attached (hence, they are called glycoproteins). To create a successful vaccine, the protein in the vaccine must be made in the form of a glycoprotein as well. Dr. Duffy determined that putting cloned genes into a virus that replicates inside insect cells is likely to be the best method for producing these complex molecules.

In related research, Ms. Lisa Daley and Ms. Lucy Gagliardo created reagents necessary to identify the highly unusual antibodies llamas and alpacas make in response to infection with pathogens. These reagents will be valuable in improving diagnostic tests. The tests are the tools that lab scientists need to both better understand the type of immune response llamas make to parasites as well as test the effectiveness of vaccines they will eventually produce.

For a closer look at Dr. Appleton’s research, go to bakerinstitute.vet.cornell.edu/research/appleton/appleton.html.

Dr. Paige Adams successfully completed her PhD thesis on reproductive immunology in the mare, resulting in the development of an important new way to assess maternal immune function during pregnancy. In the fall of 2003, Dr. Adams’s presentation at the national Conference for Research Workers in Animal Disease held in Chicago was awarded first place in the immunology section of the trainee competition.

To find out more, go to bakerinstitute.vet.cornell.edu/research/antczak/antczak.html.
Bettina Wagner, DVM, Dr. vet. med.
Senior Research Associate

Bettina Wagner joined the Baker Institute faculty in March 2004. For the previous two years, she was a visiting scientist at the Institute on leave from the School of Veterinary Medicine in Hannover, Germany. Dr. Wagner’s research has focused on the immunoglobulin genes of horses. These genes encode antibodies; they are critically important in immune defense, and some of them can also cause allergic and autoimmune diseases. With colleagues in Germany, and more recently at Cornell, Dr. Wagner has used a variety of molecular techniques to isolate and characterize all of the equine immunoglobulin (Ig) genes. This work has included the discovery of two new IgG genes, the identification of the equine IgD gene, and the first production of monoclonal antibodies to equine IgE.

Dr. Wagner has enjoyed collaborations with Cornell colleagues Dr. David Holowka of the Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology on studies of mast cells, which are the principal effector cells in allergies; and with Dr. Dorothy Ainsworth of the Department of Clinical Sciences in the College of Veterinary Medicine on investigations of equine Recurrent Airway Obstruction, an important immunologic disease commonly known to horsemen as “heaves.” Dr. Wagner also participates in the Institute’s long-term studies of equine pregnancy immunology with Dr. Doug Antczak, and in international collaborations of the Horse Genome Project.

For more information on Dr. Wagner’s work, see bakerinstitute.vet.cornell.edu/research/wagner/wagner.html.

Canine Inherited Eye Disease
Greg Acland, BVSc
Senior Research Associate

Dr. Gregory Acland’s research group concentrates on canine and canid genetics, collaborating with colleagues at Cornell University and at other institutions. Their research includes studies of the genes, mutations, and pathogenesis of canine hereditary retinal degenerations; investigations of gene therapy for these diseases; development of a meiotic linkage map of the fox genome; and a program to map the genes involved in the inheritance of tame (domesticated) behavior in the silver fox.

Orly Goldstein, a scientist in Dr. Acland’s laboratory, has been fine-mapping progressive rod-cone degeneration (prcd) using Linkage Disequilibrium, and also has been evaluating a series of candidate genes in three novel canine cone rod dystrophies. Dr. Anna Kukekova has successfully mapped the gene for rcd2, an early onset canine hereditary retinal degeneration occurring naturally in the rough and smooth collie; has fine-mapped the gene for erd, another early-onset canine hereditary retinal degeneration, and has had a set of silver fox pedigrees accepted for mapping by the Mammalian Genotyping Service at the Marshfield Foundation.

Dr. Acland and Dr. Kukekova were both invited speakers to the International Cat and Dog Genome Meeting in Utrecht, The Netherlands, this year, and were visiting scientists at the Institute of Cytology and Genetics in Novosibirsk, Russia. In addition, Dr. Acland received the Paul Kayser Award for Retinal Research this year.

For more details, go to bakerinstitute.vet.cornell.edu/research/acland/acland.html.
Beyond the Laboratory

For knowledge to advance, it must be shared. The faculty of the Baker Institute do this through their teaching and by publishing research findings in peer-reviewed journals. They also frequently interact with members of the broader scientific community at Cornell, across the country, and around the globe. The Institute’s scientific staff serves in leadership roles in domestic and international scientific societies, and in organizing conferences and meetings. They use these opportunities to confer with their colleagues from other universities, laboratories, and industry. Following are some of the noteworthy recent activities of the Institute’s scientific staff.

Dr. Greg Acland and his Baker Institute colleague Dr. Anna Kukakova were visiting scientists at the Institute of Cytology and Genetics, in Novosibirsk, Russia, as part of the collaborative fox genome project.

Dr. Acland and Dr. Gus Aguirre, along with colleagues at the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Florida, were co-recipients of the Paul Kayser Award for Retinal Research in 2004, for the successful development of genetic therapy for Canine Leber Congenital Amaurosis.

In June of 2003, Dr. Doug Antczak was a co-organizer of an international workshop on Genomic Applications to Equine Immunity convened by the Dorothy Russell Havemeyer Foundation, Inc. at the Baker Institute’s new conference facilities.

Dr. Judy Appleton was the scientific program organizer of the International Conference on Trichinella held in San Diego, California, in August 2004.

In 2004, Dr. Colin Parrish was elected to serve a four-year term as a Councillor of the American Society for Virology.

The research on canine hip dysplasia of Drs. George Lust and Nancy Burton-Wurster was featured in the December 2004 issue of Dog Fancy.

Dr. Alex Travis organized the first North East Regional Reproductive Biology Meeting, held in May of 2004 in the Baker Institute’s Thaw Lecture Theater. He also presented his research on lipid raft membrane domains in sperm at the American Society for Cell Biology Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

Dr. John Parker presented his research on reoviruses at a Gordon Conference in Italy in May 2003.

In 2004, Dr. Vicki Meyers-Wallen presented a paper on her research on canine XX sex reversal at the Second International Conference on the Advances in Canine and Feline Genomics in Utrecht, the Netherlands. She was also an invited plenary speaker at the International Symposium on Canine and Feline Reproduction in Sao Paolo, Brazil, addressing the topic of “Genetics, genomics, and molecular biology of sex determination in small animals.”

Dr. Bettina Wagner presented an invited paper on characterization of the immunoglobulin genes of the horse at the International Congress of Immunology in Montreal in July 2004.

2003 Havemeyer Workshop on Equine Health

Equine scientists from eleven states and six countries gathered at the Baker Institute June 19–21 to discuss recent findings in equine genomics and immunology and methods for collaboration to move the science forward with greater speed and power. Potential applications to the horse industry are numerous, eventually providing veterinarians access to accurate diagnostic tools, the ability to evaluate effectiveness of vaccinations, and even informing breeding decisions.

This was the first of ten planned workshops to be hosted by the Baker Institute and the Dorothy Russell Havemeyer Foundation, Inc. Each year scientists will convene to discuss ways to advance equine research to address many areas of horse health, including immunology and genetics.

A web site was created for the Havemeyer Equine Health Workshops as a venue to share information generated by the workshops. A visit to the site reveals information on the 2003 conference.

For more information, visit bakerinstitute.vet.cornell.edu/education/havemeyer/Index.html.
The Power and Promise of the New Life Sciences

Dr. Claire Fraser was the featured speaker in April 2003 at the Washington, D.C., Forum on the Power and the Promise of the New Life Sciences at Cornell. Dr. Fraser, president of the Institute for Genomic Research (TIGR) and Baker Institute Advisory Council member, shared her insights on the potential benefits and possible problems that may result from the information we glean as we pursue the study of genomics. The forum was attended by several hundred alumni and friends of the university who came together to learn more about this exciting new development at Cornell.

TIGR is a not-for-profit research institute whose primary interests are in structural, functional, and comparative analysis of genomes and gene products. Researchers at TIGR completed the genome sequence of many pathogens (disease-causing bacteria) including those that cause cholera, tuberculosis, meningitis, syphilis, Lyme disease, and ulcers, as well as several microorganisms of environmental relevance.

The New Life Sciences Initiative brings together teams of scientists—which include biologists, physical scientists, engineers, computational scientists, and others—to examine life and life processes. This “new biology” is now making it possible to study life in much greater depth, generate more specialized data, and analyze research findings faster than ever before.

Life sciences research already has altered our understanding of the origins of life and improved the quality of life for humans and animals.

At the Baker Institute, our work will benefit from this initiative because our scientists were among the first at Cornell to embrace genomics technology. That technology, coupled with greater collaboration and state-of-the-art facilities, will yield breakthroughs in animal health that we barely fathom today. Genomics will prove to be as important in the prevention of disease as immunology and vaccine development were in Baker’s early history.

To learn more: lifesciences.cornell.edu.

A longstanding hallmark of the Institute's outreach program is our concerted effort to interact often with the animal-owning public. Highlighted here are a few of the activities that provide us with opportunities to share knowledge and gather input on animal health issues.

The Hampton Classic Horse Show

In 2003 and 2004 the Baker Institute hosted a program in Bridgehampton, New York, on opening day of the Hampton Classic, one of the country’s largest hunter/jumper horse shows. More than 75 friends of the Institute and alumni of the College of Veterinary Medicine attended and enjoyed discussions with Doug Antczak about Cornell’s equine medicine program. The Institute’s participation was made possible with special help from Tony Hitchcock '62.
Activities

National Newfoundland Specialty Show

Rory Todhunter, associate professor in the College of Veterinary Medicine and former Baker graduate student and post-doc, gave a presentation on hip dysplasia during the Newfoundland Specialty Show held at the Holiday Valley Resort in Ellicottville, New York, in 2003. Dr. Todhunter discussed his collaboration with George Lust and Nancy Burton-Wurster to develop the DLS hip test and his subsequent work to detect the genetics of the disease.

More than 60 people attended the lecture, which was sponsored by the Newfoundland Club of America. Many of the attendees have offered to help with the studies by providing pedigrees and samples for genetic testing of their dogs.

For more information, go to www.newfdogclub.org.

Stuart Horse Trials

To show our support of the sport horse community, the Baker Institute was a patron of the Stuart Horse Trials held in Victor, New York, on the Stuart Horse Grounds.

One of the premier events in the region, it is attended by several thousand guests who enjoy watching the competitions, which include dressage, stadium jumping, and cross country jumping. The trials feature Olympic-level riders as well as local riders and horses.

Washington International Horse Show

Don Smith, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, and Doug Antczak, director of the Institute, along with several alumni and faculty participated in events at the Washington International Horse Show in October 2003 at the invitation of Austin Kiplinger '39, the show's chairman, and Dr. Sheila Johnson, president of the show. Proceeds from the Washington, D.C., show benefited the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation. Reeve was a 1974 Cornell graduate.

Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show

The Baker Institute holds its Advisory Council’s annual spring business meeting in New York City to coincide with the Westminster Kennel Club (WKC) Dog Show. Several Baker council members are involved in the show, which is held at Madison Square Garden, as competitors, enthusiasts, breeders, and judges. Following a day-long meeting, Council members and Institute staff host events during which guests are introduced to the various animal health programs at the Institute and the College. The show also provides an excellent venue for Institute and College faculty to present new information on current canine health issues to dog owners.
Leaders in Their Field: 2003 Institute Awards

**Arthur F. North, Jr. Canine Service Award**

Prior to his appointment as Baker Institute director, Doug McGregor had established himself as one of the leading immunologists of his generation through research conducted at Oxford University and the Trudeau Institute.

Dr. McGregor’s commitment to basic research and his appreciation of its value to clinical medicine equaled that of the founding director, James A. Baker. He also had a matching passion for institutional advancement, which resulted in a period of unprecedented growth for the Institute. Dr. McGregor held himself and his faculty to the highest standards of research excellence.

Following his term as director, Dr. McGregor went on to another distinguished career as associate dean for research and graduate education in the College of Veterinary Medicine. In that position, he developed research training programs for pre- and post-doctoral veterinary students that have attracted outstanding trainees from all parts of the world.

**Founders’ Award**

Gus Aguirre first came to the Baker Institute in 1972 as an independent post-doctoral scientist. He was soon recruited back to the University of Pennsylvania, where he had received his veterinary training. In 1992, Dr. Aguirre returned to Cornell, this time as director of the Baker Institute. His decision in 1994 to devote more of his time to research proved to be a wise move. During the subsequent decade, Dr. Aguirre’s research program in canine medical genetics/genomics reached new heights, culminating in spectacular achievements in gene therapy for inherited eye disease. Dr. Aguirre’s program attracted an outstanding group of scientists from around the globe to Cornell to participate in his excellent and exciting research.

In 2004, Dr. Aguirre returned to Penn once more, leaving the Baker Institute for the second time in his career. Upon this occasion, the Institute took the opportunity to honor Gus and his many achievements, which embody the philosophy of translational research that has marked the Baker Institute for the past half century.

For a complete listing of previous Institute award recipients, visit bakerinstitute.vet.cornell.edu/giving/awards.html.
John Lafore, Jr. Kennel Club Award
Presented to American Border Collie Association in 2003

The American Border Collie Association, founded in 1982, is a member-owned registry of more than 9,000 members that exists to register, maintain, and verify the pedigrees of border collies and to promote and foster the breeding, training, and distribution of reliable working border collies in North America.

The Lafore Award is given on a special basis in recognition of a kennel club or breed-affiliated organization for outstanding contributions to the advancement of canine health through their support of research and education. Since 1999, the American Border Collie Association has been a partner to the Institute, and we are especially delighted to formally express our gratitude with this honor. We also recognize the association's role in ensuring the health of purebred dogs by funding research and advocating responsible breeding.

This award was established in 1993 to honor Mr. Lafore's distinguished service to purebred dogs as a breeder, dog club member, Baker Institute Advisory Council member, and American Kennel Club delegate and president.

Tang Scholar

Dr. Li Kui, of Huazhong Agricultural University in Wuhan City, People's Republic of China, conducted research on genetic cloning of dogs and Chinese breeds of swine as part of his experience as a Tang Scholar.

Martin Y. Tang '70 and the Tang family created the Tang Cornell China Scholars Program in 1999 to enhance scientific and technological collaboration internationally through cooperative relationships between the best young scholars in the People's Republic of China and leaders in research and education at Cornell. The Baker Institute is pleased to have hosted Dr. Kui during his second year of study at the University.

Havemeyer Foundation Receives Equine Award

At the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) 50th Anniversary meeting in Denver in December, 2004, the George Stubbs Award was presented to Institute Advisory Council member Gene Pranzo, who accepted on behalf of the Dorothy Russell Havemeyer Foundation. The Stubbs award recognizes contributions made to equine veterinary medicine by individuals other than veterinarians and is named for George Stubbs, whose book Anatomy of the Horse was published over 200 years ago and is still universally recognized as an authoritative anatomical treatise.

The Dorothy Russell Havemeyer Foundation, which Pranzo directs, is a small, private foundation, which conducts scientific research to improve the general health and welfare of horses. The foundation's activities have been in two main areas: scientific conferences and investigator-driven research. The Havemeyer conferences are widely appreciated in the equine community for their high level of scientific discourse and for the expectation of continuing collaboration among participants. Havemeyer support for the Horse Genome Project is a good example of how the foundation has been able to jump-start research in a new area with selective application of funds.

Over the past quarter century, the Havemeyer Foundation has established an important niche in equine research that fosters collegiality in an environment that combines the highest scientific standards with a commitment to practical advances in the health and well-being of the horse.
**Financial Summary 2003**

**Revenue Sources 2003**
- Other Sources (2%)
- Indirect Cost-Return (4%)
- Private Donations (6%)
- College Support (15%)
- Competitive Research Grants (34%)
- Endowment Income (39%)

**Operating Expenses 2003**
- Administration (9%)
- Infrastructure Support (12%)
- Research (79%)

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**Financial Summary 2004**

**Revenue Sources 2004**
- Other Sources (2%)
- Indirect Cost-Return (5%)
- Private Donations (6%)
- College Support (13%)
- Endowment Income (33%)
- Competitive Research Grants (41%)

**Operating Expenses 2004**
- Administration (9%)
- Infrastructure Support (13%)
- Research (78%)
Dear Friends and Supporters,

Since our last formal report, the Institute family experienced losses and new beginnings. We were all saddened by the passing of Dr. Robert Shope, an esteemed virologist and former chair of the Institute’s Advisory Council. Dr. Shope will be deeply missed. On a happier note, we gained a new Advisory Council member, Ezra Cornell, and look forward to his service and counsel.

Another promising event was the opening of the new building. Faculty members have fully occupied the new laboratories and are very pleased with the bright, modern space. Thank you to all who made gifts to the building campaign—private funds clearly made the building a reality.

With the new space complete, the leadership of the Institute and Advisory Council agree that the focus of our efforts in the near-term will be to enhance existing programs and increase our research endowment. A focus on our key strengths in research such as genomics and infectious disease prevention will fast-track our ability to make discoveries that will advance animal health.

Most importantly, thank you for your continuing support, which is critical to the Institute’s success. Funds from people like you, who care about the health and well-being of companion animals, are the core of our private support. We rely on private gifts to fund endowed chairs, which allow us to recruit and retain outstanding faculty; to support specific research projects, which focus on animal health issues not funded by NIH or other government-sponsored programs; and to provide enhancement opportunities for our graduate student trainees—the young scientists who will be responsible for the animal health breakthroughs of tomorrow.

When you make a gift to the Baker Institute, you are wisely investing in the future health and well-being of animals, and in many instances, of humans as well. I thank the many donors and volunteers for your generous gifts of time, talent, and funds.

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Louise W. King dedicated her 2003 spring show at the Chelsea Gallery in New York City to the Baker Institute. Ms. King, a Pekingese enthusiast, is known in "Pek" circles for her contributions to the Pekingese Journal. Her columns, titled "by George," detailed, in his own words, her Pekingese George's experience with the world and with Ms. King, a.k.a. "the great responsibility." Ms. King came to know the Baker Institute through her longtime friends and veterinarian, Clayton Dudley DVM '57, and her wife, Georgia Dudley '57. Though George passed away, Tiny Toad, her new dog, also has a literary flair and likes to share movie reviews with the readers of the journal.

A talented sculptor, Ms. King concentrates on the equine form, blending a bit of whimsy with Asian overtones. The opening at the Chelsea Gallery was well attended, including Baker Institute Advisory Council hosts David Benhke and Paul Doherty. During the course of the show, many pieces sold, generating a handsome gift to support our work. For all of us at the institute, we offer a sincere thanks to Louise King for her creative support.
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In Memoriam: Robert Shope Virus Expert

Dr. Robert E. Shope, an arbovirus expert, who served as chairman and a member of the Baker Institute’s Advisory Council, died January 19, 2004. He was 74.

Dr. Shope received his undergraduate degree at Cornell and his medical degree from Cornell Medical College.

He was the principal author of a 1992 National Academy of Sciences report that warned of the potential emergence of new infectious diseases. He contended that the growth of world population, rapid international travel, and the development of drug-resistant microbes and pesticide-resistant insects made worldwide epidemics more likely. The report recommended the development of a worldwide surveillance system to detect new diseases and prevent them from developing into epidemics.

Dr. Shope was an expert in viruses transmitted to people and domestic animals by rodents and mosquitoes and other biting, stinging insects. He helped discover hundreds of viruses, and he led or participated in investigations of Rift Valley fever, Lassa fever, Venezuelan hemorrhagic fever, and other diseases.

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