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Animal scientist Patrick Concannon dies at 73

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Patrick W. Concannon, Ph.D. '71, a visiting fellow and emeritus faculty member in Cornell's College of Veterinary Medicine, died Feb. 23 in St. Petersburg, Florida, at age 73.

Concannon graduated from Boston College in 1963, and received a master's degree from Northeastern University in 1965 before completing his doctorate in animal physiology at Cornell.

He worked as a lecturer in human physiology, animal physiology and veterinary endocrinology, and as a research scientist with a specialty in animal reproduction in the departments of clinical sciences and biomedical sciences (formerly the Department of Physiology) in the College of Veterinary Medicine. He received emeritus status in 1999.

"Pat Concannon was an exceptional scientist who made major contributions to understanding carnivore reproductive biology," said Bruce Murphy, a research veterinarian at the University of Montreal. "Pat was a longtime member of the Society for the Study of Reproduction, a dedicated researcher and organizer who never really retired."

"Pat influenced the careers of many young scientists," said Susan Quirk, Cornell professor of animal science. "He exuded excitement for discovery and sharing knowledge. He will be remembered by many for the engaging discussions we shared with him."

Concannon was also a visiting lecturer at the University of Florida, Gainesville, and president and chairman of the International Veterinary Information Service. He wrote more than 130 publications on reproductive regulatory mechanisms, endocrinology and pathology, and was editor or co-editor of several books.

He is survived by his wife, Natalie, two children and five grandchildren.

As befits his love of sailing, a celebration of his life will be held at the Ithaca Yacht Club Saturday, April 25 at 1 p.m. Gifts in Concannon's memory may be made to the Strong Memorial Hospital Gastroenterology and Hepatology Department, P.O. Box 270032, Rochester, New York, 14627.



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