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Shelter Helps Veterinary Students Gain Important Skills

To many newly graduated DVMs, the first surgery performed on their own can be daunting. Cornell's veterinary program has a long history of providing students with highly supervised opportunities to practice their skills, gain speed, and improve their techniques while they are still students. One opportunity, for example, has roots in a nearly decade-old partnership with Lollypop Farm, the Humane Society of Greater Rochester. Students from Cornell's College of Veterinary Medicine are able to participate in an externship at the shelter, building upon their knowledge of shelter medicine and giving them the opportunity to hone their surgical skills—before they graduate.

When Dr. Janet Scarlett, professor of epidemiology and director of Maddie's® Shelter Medicine Program, approached Lollypop Farm to serve as a field training site for the College's shelter medicine program, Dr. Andrew Newmark, Lollypop Farm's chief veterinarian, seized the opportunity as a way to share a positive view of shelter medicine with the future generation of veterinarians. Since the onset of the program approximately nine years ago, nearly 60 students have completed an externship at Lollypop Farm.

"When I got out of vet school, I struggled with the surgeries" said Dr. Newmark. "I didn't feel as though I received enough hands-on training to prepare me for the 'real-world.' It may take an inexperienced student 45 minutes to 90 minutes to complete a cat spay, whereas a seasoned veterinarian can usually complete the procedure in 7-8 minutes. I want to provide students with the additional experience to help build their confidence and increase their surgical abilities."

Dr. Newmark's goal for students dovetails well with the goals of the College. Enhancing primary care training for students at Cornell's College of Veterinary Medicine is a key element of the College's Strategic Plan. The two-week externship exposes students to spay/neuter surgeries, care of animals in shelters, and methods used to prevent animals from going to shelters. They also participate in the removal of tumors and bladder stones, amputations, and orthopedic work. With Lollypop Farm's in-house investigation team, students witness the exploration of animal cruelty cases firsthand, learning what to look for, what to do, and how to document suspected cruelty. Students watch Dr. Newmark conduct forensic necropsies, learning how they differ from typical necropsies.

Shelter medicine poses different challenges than those found in a private practice, according to Dr. Newmark, who said that many shelters don't have the money to run multiple tests on an animal. "Students must be very thorough during the physical exams," Dr. Newmark explained, adding that one of his goals for the experience is to help students understand the importance of herd health. He stresses that herd health management is another important aspect of shelter medicine. "If one animal becomes sick, many others are immediately at risk," said Dr. Newmark.

Veterinary students who have completed the externship have nothing but praise for the work that Dr. Newmark is doing at Lollypop Farm and for the additional training the experience provides. Kevin Nagel DVM '09 participated in an externship at Lollypop Farm in February in order to build upon what he had learned at Cornell and because he wanted more surgical experience.

"The externship at Lollypop was one of my favorite rotations," said Dr. Nagel. "Dr. Newmark helped me become more confident as a surgeon and gave me a greater appreciation for shelter medicine. During my two weeks there, I was able to perform 42 surgeries on a variety of animals. I now feel comfortable performing most types of spay/neuter surgeries without supervision, which is a huge relief as I start my first job at a small animal private practice in California."

Lollypop Farm Vets



Dr. Andrew Newmark, right, shown with Dr. Cathlin Craver DVM '07, a former student who participated in the externship and now works at Lollypop Farm part-time.

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2009 Clinical Fellows Program Recipient Announced

Dr. Sarah Helmond has been selected as the 2009 Clinical Fellow at Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine. The Clinical Fellows Program was started in 2008 to provide significant research experience for clinical specialists committed to pursuing an academic career.

Dr. Helmond's research is focused on developing methods to prevent blood clots in dogs with serious hematological diseases, with a special focus on immune-mediated hemolytic anemia (IMHA). She intends to continue this research with her fellowship and is intent on understanding why dogs with IMHA get blood clots.

Dr. Helmond is very excited to work in a university-setting, which she says is a thriving community where researchers are breaking new ground every day with their discoveries. She's hopeful that the fellowship will allow her to explore her clinical and research interests and that someday she'll be able to teach others what she's learned.

"I studied a lot of the research and publications from Cornell's comparative coagulation laboratory during my residency in looking for answers to my research and hold Cornell in the highest regard," said Dr. Helmond. "I look forward to gaining more research skills from people whom I consider the best in the field."

Dr. Helmond will be working under the direction of Dr. Marjory Brooks, associate section director of the Comparative Coagulation Section of the Animal Health Diagnostic Center.

"Dr. Helmond has both the skills of a clinician and the thought process of a researcher," said Dr. Brooks. "She will be a fantastic addition to our team and provide a unique opportunity to network with the hospital."

Dr. Helmond received her DVM-equivalent, BVSc, from the University of Melbourne in Australia. Upon graduation, she worked for five years in a small animal private practice before pursuing a three-year residency at the University of Minnesota, specializing in general small animal internal medicine.

Sarah Helmond



Dr. Sarah Helmond

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Dr. Margaret Bynoe Honored with 2009 Pfizer Animal Health Award

Margaret Bynoe, PhD, assistant professor of immunology at Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine, has been named as the 2009 recipient of the Pfizer Animal Health Award for Research Excellence, which recognizes the outstanding research efforts and productivity of faculty members in the early stages of their careers. An award ceremony has been scheduled for September 22, 2009, at which time Dr. Bynoe will also present a seminar on her research findings.

An immunologist, Dr. Bynoe's research focuses on auto-immune diseases, such as multiple sclerosis (MS) and inflammatory bowel diseases. Dr. Bynoe's goal is to understand how the immune system works.

"The immune system is comprised of a mosaic of cells equipped with specialized functions that act in concert to protect the host from foreign invaders, such as viruses and bacteria, that can cause irreparable harm and even death. In some cases, the immune system malfunctions and mistakes host tissue as foreign, acting against it to cause damage in what is commonly referred to as autoimmune disease," said Dr. Bynoe. "Understanding how the immune system operates normally will enable us to identify problems, such as those resulting in autoimmune diseases, and devise ways to fix them."

A major part of Dr. Bynoe's studies centers around the molecule adenosine, a purine nucleoside that is involved in regulating immune system responses. At the Experimental Biology 2008 meeting in April 2008, Dr. Bynoe's team presented the novel finding that, in addition to its role in immune regulation, adenosine controls the entry of immune cells through the blood brain barrier into the central nervous system. The blood brain barrier is comprised of specialized endothelial cells that selectively permit the entry of specific molecules that the brain needs to function normally, while excluding all else. Their findings showed that blocking adenosine receptors with drugs, such as caffeine, prevented the development of a multiple sclerosis-like disease in mice. According to Dr. Bynoe, if the entry of cells and/or molecules into the brain can be selectively blocked by modulating extracellular adenosine levels, this can have a profound impact on treatment of a wide range of neurological disorders, including MS and Alzheimer's disease. Using these research findings, Dr. Bynoe is coordinating efforts to investigate other diseases that affect the brain, such as Alzheimer's disease, by studying adenosine's role in regulating blood brain barrier permeability.

"Dr. Bynoe is a phenomenal force," said Dr. David Russell, professor and chair of Microbiology and Immunology. "She's very excited about her research and fires off new ideas all the time. When she gets unusual results from an experiment, she doesn't just throw them away. Being open to making new observations is what makes her a successful scientist."

Dr. Bynoe received her PhD from Albert Einstein College of Medicine. She completed her postdoctoral research training at Yale University, before joining Cornell's Department of Microbiology and Immunology faculty in September 2005.

Dr. Margaret Bynoe



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Faculty Member Earns Career Achievement Award

Dr. Paul Bowser, professor of aquatic animal medicine at the College of Veterinary Medicine, was presented with the S.F. Snieszko Distinguished Service Award during the 50th annual Western Fish Disease Workshop and American Fisheries Society (AFS) Fish Health Section Annual Meeting in Utah earlier this month.

The S.F. Snieszko Distinguished Service Award is the highest award from the AFS Fish Health Section and is a career achievement award for service and contributions to the field of aquatic animal health. The award was named after the late Dr. Stanislaus F. Snieszko, the founding director of the Eastern Fish Disease Laboratory. Snieszko, whose career extended from the early 1930s to 1984, is credited with bringing fish health—both nationally and internationally—into the era of modern medical science.

“Paul has served in the highest offices and many other committees of the Fish Health Section,” said Dr. Ronald P. Hedrick, professor at the University of California, Davis. “He is a major player in fish health nationally and internationally and continues in that capacity as a leader in major disease issues in the northeast.”

Bowser coordinates the activities of the Aquatic Animal Health Program at Cornell’s College of Veterinary Medicine and also serves as the associate director of the AQUAVET Program, a joint educational program in aquatic veterinary medicine that is sponsored by the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University. Prior to joining the faculty at Cornell University, Bowser held faculty positions at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi State University and at the Bodega Marine Laboratory of the University of California at Davis.

Bowser’s research has focused on topics including parasitic, bacterial, and viral diseases of fish; tumor biology in fish; evaluation of new therapeutic compounds in fish; and emerging diseases of fish. Most recently his laboratory group has been heavily involved in the investigation of Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia that has been found in a wide diversity of fish species in the Great Lakes Basin.

He received his B.S. from Cornell University, his M.S. from Iowa State University and his Ph.D. from Auburn University.

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Serpentine-Shaped Protein Identified

The factors that govern normal cellular function or dictate disease states are manifold, and many of them are yet to be discovered. Often though, the answer lies in the function of proteins that contribute to a certain pathway or process. For instance, Dr. Holger Sondermann's work in understanding the role and molecular mechanism of certain proteins involved in neuronal signaling may bring us closer to understanding the pathology of diseases, such as Huntington's.

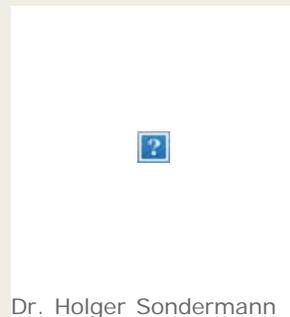
Dr. Sondermann and his colleague, Qi Wang, study the proteins involved in membrane trafficking that control the presentation of cell surface receptors, specifically those that facilitate neuronal transmission. Through a biological process called endocytosis, receptors are removed from the plasma membrane and internalized into a cell for degradation or recycling. For this to happen, a membrane bud has to form that is ultimately pinched off, yielding a vesicle that can be absorbed into the cell. The fission step is facilitated by enzymes and adaptor proteins that impose forces on the membrane.

"In the post-genomic era, we deal with an extensive parts list describing the molecular content of cells, but it requires detailed studies such as ours to elucidate the function and interplay between the individual entities, proteins, membranes, and DNA," said Dr. Sondermann. "We are very excited when we determine the structure of a protein at atomic resolution. The interpretation of the structure allows us to propose how a protein may fulfill its job and how it may be regulated. We then use biochemical assays to test our hypotheses to provide a direct correlation between structure and function."

Sondermann and his team wanted to identify and understand the molecular mechanism responsible for fission, when the neck between the plasma membrane and the budding vesicle forms during endocytosis.

While it is well accepted that Dynamin, an enzyme, is responsible for the final fission process, our research implicated a protein called Pacsin (or Syndapin) capable of introducing constriction points at the membrane neck or membrane tube without the presence of Dynamin. Structural and biochemical studies were conducted in the Sondermann lab to reveal the mechanism and motifs responsible for the specific membrane-sculpting capability of Pacsin.

Often multiple, similar proteins are present in the cell, and it is important to assign specific functions to particular proteins so that eventually we can describe fundamental cellular processes at a molecular level. Most notably in the case of Pacsin, the structural studies revealed a serpentine shape of the protein, rather than the expected crescent shape, which suggests, Dr. Sondermann said, that it has unique features that distinguishes it from other F-BAR domain-containing proteins. These insights were recently published in the [Proceedings of the National Academies of Sciences](#).



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Meet Your Neighbor:

Charles Beach

Years at CVM: 5 years

Position: Office Systems Specialist, VMIT

What does your job entail?

Keeping the pulse of everyone's computers going! I am the support person for Administration. I take on the everyday challenges and changes that our technical needs may bring about.

What are some of your personal interests or hobbies?

I enjoy being hands-on. I grew up in Long Island and by the age of 9, I was helping the neighborhood mechanic with cars. When I turned 15, I got a '65 Mustang that was just a frame and within seven years, I had completely rebuilt the car. I still have the car, but it only gets driven on special occasions!

I'm also very interested in alternative energy. The challenge of people struggling with ways to minimize their use of electricity and fossil fuel has driven me to research this subject intensely. My latest project has been constructing a windmill, powered by a DC motor from a treadmill, that's over 40-feet tall. At this time, it's still in the testing phase. My goal is to someday be 110 percent fuel efficient, where I generate 100 percent of the power on my own and can sell 10 percent back to the utility companies.

Charles Beach



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Please consider helping a needy child start school off right with a new backpack filled with school items. The backpack can cost as little as \$10.00 at many stores. The backpacks should be geared toward children in grades K-6. The total cost for a filled backpack is about \$20.00.

- Two spiral notebooks
- Three folders
- Pencils
- Pens
- Crayons
- Small package of tissues
- Glue sticks
- Erasers
- Scissors (blunt end)
- Package of construction paper
- Ruler
- Washable Markers

Drop-off backpacks to Schurman Hall (S2-013) by August 15th.

Thank you for your help!

Questions? Contact Jennifer (jam333) or Elena (ew68), 253-3700

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Top 100 Journals in Biology and Medicine Announced

The Special Libraries Association recently announced the results of a poll to identify the 100 most influential journals in biology and medicine over the last 100 years. The top 10 publications were unveiled at their annual meeting in Washington, DC, on June 16. Not surprisingly, *Nature*, which published Darwin's original papers, was named "journal of the century." To see the other titles, go to <http://units.sla.org/division/dbio/publications/resources/dbio100.html>.

Suggestions for Keeping Current with the Biomedical Literature

As you may now be aware, the Cornell University Library discontinued *MyContents* on June 30, 2009, due to budget cutbacks and the availability of many free alternatives. *MyContents* was a popular table of contents (TOC) service for many veterinary faculty members in recent years. So what to do???

Here are some possible solutions for current awareness...

Consider your needs. How do you function optimally? What is most important for supporting your work and interests? Some like to see the tables of content of journal issues as they are published; others find a subject and/or author approach best suited to their needs. How rapidly is your field changing and thus your need for frequency in keeping up-to-date? Do you load citations into a citation manager, such as *RefWorks* or *EndNote*?

Consider one or more options for "best fit." Here are a few table of content services, beginning with the free ones:

TicTOCS <http://www.tictocs.ac.uk/>

This new journal table of contents service based in the U.K. enables the creation of a customized list and automatic export to popular RSS feed readers (email is not recommended). Choose from over 12,500 scholarly journals from nearly 450 publishers.

PubMed MEDLINE <http://pubmed.gov>

PubMed offers a combination of subject, author, and tables of content-like choices—by automatic email or on-demand updates. To get TOCs, simply string together any number of the 4,300 biomedical journal titles indexed with "OR" in between each journal title.

ISI Web of Knowledge, BIOSIS, CAB Abstracts, and other bibliographic databases

<http://wfxsearch.webfeat.org/clients/wfxcornell/cornellaz.asp?cid=12378&catID=All%20Resources> After you've received your search results, look for saved search options for alerts on the results display screen. ISI offers "My Saved Searches" for ongoing updates and "My Citation Alerts" for news on papers that cite a particular work.

Publisher Web sites

More and more publishers are providing free notices of new content for journals and books. Sign-up in advance on the publishers' web sites for journals to which Cornell subscribes.

Other Sources

You might want to give *Google Alerts* (<http://www.google.com/alerts>) a try. It is a free service that watches for new online web content.

Also check "New Books at Cornell" for an LC call number listing of new books added to the library collections on campus with RSS feed option. Find it under "Research Help / Current Awareness" from the Cornell University Library home page (<http://www.library.cornell.edu/resrch/current>).

If funding is available, you might want to consider a paid subscription to *Current Contents Connect* (http://thomsonreuters.com/products_services/science/science_products/scholarly_research_analysis/research_discovery/current_contents_connect), which covers many leading scholarly journals.

For those with Veterinary Information Network (VIN) accounts (free to all vet students with Cornell email at www.vin.com), look under their "Veterinary Journal Library" to see tables of content listings by specific issues. Automatic alerts are currently unavailable.

- Check with reference staff at vetref@cornell.edu or 253-3496 to discuss your individual needs and get additional suggestions. The CUL home page under "Research Help / Current Awareness" has links and some further descriptions. Also contact culaware-l@cornell.edu with specific questions or comments.

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VMIT

Microsoft Office 2007 Upgrade

VMIT is in the process of upgrading the entire College to Microsoft Office 2007 (2008 for Macs).

The free upgrade includes MS Word, MS Excel, MS Access, MS PowerPoint, MS Publisher, and MS Outlook. VMIT's goal is to have the entire College upgrade completed by August 17, 2009, before the start of the Fall semester.

Currently, all departments have been upgraded with the exception of CUHA, Biomedical Sciences, and Molecular Medicine, which are currently in progress or scheduled. If your computer does not have the new software on it and your department is not waiting to be upgraded, please send an email to VMIT support or submit a request via our webpage www.vet.cornell.edu/college/VMIT/request.cfm.

CIT is offering free Microsoft Office 2007 training workshops through July and August. Please go to the following link to enroll online: <http://www.cit.cornell.edu/training/office2007/index.cfm>.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Darryle Lee at (dri2@cornell.edu).

VMIT Survey

Veterinary Medicine Information Technology (VMIT) has contracted with Cornell University's Survey Research Institute (SRI) to gather information regarding the IT services offered to the College community.

Faculty and staff who hold regular appointments at the College of Veterinary Medicine will receive an email later this month with a link to a survey that will take 10 to 15 minutes to complete. SRI will conduct the survey, analyze the results, and will provide reports that do not identify replies by individual respondent. Results will inform the Strategic IT Committee in order to make strategic decisions and will inform VMIT's continual efforts to improve the quality and variety of services offered.

If you have questions, please contact Shari Kearl at slk9@cornell.edu.

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Upcoming Events

July 14, 2009	Center for Vertebrate Genomics (CVG) 5th Annual Symposium , 10am-5pm, Duffield Hall
July 24-26, 2009	21st Annual Fred Scott Feline Symposium
Aug. 31, 2009	Stem Cell Seminar in G10 Biotech Auditorium from 4-5pm: Presenter, Dr. Vivek Mittal from Cornell University Medical Center
Sept. 4, 2009	Seminars in Infection and Immunity in Boyce Thompson Institute Auditorium from 12:15-1:15pm: Presenter, Dr. Meta Kuehn from Duke University
Sept. 11, 2009	Seminars in Infection and Immunity in Boyce Thompson Institute Auditorium from 12:15-1:15pm: Presenter, Dr. Ana Rodriguez from Langone Medical Center, New York University
Sept. 16, 2009	Molecular Medicine Seminar Series in LHIII: Samara Reck-Peterson presents "Mechanism and Regulation of Cytoplasmic Dynein"
Sept. 18, 2009	Seminars in Infection and Immunity in Boyce Thompson Institute Auditorium from 12:15-1:15pm: Presenter, Dr. Anthony Gaspari from University of Maryland Medical Center
Sept. 18-19, 2009	Equine Advanced Tenoscopy and Bursoscopy Specialty Course
Sept. 23, 2009	Molecular Medicine Seminar Series in LHIII: Presenter, Joe Fetcho
Sept. 24-25, 2009	Baker Institute for Animal Health Fall Advisory Council Meeting
Sept. 25, 2009	Seminars in Infection and Immunity in Boyce Thompson Institute Auditorium from 12:15-1:15pm: Presenter, Dr. Stephen Davies from Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences
Sept. 26, 2009	2nd Annual Stem Cell Symposium
Oct. 1-4, 2009	NYS Veterinary Conference 2009
October 2 , 2009	Seminars in Infection and Immunity in Boyce Thompson Institute Auditorium from 12:15-1:15pm: Presenter, Dr. Michele Swanson from University of Michigan Medical School
October 5 , 2009	Stem Cell Seminar in G10 Biotech Auditorium from 4-5pm: Presenter, Dr. Valerie Gouon-Evans from The Mount Sinai Medical Center
October 9 , 2009	Seminars in Infection and Immunity in Boyce Thompson Institute Auditorium from 12:15-1:15pm: Presenter, Dr. Magnus Hook from Texas A&M University Health Science Center

- October 23 , 2009** Seminars in Infection and Immunity in Boyce Thompson Institute Auditorium from 12:15-1:15pm: Presenter, Dr. Nihal Alton-Bonnet from Rutgers University
- October 26 , 2009** Stem Cell Seminar in G10 Biotech Auditorium from 4-5pm: Presenter, Dr. Valera Vasioukhin from Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
- Oct. 28, 2009** Molecular Medicine Seminar Series in LHIII: Presenter, Dean Michael Kotlikoff
- Oct. 28 - Nov. 1, 2009** [Syracuse Invitational Sporthorse Tournament](#)
- Oct. 30, 2009** Seminars in Infection and Immunity in Boyce Thompson Institute Auditorium from 12:15-1:15pm: Presenter, Dr. Moriya Tsuji from Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center
- Nov. 6, 2009** Seminars in Infection and Immunity in Boyce Thompson Institute Auditorium from 12:15-1:15pm: Presenter, Dr. Giorgio Trinchieri from National Cancer Institute
- Nov. 13, 2009** Seminars in Infection and Immunity in Boyce Thompson Institute Auditorium from 12:15-1:15pm: Presenter, Dr. De'Broski Herbert from University of Cincinnati College of Medicine
- Nov. 20 , 2009** Seminars in Infection and Immunity in Boyce Thompson Institute Auditorium from 12:15-1:15pm: Presenter, Dr. Eicke Latz from University of Massachusetts Medical School
- Dec. 4, 2009** SCAVMA Auction
- Dec. 5, 2009** White Coat Ceremony for the Class of 2011

If you don't see your group's event listed, please let us know (mem368@cornell.edu) so we can add it to the list.

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On the Road

The College is pleased to continue its tradition of providing a Veterinary Alumni Reception on July 13 at the AVMA meetings in Seattle, Washington, hosted by emeritus dean Don Smith. Nearly 100 alumni and guests are expected and will learn about Smith's Enduring Veterinary Legacy project, featuring our most senior and distinguished alumni. More about this project can be found [here](#). If you are attending the AVMA meetings and would like to attend the reception, please RSVP to Kim Carlisle at 3-3745 or kac43@cornell.edu.

Reunion Logo



Reunion 2009

Nearly 400 College of Veterinary Medicine alumni and guests returned to celebrate reunions, ranging from their fifth to their seventy-fifth! A total of 222 alumni, 130 guests and 41 children enjoyed the Reunion Festivities that took place from June 4-6.

Amidst greeting old friends, alumni and their guests took part in tours of the Companion Animal and Equine hospitals, reminisced about their school days at the veterinary alumni barbeque and College of Veterinary Medicine breakfast, and listened to the Dean's State of the College address. They also had the opportunity to tour the Baker Institute for Animal Health and Janet L. Swanson Wildlife Health Center, visit the College's Equine Park, and to participate in university events.

[See Reunion 2009 Photos](#)

Members of the classes of 1934 to 2004 contributed \$242,000 to the College of Veterinary Medicine in advance of Reunion this year. For their 3rd reunion in a row, the Class of 1979 captured the Dean's Cup Award. This award recognizes the reunion year class, which graduated within the past 50 years, that has the highest giving percentage. The Class of 1979 led the way with a 57 percent giving rate. The Class of 1969 made the highest contribution of all reunion year classes with gifts totaling \$39,652.

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In the News

In "Scholarships for 33 equine veterinarian students," an article that appeared in **usef.org** and **Horsetalk.co.nz**, Abigail Roemer, DVM '10, is recognized as one of the students who has been selected to receive the Winner's Circle Scholarship Program, sponsored by The Race for Education.

Dr. Margaret McEntee, professor of oncology, discusses vaccinations causing tumors in cats in **The Times-Union** article, "Vaccination Overload." She is quoted as saying: "With these vaccines we've eliminated or significantly decreased the infectious diseases that sometimes resulted in death, which is a good thing. But definitely the heartbreak of this is, here we are trying to do the right thing and protect our cats against infectious diseases, and then they're developing cancer."

In articles announcing a new vaccine for canine influenza from **DogChannel.com**, **DogMagazine.net**, **VeterinaryPracticeNews.com**, **DVM360.com**, and **Earthtimes.org**, Dr. Edward J. Dubovi was recognized as one of the leading experts on the canine influenza virus, tracking the disease since it was first identified. **The New York Times** quoted Dr. Dubovi in the article, "New Flu Vaccine Approved—for Dogs," as saying: "Another mutation or two could make it a very serious issue, but at the moment, it takes a certain density of dogs to keep it going."

In **TheDailySound.com** article, "Designer Dogs: Passing Fad or Here to Stay?" Dr. William H. Miller is quoted as saying: "The problem is that there are no standards being used to direct the breeding of these dogs. Anyone with a Poodle and Labrador can produce a Labradoodle with little or no quality control. You're spending big dollars with the potential for disastrous results."

Syracuse's **The Post-Standard** highlighted Edward Chapman DVM '77 and his veterinary career that has spanned over 30 years in the article "Meet: Dr. Edward Chapman, veterinarian at Fayetteville Veterinary Hospital."

Dr. Jan Scarlett, director of Maddie's Shelter Medicine Program, provided advice on the feline herpes virus for the article "My Pet World: Feline herpes virus similar to common cold in humans" in **St. Paul Pioneer Press**. She is quoted as saying, "While you generally may not want to adopt a cat who's sick from the virus, adopting one with the disease but not symptomatic is perfectly reasonable. By lowering stress with a slow introduction to your existing cats, you may never see symptoms of the feline herpes virus."