

## Research Advances in Baker Institute Laboratories Today...







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## 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

## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

"What would life be if we had no courage to attempt anything?"

—Vincent Van Gogh



Dear Friends,

A year ago I wrote to you of the progress on our building project—beginning with our June 1, 2001, groundbreaking. Less than 18 months later, on November 1, 2002, we formally dedicated our remarkable new facilities, including a state-of-the-art laboratory building and our attractive 100-seat Thaw Charitable Trust Lecture Theater. The occasion was a splendid opportunity to showcase our research space and our work on behalf of companion animals to both new and familiar friends. (For details and pictures from our dedication, see pp. 8–11.)

As director of the Baker Institute during this remarkable period of growth, I can only say how deeply proud I am of our extraordinary facilities—and the even more impressive faculty and researchers who occupy them.

In addition to the physical growth of our facilities, in 2002 we recruited two outstanding faculty members to the Baker

research team: Drs. John Parker and Alex Travis (both of whom are profiled in this report), whose expertise in infectious diseases and reproductive biology, respectively, will help pave the way for future scientific advances here at the Baker Institute.

As momentous as this past year has been, from the outfitting of our new laboratories to the physical changes in our landscape, I am profoundly aware that none of these accomplishments would have been possible without the generous support of our committed friends.

It is my privilege to take this opportunity, particularly in a year of so much significant change, to thank the many individuals who make our research efforts possible.

From groundbreaking work in gene therapy that restored a puppy's eyesight to advances in canine and equine genomics, from new understandings of osteoarthritis and hip dysplasia in dogs to the prevention of infectious diseases, the Baker Institute is making a difference in the quality of life for our beloved companion animals and their owners.

I hope that if your travels ever bring you to Ithaca, you will drop in for a personal tour of the Baker campus. We welcome the opportunity to share our new space with our friends and supporters.

Sincerely,

Doug Antczak, VMD, PhD Institute Director

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# BAKER INSTITUTE ADVISORY COUNCIL

#### Message from the Advisory Council Chair



"The Baker Institute is the top research institution dedicated to improving the lives of future generations of companion animals."

—Ioanne Bicknese

Greetings,

The dedication of the new facilities at the Baker Institute in fall 2002 was a milestone in the history of the institution—bringing together committed friends and individuals to celebrate the expansion as well as the tremendous research potential made possible through this physical growth.

As chair of the Institute's Advisory Council, I am pleased with the role the Council has taken to strategically guide efforts to identify new areas of growth and outreach for the Institute. Potential areas of development include renovation of the existing building to help the Institute keep pace with the

physical and technological demands of modern research, in addition to the

identification of several program initiatives—including the creation of endowed chairs, enhanced opportunities for visiting scientists, and the targeting of new areas of applied research. The generosity of our many friends in the private and corporate sector will be essential to the success of these future ventures, in addition to your ongoing support for the host of naming opportunities that still exist within the new facilities.

Foremost, on behalf of my fellow Council members, I want to take this opportunity to extend our gratitude for your support of the Baker Institute this past year and its important work on behalf of all companion animals.

Both my personal ties, as a devoted pet owner, and my professional association as a member of the veterinary community have helped shape my conviction that the Baker Institute and its core of dedicated scientists will have an extraordinary impact on veterinary medicine—and ultimately, our beloved pets—for generations to come.

Thank you for helping to make these crucial research advances possible. I hope that we can continue to earn your trust and confidence in the mission of the Baker Institute and its devoted efforts to provide a brighter tomorrow for the animals that are so important to the people who care for them.

Sincerely,

Dr. Joanne Bicknese (BS '76, DVM '78) has left a lasting mark on the campus of the Baker Institute. Her generous gift of two memorial benches, one honoring her cats Micki, Jacqui, Renee, RedMan, and Munchie, and the other, her dogs Marti, Bruni, Hank, Gator, and Gracie, border the Baker Legacy Walk near the entrance to the Thaw Charitable Trust Lecture Theater.

John M. Bickness DVA

Joanne M. Bicknese, DVM, MS, ELS

### Leaders in Their Field: 2002 Institute Awards

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

The North Award—established in 1982 by friends of the late Arthur F. North, a 1935 graduate of Cornell's College of Veterinary Medicine—recognizes those whose contributions to the improvement of animal health and well-being reflect Dr. North's spirit of concern for all animals.





Baker Institute Advisory Council members Mary Sloane (1) and Judy Wilpon (r) accept the 2002 North Award.

Mrs. Mary Sloane (BA '71) and Mrs. Judy Wilpon were named co-recipients of the Baker Institute's 2002 Arthur F. North, Jr. Canine Service Award. Both women are members of the Baker Institute's Advisory Council and were recognized for their contributions to the Black Tie & Tails gala fundraiser held in fall 2002 benefiting the Baker Institute and the Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine. Mrs. Sloane served as an event co-chair and Mrs. Wilpon served as an honorary co-chair. (For details on the event, see next page.)

Devoted dog enthusiasts, both Mrs. Sloane and Mrs. Wilpon are the proud owners of golden retrievers and are involved in activities on behalf of animal welfare and concern in their communities.

#### The Founders' Award

The Founders' Award is given annually to a veterinarian whose contributions to the veterinary profession as an enlightened practitioner and an advocate of Institute research exemplify the commitment of our founders to the advancement of veterinary medicine.



Dr. Hank Travis (1) accepts the 2002 Founders' Award.

Dr. Henry (Hank) Travis (BS '70, DVM '74) was named recipient of the 2002 Founders' Award. Former chair of the Institute's Advisory Council, he is a veterinary practitioner at the Fort Hill Animal Hospital in Huntington, New York, and a longstanding contributor on behalf of his clients to the Institute's Memorial Gift program.

Dr. Travis has been an active supporter of the Baker Institute, most recently providing valuable leadership for the building campaign. On the dedication of the Institute's new building, he remarked, "I strongly believe this will make a great organization even better. It will enable the current staff members to better pursue their scientific dreams and aspirations."



#### The Order of the Labrador

Advisory Council member Robert Shope '51, MD '54 (r) accepts the 2002 Order of the Labrador Award from Institute faculty Drs. Colin Parrish and Judy Appleton at the annual Council dinner, held in conjunction with the dedication of the new building. The lifetime service award was conferred in recognition of Dr. Shope's contributions to tropical infectious disease research, particularly in the field of virology. Dr. Shope serves as professor of pathology in the Center for Tropical Diseases at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas,

For a complete listing of previous Institute award recipients. visit http://bakerinstitute.vet.cornell.edu/gift/g awards.htm.

### **Black Tie & Tails a Success**



BTT co-chairs (I to r) Mary and Dean Sloane, Elizabeth (DVM '95) and Charles Lynch, and JoAnn and Randy Little.

The Pierre Hotel in New York City was the elegant setting on September 23, 2002, for Black Tie & Tails, a gala benefiting both the Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine and the Baker Institute for Animal Health. The event, a first-ever for both institutions, drew new and familiar friends and families to a celebration of the animal-human bond and raised \$675,000 in support of the Institute's research programs and the College's oncology program.

An extraordinary corps of volunteers helped conceive, plan, and carry out the innumerable details involved for the gala evening, including event co-chairs Mary and Dean Sloane (Mrs. Sloane originally proposed the event), JoAnn and Randy Little, and Elizabeth (DVM '95) and Charles

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Judy Wilpon's retriever, Lefty, entertains guests and enjoys a break with the band.

Lynch and honorary chairs Judy Wilpon and Austin Kiplinger. Also providing key support to the event and its overall success on behalf of the Baker Institute was Advisory Council member Mrs. Darlene Klein. In addition to dinner and dancing, the evening included both silent and live auctions. Highlighting the event was the Tribute Walk, where Cornell recognized the work of 12 service organizations that promote the human-animal bond. Large panels depicting the purpose of each organization were stationed along the walkway. Representatives of those organizations—both human and animal—were on-hand to greet guests and tell their stories.

"This was a wonderful collaboration for the Baker Institute and the College of Veterinary Medicine," says Institute director Doug Antczak. "Black Tie & Tails provided a first-class opportunity to showcase our research programs and our faculty to an interested group of people, whom we hope will become



Baker Advisory Council member and honorary BTT chair Judy Wilpon with her dog, Lefty.

longtime friends of our respective institutions and our work on behalf of companion animal health."



## New Laboratory Named for Albert Bostwick Foundation



Drs. George Lust and Nancy Burton-Wurster in the Albert C. Bostwick Foundation Laboratory.

A very generous gift received from Baker Institute Advisory Council member Albert Bostwick, on behalf of the Bostwick Foundation, was formally announced at the Institute's 2003 spring Advisory Council meeting held at the Cornell Club in New York City.

In recognition of this important gift to the Institute's Building Fund, the laboratory of Baker researcher Dr. George Lust will be renamed the Albert C. Bostwick Foundation Laboratory. Dr. Lust has devoted his scientific career to the study of canine hip dysplasia, including its cause and prevention. (To learn more about Dr. Lust's research, see p. 28).

The Bostwick Laboratory recognizes the Bostwick family's outstanding legacy of support for the Baker Institute. The Bostwick Foundation was established by Albert's late father, who was an early Institute supporter. In his memory Albert, his mother, Eleanor Bostwick, and his brother, Andrew G. C. Sage II, funded the establishment of the Institute's first molecular biology laboratory, which houses Professor Colin Parrish's studies of canine parvovirus.

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In the mid-1950s Geraldine R. Dodge funded the establishment of the world's first tissue-culture laboratory for veterinary use at the Baker Institute. This technological advance made it possible to cultivate a host-specific organism like infectious hepatitis without infecting dogs, and to attenuate, or weaken, the live viruses over time in culture, thereby greatly improving the predictability and safety of vaccines.

# BAKER INSTITUTE DEDICATES NEW BUILDING IN 2002



On November 1, 2002, the Baker Institute celebrated the official dedication of its new \$12.5 million facilities, including a two-story contemporary laboratory building and the handsome Thaw Charitable Trust Lecture Theater (see p. 10). The 40,000-square-foot building houses 10 spacious laboratory suites with office space, tissueculture rooms, and core space for high-tech microscopy work and offers inspiring views of the surrounding landscape.

The dedication of the new building was a his-

toric day for the Institute. A number of Cornell officials visited the Baker campus, including President Emeritus Hunter R. Rawlings III, Board of Trustees chairman Peter Meinig, and a diverse group of Cornell friends and supporters.

The event was attended by several hundred visitors who enjoyed tours of the new laboratory spaces led by Institute staff. The day ended on a celebratory note with the annual dinner for members of the Institute Advisory Council, who were joined by Institute faculty and researchers and friends and alumni.

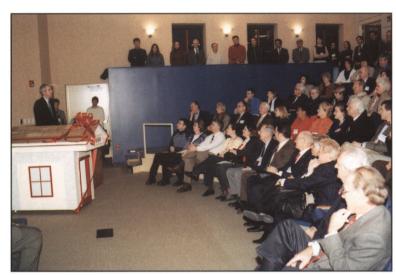
"I am elated that our building has finally come to fruition," says Dr. Henry J. Travis, former chair of the Baker Institute Advisory Council and recipient of the Institute's 2002 Founders' Award. "I strongly believe this will make a great organization even better. It will enable the current staff members to better pursue their scientific dreams and aspirations, while helping the Baker Institute to attract keen new minds. This is what is needed to keep us competitive in today's society."



The Baker Institute expands its campus with the addition of a new laboratory building and lecture theater.

"One characteristic of a successful organization is its ability to evolve over time and remain vibrant and relevant to society. The Baker Institute has shown a great capacity to do just that. With the dedication of these facilities, we believe that we have a bright future."

—Institute Director Doug Antczak



Cornell President Emeritus Hunter Rawlings addressed a standing-room-only crowd of Baker Institute friends and supporters gathered for the new building dedication in November 2002.



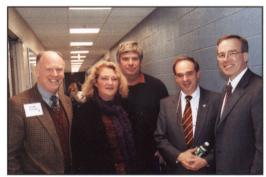
Nicholas Thaw, son of Eugene and Clare Thaw (center), joins (from I to r) President Emeritus Hunter Rawlings, Institute director Doug Antczak, Dean Donald Smith, and building architect William Gaudreau at the building dedication held in the Thaw Lecture Theater.







President Emeritus Hunter Rawlings, Baker Advisory Council chair Joanne Bicknese, and Dean Donald Smith join Baker beagle, Cheyenne, whose paws helped "break ground" for the Institute's construction project in 2001.

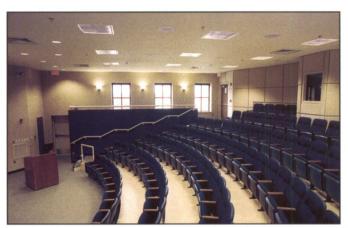


Knight Kiplinger, Mr. and Mrs. Larry (Jennifer Engel) Young, and trustee Ezra Cornell join Director Doug Antczak in the new laboratories.



Dean Donald Smith, Dr. Harold Zweighaft, DVM '56, and Peter Meinig, chairman of the Cornell University Board of Trustees

## Thaw Charitable Trust Provides Lecture Theater



The Thaw Charitable Trust Lecture Theater provides a prominent new public space on the Baker campus for scientific meetings and conferences.

The Thaw Charitable Trust Lecture Theater—a stunning architectural landmark of the Baker Institute's building project—was the site for the formal dedication ceremony of the new building in fall 2002.

The impressive space, which includes an elegant lobby and state-of-the-art lecture theater, was made possible through the generosity of Eugene and Clare Thaw and the Eugene V. and Clare E. Thaw Charitable Trust in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Best known for its avid support of the arts and a number of animal welfare organizations in the western United States, the Thaw Charitable Trust established the Thaw Conference Fund at the Baker Institute in 1986. The substantial leadership gift made by the Thaw Trust toward the construction of the Institute's new lecture theater builds on the committed support of the Thaw Charitable Trust to the Baker Institute and the ongoing success of the Institute's veterinary conferences and symposia.

The Thaw Charitable Trust Lecture Theater provides an on-site venue for scientific colloquia and meetings, student seminars, and a multitude of educational outreach programs. Since its dedication, a number of public events have been hosted in the lecture theater, including the Institute's

lunch-time scientific seminar series and meetings for area kennel and breed clubs. In June 2003, the Thaw Lecture Theater served as the primary venue for an international conference on genomic applications to equine immunity convened by the Dorothy Russell Havemeyer Foundation, Inc.

#### Take a Seat: Lecture Theater Campaign

Individual lecture seats in the auditorium of the Thaw Charitable Trust Lecture Theater are available for sponsorship. The blue-cushioned seats with their distinctive custom nameplates provide a lasting tribute that visitors to the Baker Institute will appreciate and notice for generations to come. Nameplates are available for inscription, in honor or memory of a beloved companion animal or friend, for \$2,000 each.

To date, more than one-quarter of the theater's 100 seats have been reserved—many by participating veterinarians in the Baker Institute's Memorial Gift Program. To learn more about the Baker lecture seat campaign or other naming opportunities at the Institute, contact Ms. Amy Gush at (607) 256-5661 or via e-mail at adg25@cornell.edu.



"I think dogs are the most amazing creatures; they give unconditional love. For me they are the role model for being alive."

-Gilda Radner

#### **Lecture Seat Sponsorships**

Lecture seats have been generously sponsored in the names of the following people (as of 12/31/02):

Douglas F. Antczak, PhD, VMD Baker Faculty In memory of Francis A. Antczak, DMD

Judith Appleton, MS, PhD, and Donald Schlafer, DVM, PhD Baker Faculty and College Faculty James and JoAnna Appleton

Harvey S. Atlas, DVM Participant, Memorial Gift Program Sandra and Harvey Atlas

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Former Baker Institute development director Bonnie Baker (center) receives a framed print by Ithaca artist Susan Titus from Baker Advisory Council chair Joanne Bicknese (pictured with Institute director Doug Antczak). The farewell gift was presented at the Institute's annual Advisory Council dinner in fall 2002 in recognition of Ms. Baker's fund-raising efforts for the Institute, including her leadership role with the building campaign.

# New Faculty at the Baker Institute

#### From New Cures for Infectious Diseases to Cancer Treatment: In Search of Viral Pathways

**John Parker, BVMD, PhD,** is no stranger to the Cornell campus or the Baker Institute. Parker refined his early research interests as a postdoctoral student working in the laboratory of Colin Parrish, professor of virology at the Baker Institute, assisting his studies of canine parvovirus.

Parker says his entry into veterinary medicine was partly a rebellion to following in his grandfather's and father's footsteps as a medical doctor. He grew up with animals and had an early interest in science and this led to his interest in veterinary medicine.

Originally from Scotland, Parker graduated from Glasgow University and was a practicing veterinarian in Australia for ten years before deciding to continue his scientific studies in virology. After working briefly as a consultant at the Cornell Feline Health Center in 1993, he accepted a post as a graduate research assistant in

Parrish's laboratory, where he continued as a postdoctoral fellow after completing his PhD in 1999.

Most recently, Parker worked alongside renowned virologist Max Nibert as a postdoctoral research fellow in the Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics at Harvard Medical School before

returning to the Institute in early 2003 as a new faculty member.

While at Harvard, Parker developed his particular interest in reoviruses, one of the most studied viral model systems for understanding basic questions regarding the cellular pathology

of viral infection.

His research addresses how the double-stranded RNA reoviruses (a naturally occurring virus believed to cause mild infections of the upper respiratory and gastrointestinal tract in humans and many animals) replicate and assemble within the cytoplasm, the area between the cell membrane and the nuclear envelope, of infected cells.

Cells infected with reoviruses have large inclusions within their cytoplasm. These inclusions, or "viral factories,"



Dr. John Parker, assistant professor of virology

says Parker, are the sites of new viral particle assembly and transcription of the viral genome. Parker has done seminal work to reveal how viral factories assemble and interact with the cytoskeleton of infected cells, identifying two viral proteins sufficient to form the matrix or infrastructure of the factories.

Parker is particularly interested in the development of reoviruses as potential new treatment

"In private practice, I did what I could to treat the animal and it either got better or it didn't. Often you didn't know why and that was frustrating."

—Dr. John Parker

modalities for cancer in both animals and humans. His work builds on research conducted by Canadian scientists in the late 90s who discovered that mammalian reoviruses infect and kill cancer cells without affecting normal cells in mice. Parker is hoping to expand the virus' ability to target cancer cells, destroying them preferentially over non-cancerous cells, in companion animals and potentially humans.

"People who say there is no creativity in science are wrong," says Parker. "The creativity comes at the point you have to imagine the hypothesis. You take one set of facts and a question; then you imagine a potential answer to the question; and finally, you design experiments to test if your answer is correct or not."

## From Reproductive Research to Applied Technologies: Conserving Species for the Next Generation

In addition to being a scientist studying reproductive biology, **Alexander Travis**, **VMD**, **PhD**, describes himself as a veterinarian with a passion for wildlife conservation. His interest in animals prompted a course of scientific study that has embraced topics ranging from ecology and field biology to wildlife conservation and cellular biology.

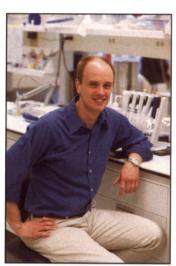
Prior to his arrival at the Baker Institute in December 2002, Travis was at the University of Pennsylvania, where he served most recently as a research associate at the Center for Research on Reproduction and Women's Health. While there, the National Institutes of Health awarded Travis a highly competitive five-year Special Emphasis Research Career Award, which he is now completing at the Institute.

"My laboratory investigates the fascinating biology of male germ cells," says Travis. "For life to be transmitted from one generation to the next, the male germ cell must undergo a complex process of differentiation within the male as it becomes a sperm, and then mature functionally within the female reproductive tract during a process

known as capacitation."

Despite the germ cell's importance, Travis says remarkably little is known about many aspects of its biology at either the cellular or molecular level. "We know some of the external stimuli and some of the func-

tional changes that are needed for the sperm to fertilize, but how you link those things is completely unknown." One area of research in his laboratory is, therefore, to identify precisely how these stimuli affect signaling and metabolic pathways in sperm. Key to Travis' efforts has been his identification in sperm of specific membrane sub-domains, known as "lipid rafts," which act to organize signaling pathways. "The sperm have to experience changes in both the head and the tail before they acquire the ability



Dr. Alex Travis, assistant professor of reproductive biology

to fertilize. These rafts might be coordinating how the cells do that," he says.

Travis is translating his work to applied technologies, including methods to preserve spermatogonial stem cells, which can replenish themselves on a renewable basis, and testis grafting to preserve the genetics of endangered species. Such innovative techniques can be used to improve agriculture and pharmaceutical production. There are potential applications to

"You go into science to do good work and make a difference. The Institute fosters that kind of attitude and ideal."

—Dr. Alex Travis

human health as well, including hope for young patients with testicular cancer who face infertility at an early age.

Travis says the combination of top-notch basic science and its application for animal health attracted his attention to the Baker Institute. "The Institute has focused on figuring out not only how things work, but also how to use them to promote animal health and make the world a better place."

## **ACHIEVEMENTS:** RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

## In Profile: Research at the Baker Institute

Research associate bridging two cultures in her study of the silver fox



Anna Kukekova, research associate

Research Associate Anna Kukekova arrived at the Baker Institute in 1999 to pursue her interest in canine

genetics in the Inherited Eye Disease Studies Unit working with Drs. Greg Acland and Gus Aguirre. While here, Kukekova's focus turned to a project with roots in her homeland of Russia.

In an unparalleled experiment in the Institute of Cytology and Genetics (ICG) of the Russian Academy of Sciences, under the direction of Dmitry Belyaev and Lyudmila Trut, a strain of silver foxes with behavioral patterns similar to the domestic dog has been developed as a result of four decades of selective breeding for tame behavior. Tame foxes demonstrate emotionally friendly responses to humans from one month of age; they eagerly establish human contact and whimper to attract attention, sniffing and licking like dogs. In contrast, breeding the foxes for wild type behavior led to the development of a population of aggressive and difficult-to-handle animals.

Because these genetically determined behavioral differences segregate in very large pedigrees of a single species, Kukekova says they offer an unprecedented opportunity to map and identify the genes responsible. The speed with which the tame fox population has occurred suggests that selection in these foxes may be acting on a few genetic loci that control development of the behavioral phenotype.

Kukekova first learned of the historic fox experiment while an undergraduate at St. Petersburg State University in Russia. In 2001, an article in the journal Nature, describing the plight of the colony if additional resources were not identified, captured her interest.

Kukekova contacted Trut, and together they developed a plan to maintain the program and initiate a complex genetic study of tame and aggressive fox behavioral phenotypes. A year later they received a grant from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Most recently, Kukekova applied to the National Institutes of Health and National Alliance for Autism Research to secure funds. The project involves researchers in Russia and the United States, including canine geneticists at Cornell and the University of Utah.

"The study has several big attractions for Anna, including her interest in canine genetics and her Russian background," says Acland. "It's a terrific match of both her professional and personal interests."

As a result of her collaboration with the ICG, Kukekova is gathering valuable genetic data to assist with mapping the fox genome as well as the genes for tame and aggressive behavior.

Kukekova has traveled to Russia to visit the fox colony several times since starting her study, carrying a digital camera to record her observations. The images are converted to movie clips, enabling Institute researchers located a continent away to view the behavioral traits of the colony. These clips are helping to establish a visual archive and preserve the diversity of genetic information for future studies.

To learn more, visit: http://cbsu.tc.cornell.edu/ ccgr/behaviour/index.html.

# Visiting Scholars and Scientists Bring Global Perspective to Institute

In 2002, the following individuals furthered their research studies at the Baker Institute as visiting scholars and scientists from their respective institutions.



Visiting scholars at the Baker Institute in 2002 (from I to r): Drs. Naoki Miura, John Randolph, Bettina Wagner, and Dorothy Ainsworth

#### Dorothy Ainsworth, DVM, PhD

Visiting Scientist

Dr. Dorothy Ainsworth spent a sabbatical leave in Dr. Antczak's equine immunology laboratory in 2002. She is a professor of medicine in the Large Animal Medicine section in the Cornell University Hospital for Animals. Dr. Ainsworth is a specialist in lung disease of the horse; her research has involved immunological aspects of allergic respiratory reactions in horses, a condition commonly known as "heaves." Since the beginning of her collaboration with the Baker Institute, Dr. Ainsworth has obtained a national USDA research grant and a senior fellowship from the National Institutes of Health.

"As a clinician, it is extremely difficult to stay abreast of the basic science fields as well as the recent developments in clinical medicine. Having a collaboration of this nature allows a sharing of knowledge and techniques that ultimately helps to advance the field of veterinary medicine," says Ainsworth.

#### Naoki Miura, DVM, PhD

Postdoctoral Fellow

Dr. Naoki Miura, a visiting scholar from Japan where he received his veterinary degree and served as a postdoctoral research fellow at Kagoshima University, began his work with Dr. James MacLeod in the Laboratory of Cellular Growth and Differentiation to further their studies of joint disease, particularly in racehorses. His primary focus is determining whether fibronectin, a fundamental component of cartilage, can be used diagnostically as a biomarker of osteoarthritis.

Naoki and his family relocated to the University of Kentucky with Dr. MacLeod in May 2003, where he is continuing his cartilage studies as a postdoctoral scholar.

"I felt very comfortable pursuing my research experiments at the Baker Institute because of the wonderful working environment," says Miura. "I was able to concentrate on my scientific experiments and look forward to new results every day."

#### John Randolph, DVM

Visiting Scientist

Dr. John Randolph initiated his sabbatical leave year in fall 2002 in Dr. James MacLeod's laboratory. He is a professor of medicine in the Small Animal Medicine section in the Cornell University Hospital for Animals, and has long-standing interests in endocrinology and kidney disease. An important component of chronic renal failure is

"My time at the Baker Institute has provided me with an outstanding learning experience that has enabled me to grow as a research scientist."

—Dr. John Randolph, Visiting Scientist, Baker Institute

anemia brought about by the lack of the hormone erythropoietin, which is produced by the kidney and which acts on the bone marrow to increase red blood cell production.

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## Visiting Scholars continued

Drs. Randolph and MacLeod have formed an outstanding basic scientist-clinician partnership in developing recombinant biological engineered erythropoietin for use in cats and dogs. It is hoped that these products will be widely available in the future.

"This type of collaboration allowed each of us to contribute from our area of specialization while learning from the talents of the other, and resulted in the development of a therapy to improve the health and welfare of companion animals," says Randolph.

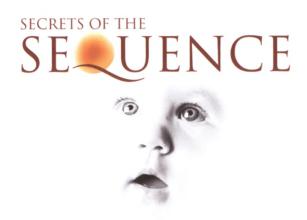
#### Bettina Wagner, VMD

Visiting Professor

Dr. Bettina Wagner is a visiting professor from the School of Veterinary Medicine in Hannover, Germany, and became a vital member of Institute director Doug Antczak's equine immunology laboratory in 2002. During her tenure at the Institute, Dr. Wagner has been focusing on research closely related to allergy and its basic mechanism. In particular, she has worked on the expression of rare antibodies in the horse to further her investigations of equine allergic diseases, such as heaves or summer eczema.

"Academic exchange offers new possibilities and experiences. The contacts and collaborations resulting from a sabbatical or other types of exchanges are important, even after the exchange program," says Wagner. "This is especially true in the relatively small field of veterinary immunology, where only a few people around the world are working on related projects. Academic collaboration is necessary to make research more efficient."

## **Briefs**



#### **Baker Institute Featured in National Public Television Series**

The Baker Institute and its groundbreaking research in the field of animal genetics were featured in two episodes of a newly created public television series, Secrets of the Sequence, launched in 2002. The weekly television series explores current discoveries in the life sciences. These continuing programs, which air on public television stations nationwide, are designed to bring viewers up to speed on the astounding discoveries emerging every day from laboratories around the world.

Secrets of the Sequence episode 114 on "Pet Genetics" featured Baker Institute faculty member Dr. Gus Aguirre and his work with genetic eye diseases in dogs, along with Dr. George Lust and his career study of canine hip dysplasia. Episode 117 on "Animal Ancestry" featured Baker Institute director Doug Antczak and his research advances with the horse genome project and contributions to the field of equine medicine.

To learn more about the television series or to order a copy of the featured episodes, visit http://www.wardtv.com/sequence1.htm.

## Briefs continued

## Baker Institute hosts student summer researchers

Each year the Baker Institute is host to undergraduate and veterinary students who spend their summers learning what it is like to be a research scientist in a veterinary medical environment. The students come from Cornell, of course, but also from universities all across the globe to work side-by-side with Baker Institute faculty, staff. and graduate students. The summer students compete for positions as Cornell Presidential Research Scholars and Havemeyer Foundation Summer Fellows or for places in the Cornell Veterinary College Leadership Program. All three of these programs are highly competitive, and the students are motivated to make the most of their short stays at the Institute. Participants in these programs are highly likely to continue in careers in biomedical research, many of them in veterinary medicine, and some of the program graduates are already beginning to make a mark in their chosen professions. The Institute is fortunate to enjoy the support of the programs that make these formative student experiences possible.



Visiting students at the Baker Institute in summer 2002 (back row, from I to r): Jackie Fremont, Barbara Taennler, Kathleen Bonawandt, Steven Laing, Catherine Wood, and Jean-Yin Tan; (front row, from I to r): Anne Lo, Janee Carr, Michael Mienaltowski, and Debdut Biswas.

Not pictured: Justin Brucker Beth Forrestel, Anna Hochstedler, Beth Pellegrini, and Jeremy Sykes.

#### Baker Institute Hosts Renowned Reproductive Expert Roger Short



Director Doug Antczak (I) visits with world-renowned scientists Roger Short, a reproductive physiologist, and primatologist Jane Goodall during their visit to the Cornell campus in spring 2002 as A.D. White Professors-at-Large. Dr. Short, Wexler Professorial Fellow in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Royal Women's Hospital, University of Melbourne, was a distinguished visiting scientist at the Baker Institute during his Cornell stay and spoke on his lifelong research studies in the field of reproduction.

#### **Degrees Conferred**

In 2002, the following individuals earned their doctoral degrees from Cornell while conducting research in Baker Institute laboratories:

## Hao Chen (faculty advisor: James MacLeod), conferred May 2002

Title: "Biochemical and Functional Properties of the Cartilage-Specific (V+C)- Fibronectin Isoform" Current position: Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of Developmental Biology, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California

## Julia Flaminio (faculty advisor: Doug Antczak), conferred August 2002

Title: "Modulation of the Equine Maternal Immune System by Trophoblast Cells" Current position: Assistant Professor of Medicine, Large Animal Medicine, Department of Clinical Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine, Cornell University

## Rina Gendelman (faculty advisor: George Lust), conferred May 2002

Title: "In Search of Function for Cartilage-Specific (V+C)- Fibronectin Isoform" Current position: Senior Scientist, Gene Network Sciences, Ithaca, New York

## IN OUR LABORATORIES: FACULTY AT THE BAKER INSTITUTE

## **Greg Acland, BVSc**

Senior Research Associate

**Research Profile** 



Dr. Greg Acland is focused on providing improved eyesight to dogs suffering from hereditary disorders that affect the eye through genetic study. His studies of canine ocular disorders are conducted in partnership with Dr. Gus Aguirre (see pp. 20-21) in

the Inherited Eye Disease Studies Unit at the Baker Institute.

The aim of the research is to develop genetic tests that can identify carriers and affected dogs before they are bred and test potential therapies for canine hereditary retinal disorders. The work is of importance to breeders worldwide, as recessive genes in popular dog lines can become embedded in a breed very quickly and are difficult to eliminate.

Dr. Acland works closely with Dr. Aguirre to develop DNA-based tests for the rod-cone dysplasia 1 form of progressive retinal atrophy in a number of dog breeds. For example, his efforts with the Collie Eye Anomaly (CEA) research project have provided benefit to collies and their owners. CEA is a disorder of the deep structures of the eye that affects collie breeds around the

world and occurs commonly in the Border collie, rough collie, smooth collie, and Shetland sheepdog.

Since 1989, Dr. Acland also has served as director of the Retinal Disease Studies Facility in the New Bolton Center at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine in Philadelphia. This location is where Dr. Acland, working with Dr. Aguirre and fellow project collaborators onsite, has assisted much of the ongoing research with Lancelot, the Briard dog that gained international fame after having his sight restored as a puppy through the use of gene therapy (see sidebar).

Groundbreaking studies such as these are instrumental in sustaining research to benefit canine eye health and provide hope for a brighter tomorrow for dogs everywhere.

To learn more about Dr. Acland's research, visit http://bakerinstitute.vet.cornell.edu/research/acla nd/r\_gen\_dev\_acland.htm

#### **Laboratory Highlights in 2002:**

Dr. Greg Acland, joined by Dr. Gus Aguirre and members of their laboratory in the Inherited Eye Disease Studies Unit, presented nine papers on varying topics outlining their recent advances in gene therapy and eye-related research at the annual meeting of the Association for Research and Vision in Ophthalmology, the preeminent international eye research meeting, held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in May.

"We have shown that gene therapy can restore vision in dogs with one of the most clinically severe retinal degenerations."

—Greg Acland

#### Research Awards Active in 2002:

"Models of Hereditary Retinal Degeneration" (Principal Investigator) (Gus Aguirre, Co-Investigator) Sponsor: NIH<sup>1</sup>-NEI<sup>2</sup>

"Gene Therapy for Leber Congenital Amaurosis" (Principal Investigator) (Gus Aguirre, Co-Investigator) Sponsor: NIH - University of Florida consortium agreement

Collaborative Research Agreement (Principal Investigator) (Gus Aguirre, Co-Principal Investigator) Sponsor: The Institute for Genomic Research, Inc.

<sup>1</sup>NIH: National Institutes of Health <sup>2</sup>NEI: National Eye Institute



Dr. Acland reviews experiment results with research associate Anna Kukekova.



Lancelot continues to see well, remains model dog for improved eyesight in humans.

Lancelot

It is a remarkable story of research success: Well over two years after their first gene therapy treatment that made headlines around the world, Lancelot and his Briard littermates continue to see well. The revolutionary gene therapy technique performed in May 2001 that restored sight to these fortunate puppies was made possible through research developed at the Baker Institute in collaboration with researchers at the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Florida.

Objective measurements with electroretinogram tests have revealed no loss of visual function. With the success of this initial experiment, Baker faculty members Drs. Greg Acland and Gus Aguirre and collaborators next tested the treatment in animals from different litters, delaying treatment for up to 11 months. All of the treated dogs experienced visual improvement. These promising results in dogs offer great hope for human sufferers of a similar form of childhood blindness, Leber congenital amaurosis. In addition to these pre-clinical studies, researchers must produce the vector to be used in humans under stringent

The focus now, says Dr. Aguirre, is to develop and ensure the safety of the virus that is being put in the eye. To achieve that goal, Drs. Aguirre, Acland, and their collaborators at the University of Pennsylvania and University of Florida met with the FDA and related government agencies in the summer of 2003 to review and implement plans for phase one clinical trials that will be carried out at the University of Pennsylvania.

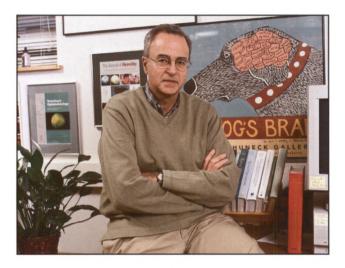
Food and Drug Administration (FDA) guidelines.

"Assuming there are no unexpected complications with Lancelot and his cohorts, and that what has been injected into their eyes continues to be effective and cause no problems, we hope that within two to three years human patients will be involved in the first phase one clinical trial," says Dr. Aguirre.

# Gus Aguirre, VMD, PhD

#### Alfred H. Caspary Professor of Ophthalmology

**Research Profile** 



A 2002 report issued by the National Eye Institute states that "more Americans than ever are facing the threat of blindness from age-related disease."

Among those affected are the estimated 100,000 people in the United States who currently suffer vision loss and blindness from retinitis pigmentosa (RP)—a group of retinal degenerations inherited in human families. X-linked progressive retinal atrophy (PRA) is one of the most common forms of the disease.

Helping both dogs—and humans—overcome these devastating retinal disorders is Dr. Gus Aguirre with the Inherited Eye Disease Studies Unit. Dr. Aguirre and researchers in his laboratory are pursuing multiple projects related to the inheritance of retinal degeneration in dogs, humans, and other mammals.

A primary focus is to identify the genes and locate the mutations associated with several separately inherited forms of PRA, a significant disease of dogs that is the equivalent of the devastating disease RP in humans. X-linked RP is one of the major causes of human retinal blindness.

In 2002, major advances in Dr. Aguirre's laboratory were made involving several dog breeds, including the Siberian husky and the Samoyed as well as the English mastiff. These new insights provide a valuable new animal "model" for

studying causes and testing treatments for inherited human blindness.

In particular, the English mastiff, a breed that sometimes carries the gene defect for PRA, has been revealed as a key animal model to help explain RP in humans. The dogs can be used to test possible therapies for the disease, according to Dr. Aguirre and his Baker colleagues along with researchers at the University of Pennsylvania's Scheie Eye Institute. The findings were reported in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* (2002, Vol. 99, No. 9).

One result of the discovery is a genetic screening test to help breeders eliminate the defective gene from their lines of the purebred dogs. Studies are continuing on dogs with the defective gene (the RHO gene) to determine what non-genetic or environmental factors influence the disease's progression. Such information will help researchers design treatments to halt, reverse, or even prevent some RP blindness in humans—experimental therapies that may prove helpful to both man and the dog.

In a related study, the discovery of the two different mutations for X-linked progressive retinal atrophy (XLPRA1 and XLPRA2) in dogs, as reported in *Human Molecular Genetics* (2002, Vol. 11, No. 9), will provide new gene-screening tests for dogs and aid in the detection of disease-prone animals in dog breeding programs. Both XLPRA1 and XLPRA2 are part of the PRA family of inherited retinal degenerations in dogs.

The disease XLPRA1 is present in both the Siberian husky and Samoyed breeds, and the mutations are the same, suggesting that the mutation may have been present in a common canine ancestor before the two breeds developed.

Another important discovery for Dr. Aguirre, along with Drs. Acland and D. J. Sidjanin in his laboratory, was the identification of the gene and mutation responsible for achromatopsia—or cone degeneration—in the dog (as reported in *Human* 

"These advancements in gene therapy hold tremendous promise for application in treating both dogs and humans who suffer from devastating eye diseases."

-Gus Aguirre

Molecular Genetics, 2002, Vol. 11, No. 16). Achromatopsia is a reference to the total absence of color vision that accompanies the condition in the dog and man. The discovery—the result of a career study on Dr. Aguirre's part to track the gene—represents one of the most fascinating genetic parallels of man and dog, an inherited dayblindness that strikes Alaskan malamutes and a group of Pacific Islanders called the Pingelapese. (The human condition and plight of the Pingelapese was documented in acclaimed neurologist and former Cornell A. D. White Professor Oliver Sacks' book, *The Island of the Colorblind*.)

To learn more about Dr. Aguirre's research, visit http://bakerinstitute.vet.cornell.edu/research/aguirre/r\_gen\_dev\_aguirre.htm

#### Laboratory Highlights in 2002:

Drs. Barbara Zangerl and Anna Kukekova in the Inherited Eye Disease Studies Unit were promoted from postdoctoral associates to research associates.

In April, Dr. Aguirre spoke on the "Relevant Animal Models for Establishing Pre-Clinical Efficacy and Safety for RP and Juvenile Macular Degeneration," in Paris, France.

He presented a guest lecture on "Inherited Retinal Diseases in Dogs" at the Advances in Canine and Feline Genomics Conference held in St. Louis, Missouri, in May.

In July, Dr. Aguirre traveled to Toronto, Canada, where he presented two guest lectures, "Models, Mutants, and Man: Genetic and Genomic Studies of the Canine Models of Inherited Retinal Degeneration," and "Experimental Approaches for the Treatment of Retinal Degenerative Diseases," at the Hospital for Sick Children, where he also was named the Lloyd Morgan Visiting Professor.

Dr. Aguirre spoke on "Gene Therapy in the Canine Model of Leber Congenital Amaurosis" at the World Congress of Retina International held in Chiba, Japan, in August.

He presented a keynote lecture, "From the Bench to the Bedside: Experimental Approaches for the Treatment of Retinal Degenerations," at an international conference on Treatment Strategies for Retinal Degeneration held in Lund, Sweden, in September.

#### Research Awards Active in 2002:

- "Search for Novel Genes and Mutations in the RP3 Interval" (Principal Investigator) Sponsor: NIH<sup>1</sup>-NEI<sup>2</sup>
- "ERG Equipment for Dog Colony" (Principal Investigator) Sponsor: Foundation Fighting Blindness
- "Molecular Genetic Studies of Canine Progressive Retinal Atrophy" (Principal Investigator) (Greg Acland, Duska Sidjanin, Co-Investigators) Sponsor: Morris Animal Foundation
- "Identification of the Gene Mutations Responsible for Canine Cone-Rod Dystrophies and Development of DNA-Based Diagnostics" (Principal Investigator) Sponsor: Cornell Center for Advanced Technology
- "Developing Canine Models of adRP, arRP, and XLRP" (Principal Investigator)
  Sponsor: Foundation Fighting Blindness
- "The Foundation Fighting Blindness Pre-Clinical Medical Therapy Evaluation Center (Cornell Module)" (Principal Investigator) (Greg Acland, Co-Principal Investigator) Sponsor: Foundation Fighting Blindness

**Linda Hunter (Mentor: Gus Aguirre)** "Molecular Studies of a Novel Canine Cataract Model" Sponsor/Division: NIH<sup>1</sup>-NEI<sup>2</sup>

**Duska Sidjanin (Aguirre Laboratory)** 

- "Molecular Studies of Hereditary Cataracts in Golden and Labrador Retrievers" (Principal Investigator) (Greg Acland, Gus Aguirre, Co-Investigators) Sponsor: Morris Animal Foundation
- "Positional Cloning of the Coraliform Cataract Locus (Coc) in Mice" (Principal Investigator) Sponsor: Fight for Sight

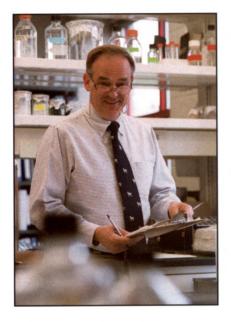
**Barbara Zangerl (Aguirre Laboratory)**"Gene Expression Studies in PRA-Affected Miniature Poodles" (Principal Investigator) (Greg Acland, Gus Aguirre, Co-Investigators) Sponsor: Laura J. Niles Foundation

<sup>1</sup>NIH: National Institutes of Health <sup>2</sup>NEI: National Eye Institute

# Doug Antczak, VMD, PhD

#### **Dorothy Havemeyer McConville Professor of Equine Medicine**

**Research Profile** 



The Equine
Genetics Center at
the Baker Institute,
under the direction
of Dr. Doug
Antczak, has been
making significant
strides for nearly a
quarter century in
the understanding
of important issues
related to equine
immunology.

The application of immunology to issues in the equine industry is broad,

ranging from the ability to provide veterinarians accurate diagnostic tools to better management practices to control chronic allergic reactions.

In particular, researchers in Dr. Antczak's laboratory are studying the complex interactions between mother and fetus in an effort to better understand the biological interactions that take place during pregnancy. Dr. Antczak is particularly interested in how the placenta and fetus avoid recognition and destruction by the maternal immune system. New understandings in this area have potential application to biology and medicine, including organ transplantation and cancer biology.

Data gathered from immunological studies at the Institute are providing new insight for the Horse Genome Project as well. The Institute has a leadership role in this international collaborative effort to develop a comprehensive linkage map of the horse. Such a map will assist studies of inherited diseases and effects of genes on performance traits. The genetic information also aids in the development of new breeding strategies. These efforts are all aimed at improving the health and welfare of the horse.

To learn more about Dr. Antczak's research, visit bakerinstitute.vet.cornell.edu/research/antczak/r idi\_antczak.htm

#### Laboratory Highlights in 2002:

Dr. Bettina Wagner joined Dr. Antczak's laboratory as a visiting professor from the School of Veterinary Medicine in Hannover, Germany. To learn more about Dr. Wagner's research, see p. 16.

In March, Dr. Antczak served on a panel of equine veterinarians and researchers who addressed "Genome Research for the Horse Industry" at the Blue Ribbon (Genome) Panel held in Dallas, Texas.

Dr. Antczak was co-chair of the American Association of Veterinary Immunologists' (AAI) Guest Society Symposium on "Naturally-Occurring Domestic Animal Models of Primary Immunodeficiency Disease" held in April in New Orleans, Louisiana. Dr. Antczak serves as chair of the AAI's Veterinary Immunology Committee.

Dr. Antczak spoke on the "Confrontation and Accommodation at the Fetal-Maternal Interface" at the Frontiers in Reproduction 5th Annual Symposium held in Boston, Massachusetts, in June.

Dr. Antczak joined colleagues from Cornell as a delegate for Brain Korea 21, an international collaborative program between Seoul National University (SNU) and Cornell University. Dr. Antczak spoke on the topic of "Comparative Genomics of Domestic Animals at Cornell," at the 2nd Joint Seminar on Agricultural Genomics held at SNU's School of Agricultural Biotechnology in Seoul, Korea, in June.

Before arriving in Korea, Dr. Antczak first traveled to Japan, where he delivered several invited seminars.

In July, Dr. Antczak attended the 8th International Symposium on Equine Reproduction held in Fort Collins, Colorado. The meeting brings together scientists and veterinarians from around the world and provides a forum for information

"Because of the wealth of information available from the Horse Genome Project, genetics will have an overriding influence on all aspects of equine research."

—Doug Antczak

exchange on clinical and basic research aspects of equine reproduction.

Dr. Antczak was a featured speaker on "The Promise of Equine Genomics" at The Jockey Club's 50th Round Table Conference on Matters Pertaining to Racing held in Saratoga Springs, New York, in August.

Dr. Antczak has served on the National Institutes of Health Study Section for Human Embryology and Development since 1999.

#### Research Awards Active in 2002:

- "Comparative Studies of Pregnancy and Histocompatibility" (Principal Investigator) Sponsor: NIH¹-NICHD²
- "A BAC Library for the Horse" (Principal Investigator) Sponsor: USDA Regional Project Program
- "Accelerated Regression of Endometrial Cups and eCG" (Principal Investigator) Sponsor: Grayson-Jockey New Club

- "Functional Genomics for the Horse" (Principal Investigator) Sponsor: Morris Animal Foundation – University of Kentucky consortium agreement
- "Horse Genome Project" (Principal Investigator) Sponsor: Harry M. Zweig Memorial Fund for Equine Research
- "Influence of an Underlying Immune Environment on the Subsequent IgG Isotype Response to a Foreign Antigen" (Co-Investigator) (Dorothy Ainsworth, Principal Investigator) Sponsor: Harry M. Zweig Memorial Fund for Equine Research
- "Immune Dysfunction in Horses with Recurrent Airway Obstruction (RAO)" (Co-Investigator) (Dorothy Ainsworth, Principal Investigator) Sponsor: USDA

**Bettina Wagner (Fellow)** 

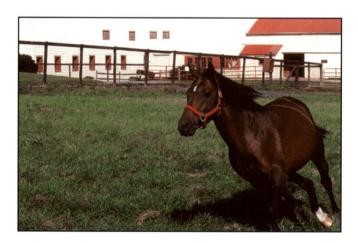
"Exchange Visitor Research Program: Basic and Applied Studies of Allergic Reactions" Sponsor: Max Kade Foundation

Paige Adams (mentor: Doug Antczak)

"Ectopic Transplantation of Invasive Trophoblast" Sponsor/Division: NIH<sup>1</sup>-NICHD<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>NIH: National Institutes of Health

<sup>2</sup>NICHD: National Institute of Child Health and Human Development



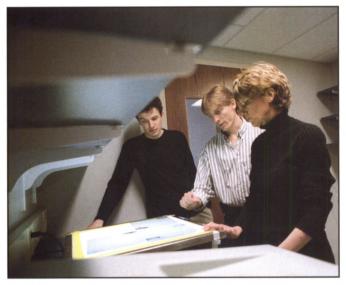


Dr. Antczak discusses a research project with Rebbeca Tallmadge, a graduate student in his laboratory

## Judy Appleton, MS, PhD

#### **Professor of Immunology**

**Research Profile** 



Dr. Appleton examines an auto-radiograph with NSERC fellow Mike Duffy (center) and Cornell Presidential Research Scholar Jeremy Sykes.

Researchers in Dr. Judy Appleton's Mucosal Immunity Laboratory focus on the development of host-parasite infections—in particular, *Trichinella spiralis*, the cause of the human disease trichinosis, and *Parelaphostrongylus tenuis*. The *P. tenuis* parasite is a significant cause of neurological diseases in llamas (as well as alpacas, goats, and sheep) in the eastern United States. Studies of such pathogens are yielding new information regarding infectious disease transmission and immunity in the intestine.

Unlike most other pathogens, *Trichinella* is not restricted in its choice of host. Dr. Appleton's studies of this well-known pathogen, first observed in man in 1835, are helping to expand knowledge of the basic nature of infectious diseases—in particular, how one organism is parasitized by another.

Investigation of parasitism at the cellular and molecular levels has been challenging up to now, says Dr. Appleton, due to the lack of tools available for in vitro cultivation. In collaboration with researchers in her laboratory, Dr. Appleton has discovered that inoculation of *T. spiralis* larvae onto cultured intestinal epithelial cells provides a

viable medium for maturation of the larvae to adulthood and, ultimately, reproduction. The development of this new laboratory model offers scientists the opportunity to observe in greater detail the pathogen and its intracellular habitat.

Lessons learned in immunity to *Trichinella* are being applied to Dr. Appleton's second area of study: the development of a vaccine and diagnostic test for *P. tenuis*. It is a project that has personal roots for the Baker researcher—four sheep on her home farm died from the infection several years ago. *P. tenuis* is aggressive in its infection, often causing paralysis in affected animals by damaging the spinal cord. Few animals recover with treatment; therefore, the need for a vaccine is considerable.

Dr. Appleton is optimistic about the development of a vaccine to prevent the devastating disease caused by *P. tenuis*, a common parasite of white-tailed deer. She says the target population would expand beyond the llama to include goats and sheep.

Advances in Dr. Appleton's research studies of these two pathogens may one day result in valuable new diagnostic and preventive tools for breeders of exotics as well as broader understandings of the transmission of infectious diseases in animals and humans.

To learn more about Dr. Appleton's research, visit http://bakerinstitute.vet.cornell.edu/research/appleton/r\_idi\_appleton.htm

#### Laboratory Highlights in 2002:

Dr. Appleton and postdoctoral fellow Mike Duffy's work to develop a vaccine for the *P. tenuis* disease was featured in the winter 2003 edition of *Alpacas Magazine*, the official journal of the Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association, Inc.

Dr. Appleton has served as a member of the International Commission on Trichinellosis since 2000.

"We aim to identify proteins that the parasite P. tenuis uses to infect animals. If the alpaca's immune response can be made to interfere with those proteins, then we may be able to make a vaccine that would protect the animal against disease. The challenge is identifying the best proteins to target in the vaccine."

—Judy Appleton, from interview featured in winter 2003 issue of *Alpacas Magazine* 

Dr. Appleton spoke on "Glycan-Specific Antibodies Mediate Immunity to the Intraepithelial Nematode *Trichinella spiralis*" at a Keystone Symposium on Microbial-Epithelial-Lymphocyte Interactions in Mucosal Immunity held in Breckenridge, Colorado, in April.

She was an ad-hoc member of the Study Section for Training Grants and Fellowships for the National Institutes of Health (NIH)-Allergy and Infectious Diseases' Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Research Committee in 2002. Since 1999, Dr. Appleton also has been an ad hoc reviewer for the NIH Study Section for Tropical Medicine and Parasitology.

#### Research Awards Active in 2002:

- "Immunity to Parasitic Infection" (Principal Investigator) Sponsor: NIH¹-NIAID²
- "Molecular and Cellular Transport in Mucus" (Collaborator; Principal Investigator, Mark Saltzman, Chemical Engineering)
  Sponsor: NIH-NIGMS<sup>3</sup>

- "Vaccination to Prevent Disease Caused by Parelaphostrongylus tenuis" (Principal Investigator)
  Sponsor: Morris Animal Foundation
- "Influence of an Underlying Immune Environment on the Subsequent IgG Isotype Response to a Foreign Antigen" (Co-Investigator) Sponsor: Harry M. Zweig Memorial Fund for Equine Research

## Daniel Beiting (Graduate Research Assistant, Appleton Laboratory)

"Immunology of Parasitic Diseases" (training grant)
Sponsor/Division: NIH¹-NIAID²

## Michael Duffy (Postdoctoral Fellow, Appleton Laboratory)

"Mechanisms of Acquired Immunity to Parasitic Nematodes"

Sponsor/Division: Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada

<sup>1</sup>NIH: National Institutes of Health

<sup>2</sup>NIAID: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

nsor: NIH-NIGMS<sup>3</sup> 3NIGMS: National Institute of General Medical Sciences





Lucy Gagliardo, research technician

## Nancy Burton-Wurster, MS, PhD

#### Senior Research Associate

#### **Research Profile**



Dr. Nancy Burton-Wurster's research focuses on the study of cartilage disease—in particular, how it affects the development of osteoarthritis in dogs. Her work has close ties with that of Dr. George Lust (and Cornell veterinary colleague Dr. Rory Todhunter) and their studies of canine hip dysplasia. Their collaborative approach allows for linkage analysis, or the identification of genes that may contribute to the development of hip dysplasia and osteoarthritis.

Dr. Burton-Wurster's work with canine osteoarthritis is advancing studies of the degenerative joint disease in the human population as well. Osteoarthritis, one of the oldest and most common types of arthritis, affects an estimated 21 million people in the United States alone. The onset of osteoarthritis varies; some dogs (like people) are genetically predisposed to develop the condition at an early age, while others can have a spontaneous occurrence that accompanies old age.

The disease is characterized by the breakdown of the joint's cartilage, the pliant tissue that helps to minimize friction between joints. Over time, the process results in bones rubbing against each other, causing pain and loss of movement. Dr. Burton-Wurster's research is examining the biochemical and mechanical changes that take place when this normally supple tissue is compromised. Recent work focuses on the contributions of chrondrocyte death to the nature and progression of osteoarthritis.

Her research has led to the identification and subsequent study of a unique isoform of the protein fibronectin, which is specific to cartilage tissue. Dr. Burton-Wurster's observation of the considerably elevated levels of fibronectin in severely damaged osteoarthritic cartilage has shed new light on its role in the maintenance of healthy cartilage.

Likewise, the Baker Institute researcher has observed that the removal of chondrocytes—the cells that synthesize cartilage—from cartilage tissue causes levels of fibronectin to drop dramatically. Her search for a better understanding of these connections may one day yield a biomarker for the early detection of osteoarthritis.

To learn more about Dr. Burton-Wurster's research, visit http://bakerinstitute.vet.cornell. edu/research/burton-wurster/r\_gen\_dev\_b\_ wurster.htm

"The only way of discovering the limits of the possible is to venture a little way past them into the impossible."

Arthur C. Clarke

"Our work with canine osteoarthritis has an important impact for human health as well. My research seeks to provide a better understanding of this devastating condition in both species and offer new diagnostic tools to assist in the long-term treatment and maintenance of this painful disease."

—Nancy Burton-Wurster

#### Laboratory Highlights in 2002:

Dr. Burton-Wurster served as a reviewer for a number of academic journals, including Archives of Biochemistry and Biophysics, Arthritis and Rheumatism, Connective Tissue Research, Journal of Orthopaedic Research, Osteoarthritis and Cartilage and Scanning Microscopy International.

She was an ad hoc grants reviewer for the United States Department of Agriculture.







Kristen Clements, postdoctoral associate

#### Research Awards Active in 2002:

"Impact Damage, Apoptosis, and Early Osteoarthritis" (Principal Investigator) (George Lust, Co-Principal Investigator) Sponsor: NIH<sup>1</sup>-NIAMS<sup>2</sup>

"The Cartilage-Specific (V+C) Fibronectin Isoform as an Osteoarthritis Biomarker" (Principal Investigator) (George Lust, Co-Investigator, James MacLeod, Co-Principal Investigator) Sponsor: Arthritis Foundation

"Cartilage-Specific Fibronectin Isoform" (Co-Principal Investigator) (James MacLeod, Principal Investigator) Sponsor: Arthritis Foundation

Master Research Agreement (Co-Principal Investigator) (George Lust, Co-Principal Investigator) Sponsor: Pfizer Central Research

"Cartilage-Specific Fibronectin Isoform" (Co-Investigator) (James MacLeod, Principal Investigator) Sponsor: NIH<sup>1</sup>-NIAMS<sup>2</sup>

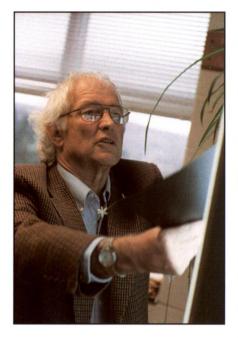
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<sup>2</sup>NIAMS: National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases

## George Lust, PhD

## **Professor of Physiological Chemistry**

**Research Profile** 



The simple pleasure of a walk in the park is denied millions of pet owners each day whose dogs suffer from canine hip dysplasia (CHD) and the resulting—and quite painful—osteoarthritis.

A crippling joint disease that can affect dogs of all sizes across all breeds, CHD is seen predomi-

nantly in most large breed dogs, including the popular Labrador and golden retrievers. In its advanced stages, the disease often leads to osteoarthritis—a painful, degenerative condition with no known cure. Canine osteoarthritis is one of the most common sources of chronic pain treated by veterinarians.

A specialist in bone and joint diseases in animals, Dr. George Lust has made a career study of this devastating condition to provide pet owners and veterinarians with new information for early diagnosis and preventive treatment to ease the symptoms. The condition is characterized by the loss of the smooth cartilage that covers and protects the end of the bones in a movable (synovial) joint, so the use of radiographs—or x-rays—is a common diagnostic tool.

Though radiograph results are not always conclusive, researchers agree that early diagnosis—preferably made during the first year of a puppy's life—is crucial to maximize intervention and treatment needed to ease symptoms.

The dorsolateral subluxation (DLS) test, devel-

oped in 1996, provides such early detection and is useful as a field screening test for both dysplastic and nondysplastic hips in young dogs. Unlike current tests that involve manipulation of a dog's legs and hips while on his back, the DLS test measures hip abnormality in a manner that most closely matches the dog walking or running.

His most recent research contribution—a 14-year study completed in 2002 with dogs at the Nestlé Purina Pet Care Co. and co-authored by Dr. Lust—found that dogs who consumed 25 percent fewer calories than their littermates on the same balanced diet lived significantly longer and suffered fewer canine diseases.

Dr. Lust saw the thinner dogs incurring much less CHD and subsequent osteoarthritis, compared with dogs that were fed the portions indicated on the pet food packages. On average, the dogs on reduced rations also lived nearly two years longer.

The ambitious dog study was done at Nestlé Purina, and included as collaborators Dr. Lust along with scientists from the University of Illinois, Michigan State University, and the University of Pennsylvania. Results of the study were published in the *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association* in May 2002.

Dr. Lust followed the development of CHD in the 48 dogs in the study and found striking effects of diet on the progression of the disease, even in young animals.

"It was dramatic. In the control group of 24 dogs—the over-fed dogs—16 had CHD at two years of age, and eight were normal," Dr. Lust says. "Of the 24 dogs in the restricted diet group, only eight had CHD and 16 were normal."

To learn more about Dr. Lust's research, visit http://bakerinstitute.vet.cornell.edu/research/lust/r\_gen\_dev\_lust.htm.

"I am hopeful that one day we will identify the genes for this debilitating condition and be able to offer an improved quality of life for dogs suffering from this devastating disease."

—George Lust

#### Laboratory Highlights in 2002:

Dr. Lust delivered a guest lecture, "Diet Restriction and Osteoarthritis in Animals," at the Nestlé Purina Pet Institute Symposium: Advancing Life through Diet Restriction held in St. Louis, Missouri, in September 2002. (To learn more about this news-making nutrition study, visit www.purina.com/institute/news.asp?article=441.)

Kristen M. Riley, a Cornell undergraduate who worked in Dr. Lust's laboratory, was awarded Senior Honors in Research in May for her thesis, "A Search for a RAPD Marker Linked to Canine Hip Dysplasia." She is now a graduate student at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia.



#### Research Awards Active in 2002:

- "Molecular Genetic Markers for Canine Hip Dysplasia" (Principal Investigator) Sponsor: Ralston Purina Company
- "Course Genome-Wide Scan for Canine Hip Dysplasia and Osteoarthritis" (Co-Investigator) Sponsor: Cornell Center for Advanced Technology



Virginia Scarpino, research technician

# Vicki Meyers-Wallen, VMD, PhD

#### **Associate Professor of Reproduction**

#### **Research Profile**



Unlocking and applying new understandings of reproductive disorders in dogs is the cornerstone of Dr. Vicki Mevers-Wallen's work in her laboratory for the Study of Inherited Canine Reproductive Diseases at the Baker Institute.

Her particular area of research

is the investigation of Sry-negative XX sex reversal, an autosomal-recessive inherited trait that causes testicular tissue to develop in dogs that are chromosomally female. Infertility is a common result of this disorder. To date, work in her laboratory has resulted in identification of this disorder in 15 dog breeds, and research is under way to identify the marker responsible for the genetic disorder.

An important aspect of Dr. Meyers-Wallen's research is the frontline genetic counseling she provides to dog owners and breeders seeking assistance with their dogs who have reproductive disorders, such as Sry-negative XX sex reversal. Her expertise is often sought by these individuals to help them make informed breeding decisions.

Research taking place in Dr. Meyers-Wallen's laboratory is providing valuable data for the

canine genome project as well, an international effort to sequence the canine genome. Unlocking the genetic sequencing of the dog genome will provide researchers with valuable new information and the potential to develop DNA tests for inherited disorders in the dog, including those that affect reproduction.

Dr. Meyers-Wallen says such information might one day be used to test thousands of genes at a time in addition to producing DNA profiles on individual animals. She anticipates that clinical applications will emerge rapidly with the availability of new information from canine and comparative genome projects. The ability to select for specific or desirable traits for your beloved dog may sound tempting; however, Dr. Meyers-Wallen cautions that responsibility and a strong dose of ethics will need to accompany medical advances in the laboratory.

"There is not only a great potential to improve overall canine health through genetic selection, but also the potential to do harm if we fail to maintain genetic diversity," says Dr. Meyers-Wallen. "The veterinary profession must be in a position to correctly advise clients on the application of this information to individual dogs as well as to populations of dogs, and particularly purebred dogs."

To learn more about Dr. Meyers-Wallen's research, visit http://bakerinstitute.vet.cornell. edu/research/meyers-wallen/r\_gen\_dev\_m\_ wallen.htm

"Tests for inherited diseases in dogs help the breeder to avoid the production of affected dogs and to eliminate the gene mutation from a breed without eliminating any particular line within a breed."

—Vicki Meyers-Wallen

#### Laboratory Highlights in 2002:

Dr. Meyers-Wallen served as chief of service in the Small Animal Fertility and Infertility Clinic at the Cornell University Hospital for Animals, where she provided genetic counseling services to dog breeders.

She spoke to overflow crowds on the topics of "Breeding Management of the Bitch," "Ovulation Timing in Bitches with Infertility Problems," "Monitoring Pregnancy and Electing Caesarean Section Delivery," and "Infertility in the Dog" at the 74th Western Veterinary Conference held in Las Vegas, Nevada, in February.

Dr. Meyers-Wallen presented a guest talk on ethics and genetic selection in purebred dogs at the Third European Congress of the European Veterinary Society for Small Animal Reproduction held in Liege, Belgium, in May.

Dr. Meyers-Wallen is a member of the American College of Theriogenologists (ACT) and was elected to serve on the committee to study cooperation between the ACT and the European Congress of Animal Reproduction.

#### Research Awards Active in 2002:

- "Autosomal Mechanisms of Testis Induction" (Principal Investigator) Sponsor: NIH<sup>1</sup>-NICHD<sup>2</sup>
- "Canine Model for *Sry*-negative XX Sex Reversal" (Principal Investigator) Sponsor: Marshfield Medical Research Foundation

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<sup>1</sup>NIH: National Institutes of Health <sup>2</sup>NICHD: National Institute of Child Health and Human Development



Dr. Meyers-Wallen with research support specialist Leanna Natale and postdoctoral associate Kumar Kothapalli



## Colin Parrish, PhD

#### **Professor of Virology**

**Research Profile** 



Two decades after its appearance, Canine Parvovirus (CPV) strikes much less frequently and mostly in puppies and adolescent dogslargely due to the development of effective vaccines at the Baker Institute. However, the threat of infection from this and other pathogens is always present in

our environment. Previously unknown pathogens may emerge (as we have seen in recent times) or known pathogens may develop a more viralent form and pose a new threat (as was the case with CPV, a mutant of a cat virus able to infect dogs).

Dr. Parrish is examining the the mechanisms of parvo viral disease from a molecular basis, which allows the development of new methods for infectious disease control, including vaccine development. His research seeks to trace the origins of CPV as a dog virus and its evolution in nature. The laboratory uses molecular biological methods to understand the special properties of the new virus that enabled it to infect dogs. Methods include the use of X-ray crystallography to examine the structural details of the virus particle and cell biology to study differences in virus entry into cells that become infected and those that do not.

Other research in the laboratory is examining the causes of the natural shift in host range and subsequent evolution of CPV, which results from virus-specific binding to the canine transferrin receptor (the recognition molecule that induces the host cell to pick up and bind to the parvovirus). The basic and applied work of the laboratory has concentrated mostly on the study of viral diseases of dogs and cats. However, in investigating the host range shift questions they have also done a detailed analysis of parvoviruses of cats, raccoons, mink, and other carnivores, as well as studies to characterize the minute virus of canines, also known as CPV type-1.

It is likely that most animals, humans included, have a species specific parvovirus. The canine parvovirus (CPV type-2) first emerged among domesticated dogs in Europe during the mid-1970s. This initial appearance quickly developed into a worldwide epidemic of diseases that included myocarditis (an inflammation of the muscular layer of the heart wall) and gastroenteritis (an inflammation of the lining of the stomach and intestines). The virus infects both wild and domesticated canine species. Through his work, Dr. Parrish hopes to elucidate the mechanisms that allowed the virus to "jump" from the cat to the dog and better understand how this process may work in other virus models as well. This then would create a better understanding of how to best prevent infection or deal with outbreaks of mutated strains.

Dr. Parrish's research is continuing the legacy of the Institute's early work in infectious diseases, in particular, its reknowned efforts in virology. Advanced research in infectious diseases and immunology is necessary to stay at the frontline in controlling these risks for both humans and companion animals.

To learn more about Dr. Parrish's research, visit http://bakerinstitute.vet.cornell.edu/research/parrish/r\_idi\_parrish.htm

"There are not many viruses where we really understand, at a detailed level, how the virus particle enters the cell to infect it. The study of virus biology enables us to better understand and to design treatments for canine and feline parvovirus."

—Colin Parrish

#### Laboratory Highlights in 2002:

Dr. Parrish was promoted from associate professor to professor of virology.

He was a member of the program organizing committee and chair of the session on Viral Structure and Function at the International Parvovirus Meetings held in Bologna, Italy.

In 2002, Dr. Parrish spoke at the University of Iowa, College of Veterinary Medicine Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology meeting on Virus Structure, Saxtons River, Vermont; the American Society for Virology meeting held in Lexington, Kentucky; the Keystone Meeting on Pathogen-Host Interactions in Snowmass, Colorado; and the Noble Foundation Virus Evolution Workshop held in Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Dr. Parrish organized a virology retreat for Cornell faculty in September.

Dr. Parrish has served as a regular panel member/reviewer for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Study Section on Experimental Virology since 1999. Since 2001, he has also been a reviewer for the NIH intramural grant programs.

#### Research Awards Active in 2002:

- "Mechanisms of Parvovirus Infection and Host Range" (Principal Investigator) Sponsor: NIH<sup>1</sup>-NIAID<sup>2</sup>
- "Parvovirus Structure, Capsid Assembly, and Receptors" (Principal Investigator) Sponsor: NIH¹-NIAID²
- "Training in Molecular Virology and Pathogenesis" (Principal Investigator) Sponsor: NIH<sup>1</sup>-NIAID<sup>2</sup>

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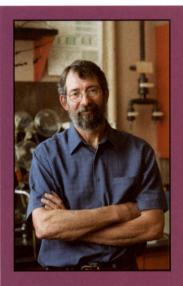
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Dr. Parrish (r) reviews experiment with research technician Wendy Weichert and graduate research assistant Karsten Hueffer.

## DEPARTURES

## **Transitions**



#### Lab technician retires after three decades of service

Research technician Linc Adams retired in December 2002, completing more than three decades of service in the laboratories at the Baker Institute. During his tenure, Adams saw enormous growth at the Institute, watching it evolve from its original cluster of laboratories to the dedication of the new building in fall 2002.

Arriving in 1972, Adams spent his early years working in the laboratory of Dr. Gus Aguirre, where he assisted Dr. Aguirre's work with inherited eye diseases in dogs, and with former Baker faculty member Dr. Ron Schultz and his studies of coonhound paralysis. For the past two decades, Adams has worked in the laboratory of Professor Robin Bell conducting experiments related to immunology and infectious disease. Working at the Institute also enabled Adams to meet people from around the world, many of whom he has kept ties to during his travels abroad with his wife, Linda. In addition to having more time for travel now that he has retired, Adams, an avid outdoorsman, is able to pursue some of his favorite pastimes, including fishing. For now, he maintains his association with the Institute, spending several hours a week onsite completing experiments for Professor Bell.

Reflecting on his years of service, Adams says, "I arrived here and just stuck. The Baker Institute is a great place to work and has suited my lifestyle."



In July 2003, James MacLeod, VMD, PhD, was appointed to the John S. and Elizabeth A. Knight Chair in Equine Musculoskeletal Science at the Maxwell H. Gluck Equine

Research Center at the University of Kentucky. The research program of the Department of Veterinary Science focuses its activities on the horse, and is regarded as one of the premiere institutions in the country for equine research. In addition, Dr. MacLeod will hold a joint appointment in orthopedics at the University of Kentucky's Medical School.

Dr. MacLeod joined the Baker Institute as assistant professor of molecular genetics in 1992 and was promoted to associate professor in 1999. During his decade of research conducted at the Laboratory of Cellular Growth and Differentiation at the Institute, Dr. MacLeod made important advances in the field of equine joint disease, especially in early changes in chondrocyte gene expression that can contribute to cartilage degeneration and the development of chronic osteoarthritis. Dr. Macleod's progress in better understanding how osteoarthritis develops, combined with his advances in therapeutic strategies, has provided valuable information to the entire equine industry.

In a second project, conducted most recently in collaboration with Cornell veterinary colleague Dr. John Randolph, he made significant progress in the development and investigation of the clinical safety and efficacy of species-specific erythropoietin (EPO) in dogs and cats. Erythropoietin is a protein produced by the kidneys that stimulates production of red blood cells. Clinical trials for dogs and cats were completed in 2002, and results of these studies are being developed for publication.

# Direction



Jharna Ray, PhD, accepted an appointment at Calcutta University. She joined the faculty as the Sikta Pradhan Professor of Neurosciences at the S. N. Pradhan Centre for

Neurosciences in 2002. The move also was a return to Dr. Ray's homeland of India and her family who reside there. Dr. Ray is working on the molecular genetic basis of neurological disorders involving movement in human patients, such as Parkinson's disease, dystonia, and epilepsy. Additionally, Dr. Ray is continuing her studies on hemophilia in collaboration with Cornell senior research associate Dr. Marjory Brooks.

Dr. Jharna Ray joined the Baker Institute faculty in 1992 as assistant professor of molecular genetics, where she pursued genetic studies at the Donnelley Laboratory of Gene Regulation and Expression. During her tenure at the Baker Institute, Dr. Ray focused her efforts on eye diseases, including age-related macular degeneration, while also studying the genetic basis for several inherited disorders in companion animals, including mucopolysaccharidosis, oculo-skeletal dysplasia, hemophilias A and B, and Leber congenital amaurosis. Foremost among her scientific contributions is her work with Baker Institute faculty Drs. Gus Aguirre and Greg Acland in the development of the vector that helped restore sight to Lancelot, a Briard dog born with a blinding genetic mutation. It marked the first time that congenital blindness was reversed in an animal larger than a mouse.

# Research technician recalls memorable moments in Baker labs



Mary Beth Matychak arrived at the Institute in 1974, while the Institute's founder, Dr. James Baker, was still in leadership. Matychak's background in biology helped earn her a spot in Dr. Max Appel's laboratory assisting his studies of canine virology.

Matychak was witness to some of the Institute's early discoveries. She remembers the day in the late 1970s when Dr. Appel, now pro-

fessor of virology, emeritus, made the historic breakthrough with canine parvovirus. The result followed years of analyzing canine fecal samples received from pet owners across the country. Dogs everywhere were dying from the international pandemic, and the race was on to determine the cause and develop a vaccine.

"Dr. Appel was studying one of the samples I had prepped and asked me to take a look," recalls Matychak. The Baker professor observed parvovirus using an electron microscope and determined it was the infectious agent.

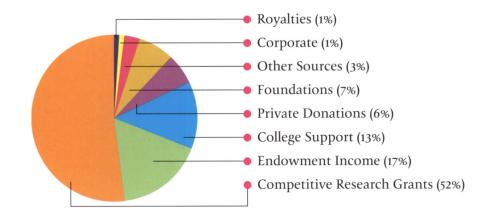
The discovery led to the development of the parvovirus vaccine with Dr. Skip Carmichael, now John M. Olin Professor of Virology, Emeritus. The patent on the Institute's parvovirus vaccine remains the single largest source of royalty income in Cornell's history.

Some species of wildlife are not able to tolerate a modified live distemper, so the Baker Institute produced a killed vaccine for this special purpose. For more than 20 years, Matychak prepared the killed distemper vaccine for black-footed ferrets and pandas at the National Zoo in Washington, D.C., and other wildlife habitats.

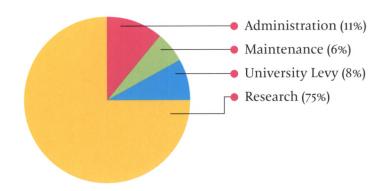
Matychak continued in Institute director Doug Antczak's Equine Immunology Laboratory after Dr. Appel's retirement in 1997 and has been a research technician in Clinical Sciences at the Cornell Veterinary College since January 2003. She says her time at the Baker Institute was rewarding. "I feel very fortunate to have been a part of the Institute's incredible history of discovery."

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-Eleanor Gillis, from March 1988 correspondence

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# Baker Institute Receives Bequest from Eleanor Gillis

In 2002, the Baker Institute received its second-largest-ever bequest from an individual. The very generous gift, which provides valuable long-term resources for academic support, was received through the estate of Mrs. Eleanor Gillisa long-time friend of the Baker Institute and devoted owner of her beloved German Shepherds.

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Mrs. Gillis, who passed away in April 2002, and her

husband, Gordon, who died in 1985, had been supporters of the Institute and its work on behalf of animal health for the past 25 years. In 1992, the Institute presented Mrs. Gillis with the North Award in recognition of her contributions to the improvement of canine health and concern for the well-being of all dogs.

The Gillises established a business to sell construction equip-

ment in Rochester, New York, in 1943. With diligent application they grew their initial investment of \$300 into a thriving enterprise. The couple maintained a strong sense of philanthropy throughout their lives, which they merged with their devotion to companion animals.

"Through the Baker Institute I care for both dogs and people.... Baker works to make dogs healthier, and healthier dogs make happier dog owners. It seems a happy synthesis of two interests," wrote Mrs. Gillis in 1992.

That motivation led her to endow a fund for advanced study with her late husband's bequest to the Baker Institute, and to make provision in her own will to add a substantial gift to

their endowment.

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In Memoriam

Mrs. Dolly Trauner, founder of the the Canine Eye Registry Foundation (CERF), passed away in November 2002. Mrs. Trauner received the Baker Institute's North Award in 1994 for her dedication to eradicating diseases of the eye in the dog and her lifelong support of the research at the Baker Institute.



Mrs. Dolly Trauner

Foremost among Mrs. Trauner's lasting contributions to the welfare of all dogs was her founding, along with her late husband, Dr. Lawrence Trauner, of the Canine Eye Registry Foundation (CERF) to promote the recognition of hereditary ocular disorder in dogs and implement methods for the control and elimination of these diseases using well-established breeding practices. Since its founding in 1974, CERF has made a two-pronged attack on genetically linked blindness in dogs through both registration and research.

"Mrs. Trauner was a caring and compassionate individual who was troubled by the number of hereditary problems that occur in dogs," says Dr. Gus Aguirre, Caspary Professor of Ophthalmology at the Baker Institute and a recipient of Mrs. Trauner's generous support of eye-related research in canines. "I can state unequivocally that Mrs. Trauner has been most influential in establishing the subspecialty of genetics within the field of veterinary ophthalmology."

Mrs. Trauner was a breeder and judge of poodles and Pomeranians and was approved to judge Shih Tzu and Yorkshire Terriers. She was a longstanding member of the Poodle Club of America, the Pomeranian Club of America (past president), the Poodle Club of Central California, Mission Trail Poodle Club, and the Pomeranian Club of Northern California. She served on the San Francisco Commission on Animal Control and Welfare. In addition, Mrs. Trauner was a respected writer for various dog publications.

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Amy Gush joined the Institute's leadership team in March 2003 as director of public affairs, replacing former director Bonnie Baker.

Ms. Gush, who brings a broad complement of development, alumni affairs, and marketing skills to the position, says she is looking forward to implementing new fund-raising initiatives and outreach to the Institute's many friends and supporters. Ms. Gush, hired as a result of a national search, previously

worked at Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon, where she was the primary fund-raiser

marketing/commufor the Colleges of Pharmacy, Health and Human Performance, and Education for the past ten

"We are very pleased to have Amy



Baker Institute public affairs director Amy Gush with her dogs Liberty and Sheila

Baker Institute director Doug Antczak. "She has a keen understanding of issues surrounding public health and medical research that are addressed by the science of veterinary medicine. This is a critical time of growth for the Institute, and we are confident that Amy's marvelous fund-raising skills will help bolster our base of private support."

Ms. Gush, a proud owner of an assortment of companion animals, has a personal interest in the Baker Institute and its mission to advance animal health. "This is the position I would create if I could fashion my 'dream job.' I am certain that the work that is taking place at the Baker Institute today will have enormous positive effects on the quality of life for future

To learn more about how your gift can make a difference for the Baker Institute, contact Ms. Amy Gush at (607) 256-5661 or via e-mail at adg25@cornell.edu.

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A special way to memorialize or honor a beloved pet or companion animal friend

"I never knew of the Baker Institute until I received a letter in the mail stating that my veterinarian made a donation to the Institute in memory of my dog. I was so touched," writes Kerry Donohue. "I just want to thank everyone there for their intensive research and hard work. It means the world to people like me, who have lost their unconditional love to a terrible

Ms. Donohue's heartfelt note is echoed in similar letters and e-mails that the Baker Institute receives annually in recognition of its Memorial Gift Program. The emotion expressed in this correspondence captures the Baker Institute's commitment to animal health.

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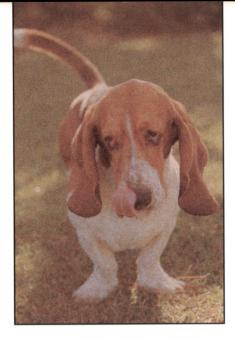
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#### Dr. Harold Zweighaft: Paving the Way for a Healthier **Future**

Harold Zweighaft, DVM '56, recalls listening to the Institute's namesake. James A. Baker, lecture

which would give good solid immunity with no risk to the dog was a new concept at that time," he says.

The Institute has remained an important resource throughout Zweighaft's career in veterinary medicine. An early research partner, Zweighaft has continued his commitment to the Institute, most recently sponsoring a lec-Additionally, Zweighaft is the largest contributor to date to the Institute's Legacy Walk—purchasing 19 bricks (as of May 2003) in honor of his family's lifetime of pets and the pets of close friends and clients.

Zweighaft has been a state and national leader in veterinary medicine as a state representative to the American Veterinary Medical Association's (AVMA) House of Delegates and as a member of the AVMA Executive Board.

1994 Zweighaft was named recipient of the New York State Veterinary Medical Society's Distinguished Life Service Award; in 2000, he received the Institute's Founders' Award. In 2002, Zweighaft retired from his well-established Upper West Side veterinary practice in Manhattan, though he maintains active friendships with many of his long-time clients.

Known for his personalized and attentive service, Zweighaft established a "big-city" animal care practice with a "small-town" feel during his 40-plus years at West Parc Veterinary Clinic.

A long-time participant in the Institute's Memorial Gift Program, Zweighaft says his clients often would express how much his support meant to them.

"I think they found it reassuring to know their pet's memory was being honored in perpetuity while helping to support research that would benefit future generations of dogs or cats," he says.

Advances in animal health care as a result of research under way at the Institute have proved useful to both Zweighaft's practice and his personal interests as a breeder of Boston Terriers. Two examples he mentions include colostrum absorption in newborn puppies and the use of stress radiograph to detect canine hip dysplasia—findings that Zweighaft learned as a result of work at the Institute.

munity that engendered his loyalty to the Institute and its "core of scientists and good fellows.

the Baker Institute that are unimaginable today will prove invaluable in helping tomorrow's veterinarians better assist their patients and their pets.

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Over 600 bricks were initially sponsored, and we continue to receive additional brick sponsorships each month. As a result, the original stage of the brick walk was completed with the first 422 bricks placed. The next phase is scheduled for completion in 2004 once the new site for the walk extension has been selected. For more information about the walk and how to sponsor a brick, please contact Ms. Laurie Lychalk at 607 256 5604 or via email at lal16@cornell.edu.

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#### 30 Years

Alma Williams Research Technician The Albert C. Bostwick Foundation Laboratory

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#### IS Years

Elizabeth Corey Research Technician The Albert C. Bostwick Foundation Laboratory

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2002 Service Award Recipients pictured with director Doug Antczak. Back row (I to r): Alma Williams, Russ Haus, Joe Bennett, Laurie Lychalk; Front row (I to r): Liz Corey and Jennifer Johnson

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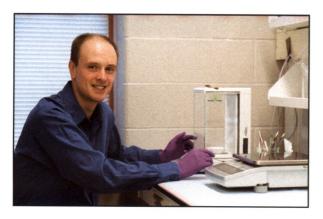
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"The disposition of noble dogs is to be gentle with people they know and the opposite with those they don't know.... How, then, can the dog be anything other than a lover of learning, since it defines what's its own and what's alien."

-Plato





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"Dogs are our link to paradise. They don't know evil or jealousy or discontent. To sit with a dog on a hillside on a glorious afternoon is to be back in Eden, where doing nothing was not boring—it was peace."

- Milan Kundera, Czech writer, 1929-



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# He Is Just My Dog

He is my other eyes that can see above the clouds; my other ears that hear above the winds. He is the part of me that can reach out into the sea.

He has told me a thousand times over that I am his reason for being; by the way he rests against my leg; by the way he thumps his tail at my smallest smile; by the way he shows his hurt when I leave without taking him. (I think it makes him sick with worry when he is not along to care for me.)

When I am wrong, he is delighted to forgive. When I am angry, he clowns to make me smile. When I am happy, he is joy unbounded.

When I am a fool, he ignores it.
When I succeed, he brags.
Without him, I am only another man. With him, I am all-powerful.

He is loyalty itself. He has taught me the meaning of devotion.

With him, I know a secret comfort and a private peace. He has brought me understanding where before I was ignorant.

His head on my knee can heal my human hurts. His presence by my side is protection against my fears of dark and unknown things.

He has promised to wait for me... whenever... wherever—in case I need him. And I expect I will—as I always have. He is just my dog.

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