

Baker Institute for Animal Health

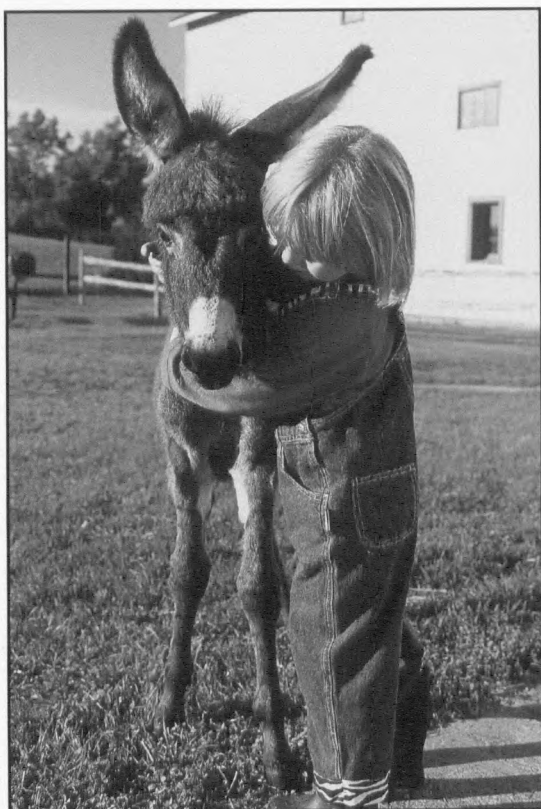
2001 Annual Report



"Some of my best leading men have been dogs and horses."

Elizabeth Taylor

The Baker Institute is dedicated to advancing veterinary medicine through the study of infectious diseases, immunology, genetics and reproduction.



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

“Like the body that is made up of different limbs and organs, all mortal creatures exist depending on one another.”

Hindu Proverb



Director Doug Antczak on site at the new laboratory facility for the Baker Institute

In 2001 the Baker Institute for Animal Health began its second half-century with a flying start, led by the spectacular success in gene therapy achieved by Dr. Gus Aguirre’s research team. Other programs also made advances, including those in osteoarthritis and hip dysplasia, erythropoietin, infectious diseases, and canine and equine genomics. Highlights of our programs are included in this report.

The Baker Institute is dedicated to improving the health of animals through basic and applied research. Our staff includes virologists and geneticists, computer and microscopy specialists, biochemists and veterinary scientists. The Institute is also a site for training the next generation of researchers devoted to animal health—our graduate and veterinary students and post-doctoral fellows. The Baker scientists are supported by a diverse staff who are equally committed to the Institute’s mission. Finally, the Institute is linked to other veterinary and medical institutions around the world, and to hundreds of veterinary practitioners who provide primary health care for companion animals—yours, mine, and our neighbors. The primary goal of the Baker Institute is to improve animal health through research.

Providing a working environment that matches the high level and outstanding quality of our research programs has been the highest priority for the Baker Institute since the late 1990s. Our recent progress has been remarkable: in June 2001 the Institute broke ground on a capital project that includes a 32,000-square-foot laboratory building and a 100-seat lecture auditorium. These state-of-the-art new facilities are scheduled for completion in the early fall of 2002 (see pp. 12-13 for details). Our entire staff are keenly expectant of the opportunities for research that these new facilities will bring.

These developments—and discoveries yet to be made—would not be possible without the generous support of individuals and organizations who share our commitment to advancing veterinary medicine for future generations of companion animals.

Your dedication to animal health sustains and strengthens the commitment of the entire staff of the Baker Institute. It is my privilege to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your investment in the work we do.

Sincerely,

Doug Antczak, VMD, PhD
Institute Director

“For 50 years the Baker Institute has conducted research on animal health—but by far the Institute’s greatest impact has been in preventing canine infectious and genetic diseases. This focus on diseases of the dog continues today.”

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A forerunner in canine research since 1950, the Baker Institute has been involved in the development of almost every vaccine for the prevention of infectious diseases in dogs—the distemper and parvovirus vaccines most notable among them.

Profiles in Discovery: The Faces of the Baker Institute

For more than fifty years, the Baker Institute has been a world leader in veterinary research. Millions of companion animals have been saved as a result of discoveries made here at the Institute—discoveries that include the development and evaluation of the distemper and canine parvovirus vaccines as well as production of genetic tests for inherited diseases.

The following pages highlight just a few of the dedicated individuals who help make such discoveries possible—from professors to graduate research assistants to veterinary students to our private supporters. These individuals represent the collective spirit of commitment found at the Baker Institute to advance veterinary medicine through research.

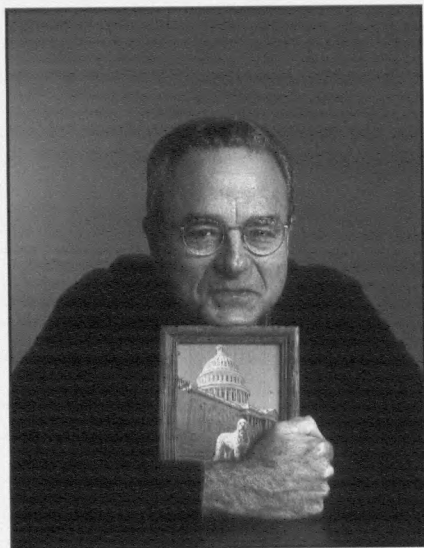


“A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself.”

Josh Billings

Seeing is Believing:

Restored Sight Offers Brighter Future for Man and His Best Friend



Gus Aguirre

From the laboratories of science to the hallways of Capitol Hill, a lively Briard named Lancelot has become the poster dog for the wonders of 21st century science. His incredible story of restored sight was revealed to the world in the spring of 2001 thanks to the marvels of scientific research.

A group of scientists at the Baker Institute were behind this innovative research in gene therapy that helped restore vision to the now-famous dog. The groundbreaking results marked the first time that congenital blindness has been reversed in an animal larger than a mouse.

The news of Lancelot's restored sight, as reported in the May 2001 issue of *Nature Genetics*, quickly made headlines around the world and has since brought hope to human sufferers of a similar form of childhood blindness, Leber congenital amaurosis.

The gene therapy team included Baker Institute's Gus Aguirre, Caspary Professor of Ophthalmology, together with his Institute colleagues Greg Acland, senior research associate; Sue Pearce-Kelling, research support specialist; Jharna Ray, assistant professor of molecular genetics; and Qi Zhang, senior research associate, as well as researchers at the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Florida.

Everywhere Lancelot goes these days, he is sure to turn heads. The shaggy canine celebrity, joined by Drs. Aguirre and Acland, traveled to Washington, D.C. to appear at a congressional briefing held at the U.S. House of Representatives. The public session focused attention on recent advancements made in the field of eye research, as well as

the need for increased funding from the National Eye Institute of the National Institutes of Health.

"We knew that Lancelot could deliver our message to Capitol Hill about the importance of research in a unique and powerful way," says Robert M. Gray, chief executive officer of The Foundation Fighting Blindness, a non-profit organization who helped fund this remarkable research and organized the congressional meeting.

Now, more than a year later, Lancelot's vision remains stable. Funding for expanded clinical trials to examine other retinal degenerative diseases in dogs is underway. The research holds enormous potential not only for dogs, but also for the millions of humans who suffer from decreased vision as a result of retinal degeneration.

The complexity of this modern-day research demands a team effort from scientists collaborating at different universities to broaden funding assistance received from government agencies and private citizens.

The need for ongoing support is crucial says Dr. Aguirre. "With continued assistance from our friends and fellow dog lovers, we expect to make many exciting strides in identifying the causes of inherited blindness in dogs, developing DNA-based tests that can detect affected and carrier dogs before breeding, and, in some cases, enable the development of treatments which will benefit future generations of dogs."



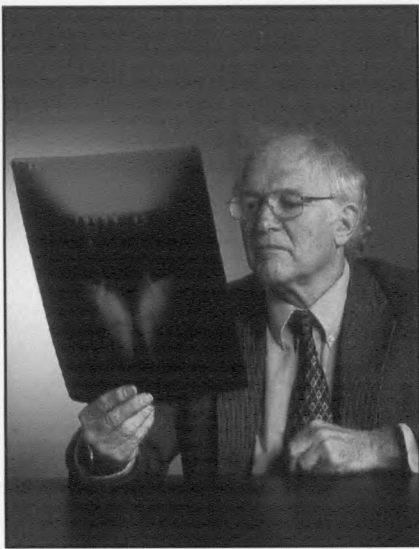
Joining Lancelot at the nation's Capitol are (from l to r): Baker Institute's Gus Aguirre and Greg Acland along with The Foundation Fighting Blindness officials Gordon Gund, Chairman; Gerald Chader, Chief Scientific Officer; and Bob Gray, Chief Executive Officer.

"He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion."

Source Unknown

Helping Dogs Find a New Leash on Life:

A Career Devoted to a Cure for Canine Hip Dysplasia



George Lust

Dr. George Lust, professor of physiological chemistry in the Baker Institute's John M. Olin Laboratory for the Study of Canine Bone and Joint Diseases and a veteran member of the Institute's Genetics and Development Group, is almost inconspicuous in his crowded office of books, papers and plants. However, his tremendous interest in animals—especially dogs—is evident in his research.

His scientific studies, which now span more than three decades, began at the invitation of the Institute's founder, Dr. James A. Baker.

Recalling his arrival in the late 1960s, Dr. Lust says, "I thought I would do infectious disease research when I applied for a position here, because the Institute then was called the Veterinary Virus Research Institute. It came as a surprise when Dr. Baker offered me a faculty position with the provision that I work on the diagnosis and cause of hip dysplasia in dogs."

That fateful turn of events has resulted in a career study of canine hip dysplasia—a debilitating and degenerative joint disease with no known cure which affects more than half of all dogs within large breeds, including Labradors and golden retrievers.

At the time of Dr. Lust's arrival, few publications were available on the subject and none involved biochemical work. It was Dr. Baker's idea that biochemistry could help unlock the secrets of this devastating disease. Dr. Lust was trained as a biochemist. After receiving his doctoral degree in biochemistry from Cornell in 1964, Dr. Lust served as a biochemical laboratory officer and later as a

biochemist in the U.S. Army's Medical Unit at Fort Detrick in Maryland.

The scientist accepted Dr. Baker's offer and set out to do studies on the biochemistry of hip joints in dogs.

"The subject of hip dysplasia has been fascinating for me," says Dr. Lust. "I continue to search for the elusive cause of canine hip dysplasia."

This motivation has resulted in an improved, early diagnostic method for canine hip dysplasia, developed by Dr. Lust and his colleagues at the Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine Dr. Rory Todhunter and Dr. James Farese (now at the University of Florida). Tested in

controlled studies and found to be accurate as early as eight months of age in a puppy's life, the dorsolateral subluxation (DLS) test provides an improved diagnosis over tests currently available.

The recently invented DLS score is used as a measurement for hip quality; the primary advantage being its ability to detect dysplastic hips at an early stage in a puppy's life, allowing for early intervention and treatment to ease symptoms which can include severe joint damage and inflammation.

Man's best friend is not the only beneficiary of Dr. Lust's lifelong study of hip dysplasia.

"Dysplastic joints are arthritic joints," says Dr. Lust. "Our studies have relevance for both hip dysplasia and the accompanying osteoarthritis in people."

It is similarities such as these that keep Dr. Lust on the search for a cure for this chronic condition, offering an improved quality of life for canines and their human companions.



DLS X-ray of dysplastic canine hip

"All knowledge, the totality of all questions and all answers, is contained in the dog."

Franz Kafka

Looking for Connections:

Cartilage and its Link to Canine Hip Dysplasia and Osteoarthritis



Nancy Burton-Wurster

Dr. Nancy Burton-Wurster, senior research associate in the Baker Institute's John M. Olin Laboratory for the Study of Canine Bone and Joint Diseases, describes herself as "one of those lucky people" who has known what she wanted to do since grade school.

The NIH-funded researcher says her world was opened to the wonders of science through children's television programming, in particular Don Herbert's "Watch Mr. Wizard". The popular black-and-white show sparked an early fascination with the subject.

The first in her family to attend college, Dr. Burton-Wurster was keen on pursuing educational opportunities. "Luckily I was bright enough to get scholarships to allow me to study biology, chemistry and math at New York University," she says.

After graduation, Dr. Burton-Wurster worked as a technician at the NYU School of Medicine and earned her master's degree by attending classes in the evenings and on weekends. The process took five years, and another three years of full-time study at NYU's Medical School to receive her PhD in microbiology.

Her academic persistence paid off. In 1981, Dr. Burton-Wurster arrived at the Baker Institute where she has worked closely with Dr. George Lust for the past two decades to advance studies of canine

hip dysplasia and osteoarthritis. During that time, her focus has been to better understand the biochemical and mechanical changes that occur early in the development of osteoarthritic lesions.

Researchers in Dr. Burton-Wurster's laboratory are especially interested in a funda-

mental aspect of the cartilage matrix—a protein known as fibronectin. Working with Institute colleagues in Dr. Judy Appleton's and Dr. Jamie MacLeod's laboratories, Dr. Burton-Wurster's group has produced a monoclonal antibody that can recognize the cartilage-specific fibronectin isoform. This antibody opens the way to develop a useful biomarker to detect the onset or progression of osteoarthritis. This would also enable researchers to test the efficacy of various treatment or preventative regimens.

The Baker scientist's work will impact the quality of life for dogs and is shedding valuable light on human health as well.

"We hope that our studies of healthy cartilage and our ability to model early biochemical and metabolic responses of this cartilage to impact damage will someday benefit both animals and humans who suffer from osteoarthritis," she says.

Dr. Burton-Wurster's interest in the world around her hasn't wavered over the years. It's a curiosity that began as a child and has carried her far in her career.

"I continue to be fascinated by biology at the cellular and molecular level. I enjoy the daily challenge of problem solving and the satisfaction that comes from the discovery of something previously not known."



Drs. Lust and Burton-Wurster

Osteoarthritis is the unfortunate—and painful—consequence of canine hip dysplasia and is seen in humans as well as large dogs.

From Pollen to Parvovirus:

Pursuit of Animal Science Takes Graduate Around the Globe



Karsten Hueffer

Growing up in a small village in Germany, Karsten Hueffer had the image as a young boy that he would grow up to be a countryside veterinarian.

“My parents tell the story that one day I came home from school and announced, ‘When I get big, I want to be a vet,’ ” he says.

A graduate research assistant in Dr. Colin Parrish’s Bostwick Laboratory of Molecular Biology at the Baker Institute, Hueffer’s entry into the world of veterinary science began with the humble honeybee and a fateful class project.

“My teacher presented a science project on beekeeping and I ended up getting the assignment by chance,” says Hueffer. In fact Hueffer became so interested in his bee studies that he started a small beekeeping business with his father at age 14, an enterprise that continues today.

Hueffer’s curiosity with the buzzing creatures took him to Australia where he worked with a professional beekeeper. He continued his studies at bee institutes in Germany and Spain.

“At the time I was finishing veterinary school, I was thinking of either working on basic research or perhaps more specialized research on the nature of honey bee disease,” says Hueffer.

The talented young veterinary student found his way to the Cornell Veterinary Leadership Program, a summer externship that provides an intensive, research-oriented learning experience.

Despite his affinity for the apian world, after entering the Leadership Program Hueffer decided a career in bee studies might be too limiting.

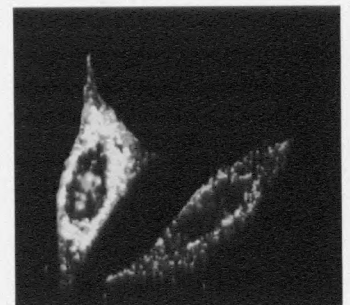
As a Leadership student, Hueffer worked in the lab of Baker Institute researcher Dr. George Lust assisting his studies of canine hip dysplasia. “It was a wonderful experience,” says Hueffer, who met a number of Institute scientists during his summer stay, including Dr. Colin Parrish, associate professor of virology.

Dr. Parrish’s laboratory and his studies in virology—specifically, canine parvovirus—ultimately provided the ideal spot for Hueffer’s desire for self-study and motivation upon completion of his veterinary studies in Hannover, Germany. Hueffer became especially interested in the interface between the cell and virus. “I am trying to determine the nature of the parvovirus infection by changing the receptor and studying the reaction of the virus,” he says.

Using video microscopy time-lapse technology, Hueffer is able to study up close how the virus enters a live cell. His research is helping to advance scientists’ understanding of the nature of parvovirus as well as the nature of virus uptake in general.

A devoted cyclist, Hueffer can be seen pedaling his way up Hungerford Hill to the Institute laboratories even in the most inclement Ithaca weather. This dogged determination underscores Hueffer’s desire to succeed as well.

Much like the path that has brought him to this point, Hueffer is optimistic about the next step in his career plans. “I’m open to wherever opportunity takes me,” he says. Almost certainly, it will be a winning move.



Cell image from confocal microscopy work. Binding of virus and transferrin to cells expressing feline transferrin receptor.

The diversity of research at the Baker Institute has proved a strong appeal to Hueffer’s varied scientific interests.

“I really like that there are so many approaches to different areas of research here. I think that opens your mind to problems in other fields, and often you are able to see connections as a result.”

Galloping Toward a Goal:

Havemeyer Summer Research Fellow Explores Equine Interests



Kelly Feiner

Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine student Kelly Feiner (Class of 2004) says she always knew she wanted to be a veterinarian. The native New Yorker has had a lifelong interest in animals—especially horses.

An admitted ‘late-comer’ to the equestrian world—Feiner started riding when she was 13—her fascination with horses began in childhood. “It became pretty clear to me at a young age that I wanted to be a horse vet,” she says.

Feiner was selected in 2001 to receive one of two highly competitive Havemeyer Summer Fellowships offered each year at the Baker Institute. Since 1981 there have been 44 Havemeyer Summer Research Fellows from more than 20 veterinary colleges around the world who have assisted with the clinical equine reproduction and conducted short research projects in the Institute’s Equine Genetics Center.

The Dorothy Russell Havemeyer Foundation Fellowship Program at Cornell was developed by Institute Director Doug Antczak and provides a short-term educational experience in equine health research for first-, second- or third-year veterinary students at the Equine Genetics Center at the Baker Institute. Havemeyer Fellowships enable students with an interest in research careers to participate actively in current research projects in equine medicine.

For Feiner, the Havemeyer Fellowship proved an ideal match—pairing her interest in veterinary medicine, including her specialty focus in the

fields of immunology and theriogenology, with her love of horses.

“I had a wonderful summer. It was a great opportunity for me to meet veterinarians who were doing something different than just working in the clinical field,” she says.

During her summer stay at the Baker Institute, Feiner worked closely with Graduate Research Assistant Paige Adams in Dr. Antczak’s laboratory where she studied the inflammatory response to skin grafts between matching and non-matching tissue-typed horses. Feiner’s work was integral to the overall equine immunology studies being performed in the Antczak lab.

Feiner says her studies in equine genetics can contribute to a better understanding of human health as well. “The research we are doing with horses can be applied all the way up to tissue rejection by humans and understanding what our bodies do to stay healthy.”

Feiner is quick to acknowledge the Baker Institute has provided an important jumpstart to her future studies.

“I’m very glad my experience as a Havemeyer Summer Research Fellow will appear on my academic record. I think it’s important to show future employers that you have had exposure as a student to a variety of job-related experiences.”



“Nature will never disclose all her secrets to us, and the horse will forever have in store for us novelties, surprises, springing from life itself.”

General Alexis L’Hotte, quoted in
“Equitation: Learning and Teaching”
by Jean Froissard

A Champion for Companion Animal Care:

Baker Institute Advisory Council Chair in a Class by Herself



Joanne Bicknese

Joanne Bicknese, DVM, ELS, says her love of animals has always been a part of her life. "I wanted to be a veterinarian ever since I was a little child," recalls Dr. Bicknese (BS '76, DVM '78). An accomplished equestrienne, she expected to become an equine veterinarian upon graduation from the Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine.

Following a brief sidestep into the world of dairy practice, Dr. Bicknese rekindled her first love and accepted a position in a prestigious equine practice in New Jersey. A few years later, she opened her own equine practice, but not before first polishing her skills at a small animal emergency clinic. The well-rounded veterinarian then took her talents to the boardroom and became involved with advancing veterinary medicine at major pharmaceutical companies. After 14 years with Merck, Dr. Bicknese moved to Pharmacia Animal Health in 2001 where she serves as the company's Global Veterinary Medical Director for Companion Animals.

"Over the years, I've worked on a variety of projects that have influenced the lives of animals all over the world. That's very rewarding for me," she says.

The overarching message of the Baker Institute, stresses Dr. Bicknese, is one of optimism. "What the Baker Institute represents is hope. People need to know there is hope for their companion animals and the opportunity for an improved quality of life for future generations of pets."

Appointed chair of the Baker Institute Advisory Council in 2000, Dr. Bicknese is at the helm during a time of major change and growth for the Institute.

"It's an interesting time to be involved. The breakthroughs that I'm expecting to happen in my lifetime are going to occur in the new labora-

tory and the refitting of the current building," she says. "The opportunities are exponential."

A committed advocate for the Baker Institute and its work to advance veterinary medicine through research, Dr. Bicknese says she would like to help people recognize the Baker Institute as "the top research institution dedicated to companion animals."

Dr. Bicknese's acquaintance with the Institute and subsequent invitation to join the Advisory Council in 1998 was one which she describes as an 'act of fate.'

A member of the Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine Development Committee, Dr. Bicknese met Institute Director Doug Antczak at a Cornell fund-raiser in New York City.

"I was quite impressed with Dr. Antczak's commitment to the Institute and its mission," says

Dr. Bicknese. "I formed the opinion, that in my lifetime, the people at the Baker Institute and the work they are doing would result in cures or major changes in the treatment or management of serious diseases affecting companions animals today, particularly diseases that my animals were either currently suffering from or had died from."

Dr. Bicknese says she has not been disappointed in her investment.

"The more I learn about the Baker Institute, the more I appreciate the advances being made there. It has become the part of Cornell to which I am most deeply committed."



Joanne and her horse, Joker's Black Shadow

A Special Tribute:

Baker Researcher Receives Support from Couple Devoted to Animal Care



Judy and Frank Hart at home in North Carolina with their horses

The sounds of barking and playful activity fill the air at the Hart household. With 14 permanent canine residents—ranging from a terrier to a Great Dane—and a handful of additional dogs in foster care, Judy and Frank Hart have created a special sanctuary for dogs who might not otherwise have a home.

For the most part, the dogs in their care are considered unadoptable. Whether it's a crooked jaw or a twisted paw, the Harts have created a safe haven for their special needs pets. (The couple's canine clan chews through a twenty-pound bag of dog food every other day.)

The Hart's devotion to their dog Tripp and his health care underscores their commitment to companion animals and the lengths the couple were willing to pursue to help their cherished pet.

"I think one of the reasons we fought so hard to keep Tripp alive was to show our local community what a terrible thing it is to abuse a companion animal," says Mr. Hart. "The other reason was the love in his eyes when he came up to me."

The Harts' love of dogs—and animals in general—extends well beyond the walls of their home in the mountains of North Carolina.

In 1999, the couple established The Animal Trustees of Alleghany, Inc.—a non-profit group dedicated to providing caring homes for the animals brought into the Alleghany Animal Shelter, a facility operated by the Twin Oaks Veterinary Hospital in Sparta, North Carolina. The

Harts support the nonprofit through generous commitments of both their time and financial resources—personally providing upwards of \$20,000 annually for expenses

related to the shelter's operations. "We feel like we can't move fast enough to help all the animals who need it," says Mrs. Hart.

The Harts' selfless devotion to animals is evident in all they do. However, it was their commitment to one particular dog that ultimately led them to the Baker Institute.

Tripp's story begins tragically, like so many tales of abandoned animals. Found alongside a road with his brother and sister jammed in a cage so tight they had to be removed using wire cutters, the trio of Border collie puppies was brought to the local animal shelter where they quickly came to the Harts' attention. Tripp's two siblings thrived on the couple's devoted care and soon found new homes, but little Tripp remained listless.

Concerned, the Harts took Tripp to a specialty veterinary clinic at Virginia Tech. An ultrasound revealed the puppy was born with only one kidney and chronic renal disease.

Tripp's blood tests showed he was also suffering from nonregenerative anemia, the failure of bone marrow to produce red blood cells as a result of chronic renal disease (in the case of Tripp), certain types of cancer and other chronic diseases. After an exhausting regimen of treatments—including visits to Tripp's veterinarian three times a week for injections of Procrit, a commercially available form of human erythropoietin (EPO) to stimulate red blood cell production, as well as six separate blood transfusions—the Harts were desperate to find an alternative treatment for their ailing pet.

During their search, the couple learned about an exciting new research study at the Baker Institute. They were encouraged to



Tripp



learn that the lives of dogs and cats suffering from nonregenerative anemia might be improved as a result of clinical trials underway to examine the effects of recombinant canine and feline erythropoietin (rcEPO and rfEPO, respectively) developed by Baker Institute researchers.

Dr. MacLeod not long after their dog's death.

"Tripp's experience is exactly why species-specific erythropoietin preparations are so badly needed for both dogs and cats," says Dr. MacLeod. Thanks to support from friends like the Harts, who made a generous gift of \$10,000

"The covenant that honors the partnership between humans and animals is the promise to do for one another what we cannot do for ourselves."

Frustrated that a human hormone was only of limited help—and even a detriment—to the health of dogs and cats, Dr. James MacLeod, associate professor of molecular genetics at the Baker Institute, working with colleague Dr. John F. Randolph, professor of medicine at Cornell's College of Veterinary Medicine, set about to develop species-specific forms of EPO that the animals' immune systems could accommodate. The Harts were hopeful the cutting-edge treatment might prove beneficial to Tripp.

Though the Harts were able to enroll Tripp in the clinical trials of canine EPO, his health had deteriorated to the point that the new treatments were unable to make a significant difference in the quality of his life. Sadly, Tripp passed away in March 2001 following his valiant struggle.

Though enrollment in the Cornell trial ultimately did not come in time to prolong Tripp's life, the Harts recognize the enormous value this research holds for future generations of dogs. "We are so grateful for the time you spent with us to help us gain a little more time with our pal Tripp," the Harts wrote to

in support of Dr. MacLeod's research, studies on rcEPO for dogs and rfEPO for cats are progressing from the laboratory to sick pets in need.

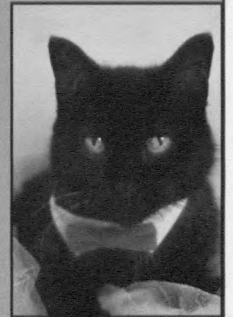
"The development of recombinant canine erythropoietin in Dr. MacLeod's laboratory holds great promise for the treatment of dogs, like Tripp, who suffer from anemia as a result of chronic renal failure or cancer treatment," says Institute Director Doug Antczak. "Our hope is that someday both canine and feline erythropoietin will be available to everyone."



Update on Canine and Feline Recombinant EPO Clinical Trials at Cornell

Since the announcement of Cornell's clinical trials using canine erythropoietin (rcEPO) and feline erythropoietin (rfEPO) with pet dogs and cats, the public response to these studies has been tremendous.

As a fellow pet owner, Dr. James MacLeod, associate professor of molecular genetics at the Baker Institute who developed species-specific recombinant EPO for animals, says he can truly appreciate an individual's desire to provide the best possible care for their family dog or cat.



"We recognize the need for treatment is great," he says. "It's on behalf of devoted animal lovers everywhere that we are working so diligently to bring this critically needed new drug to the public."

As of January 2002, the canine and feline trials were fully subscribed and no new patients were being accepted. Dr. MacLeod and his research team are now working closely to monitor the treatment and track the progress of pets participating in the trials.

How You Can Help

The development of recombinant EPO for both dogs and cats is a challenging process; the study is expensive and resources are limited. Private support can make a difference.

A gift of any size is welcome and will be used solely to benefit this promising research. If you are able to make a contribution, please make your check payable to Cornell University (memo line: Baker Institute EPO study). For more information on how you can help support this important study, contact Ms. Bonnie Baker at (607) 256-5661 or via e-mail at bb72@cornell.edu.

Construction Update:

A New Building for the Baker Institute in 2002



In 2001, the Baker Institute began a new chapter in its history when Director Doug Antczak, along with Institute faculty and staff and fellow friends and supporters broke ground on a three-story laboratory building and 100-seat lecture theater.

Since the inaugural ground-breaking on June 1, 2001,

construction has progressed steadily on the \$12.5 million building project.

A formal dedication ceremony in October 2002 will unveil the striking new facility, which has been designed to meet the critical demands of modern biological research and to accommodate the continued growth of the



To follow the construction in progress, visit:

http://bakerinstitute.vet.cornell.edu/public_info/pi_building.htm



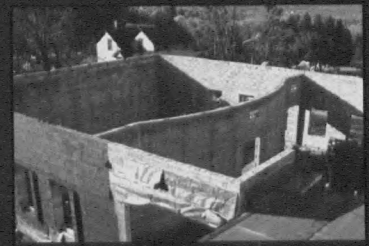
Institute's highly successful research programs to advance animal health.

The main building will contain 10 large laboratories, each to be accompanied by a professor and his or her team of graduate students, post doctoral fellows and technicians.

In addition, the core of the

building will house highly specialized facilities and instruments for microscopic work, cell and molecular biology and immunology.

These facilities and equipment will provide Baker Institute scientists with the tools they need to advance veterinary medicine and animal health through research.



The Baker Institute would like to gratefully acknowledge the following individuals and foundations who have provided Leadership Gifts of \$50,000 or above to the Baker Institute Building Fund:

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Estate of Kathryn M. Kremer

The Oxley Foundation

Eugene V. and Clare E. Thaw Charitable Trust

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Van Sloun

Additionally, a \$2 million facilities grant was received from the National Institutes of Health-National Center for Research Resources.

Be a Part of Baker Institute History: Make a Gift to the Building Fund

There's still time to be a part of the Baker Institute building plans—we need additional support!

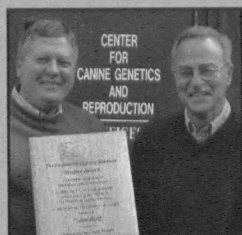
Gifts of all sizes are welcome. From naming a seat in someone's honor in the lecture theater or designating a lab space, many unique naming opportunities exist throughout the new building to recognize special commitments.

Your gift to the Building Fund will help position the Baker Institute as a world center of research excellence in the 21st century as well as support the Institute's cutting-edge research to benefit animal health.

If you are interested in making a gift to the Baker Institute Building Fund, please contact Ms. Bonnie Baker at 607-256-5661 or via e-mail at bb72@cornell.edu.



Baker Researchers Receive Recognition for Gene Therapy Breakthrough



Drs. Greg Acland and Gus Aguirre were named co-recipients of the 2001 Foundation Fighting Blindness Board of Trustees Retinal Degeneration Research Award in recognition of their longstanding commitment and dedication to research directed at finding the treatments and cures for patients suffering from retinal degenerative diseases. Additional honorees included Lancelot, the Briard dog born with a blinding genetic mutation and beneficiary of the first successful gene therapy for an inherited visual defect, and fellow members of the gene therapy research project at the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Florida.

Baker Institute Employees Receive Service Awards

In 2001, the following employees at the Baker Institute received service awards in recognition of their continuous employment at Cornell.

20 Years

Ray Combs

Vivarium Co-Supervisor
Animal Care (now with Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine)

Sue Pearce-Kelling

Research Support Specialist
Inherited Eye Disease Studies Unit

15 Years

Charles Corbe

Network Administrator
(now with Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine)

Virginia Scarpino

Laboratory Technician
Donnelley Laboratory of Gene Regulation and Expression
(now with John M. Olin Laboratory for the Study of Canine Bone and Joint Diseases)

5 Years

Gail Sullivan

Laboratory Technician
Bostwick Laboratory of Molecular Biology

Accolades:

Faculty Achievements and Student Honors

Greg Acland

Dr. Acland appeared on ABC television's "Good Morning America" in May 2001 to discuss the remarkable advances in the Institute's gene therapy research which helped restore sight to a Briard dog born with a blinding genetic mutation—marking the first successful gene therapy for blindness in a large animal.

Gus Aguirre

Dr. Aguirre chaired a session on Naturally Occurring Vertebrate Models of Retinal Degeneration at the 5th Annual Vision Research Conference in Fort Lauderdale, Florida in May 2001. The session was titled, "Canine Retinal Degenerations: The Genes, The Map, The Diseases."

Dr. Aguirre and his work with gene therapy research was featured in a variety of major press in 2001, including *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *The Times* (London), *USA Today* and *Newsday* among others.

Doug Antczak

In March Dr. Antczak was honored as the 2001 Raymond O. Berry Memorial Lecturer in Reproductive Immunology at Texas A&M University.

Dr. Antczak was also an invited speaker in a symposium entitled "A Comparative View of Fetal-Maternal Immunological Interactions," held as part of the 2001 Annual Conference of the American Association of Immunologists.

In May Dr. Antczak presented two lectures on the status of the Horse Genome Project as a 'State of the Art' invited speaker in the annual Veterinary Medical Forum of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine.

Dr. Antczak currently serves as chair of the Veterinary Immunology Committee of the American Association of Immunologists. He is also a member of the Human Embryology and Development Study Section review panel of the National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Antczak and the internationally recognized work of his laboratory on the Horse Genome Project were featured in several major media outlets, including *The New York Science Times*, *ABC World News Tonight* and a *New York Science Times TV* documentary which aired on the National Geographic Channel in the fall of 2001.

Judy Appleton

Dr. Appleton was an invited speaker at the Keystone Symposium held in Taos, New Mexico in January 2001 on the topic of molecular helminthology.

Robin Bell

Dr. Bell served on the National Institutes of Health Study Section for Tropical Medicine and Parasitology in 2001.



Nancy Burton-Wurster

Dr. Burton-Wurster regularly reviews articles for the *Journal of Orthopaedic Research*, *Connective Tissue Research*, *Osteoarthritis and Cartilage* and *Scanning Microscopy International*, as well as the *American Journal of Veterinary Research*.

George Lust

Dr. Lust served as a consultant for more than 15 years with the Ralston Purina Company in St. Louis, Missouri, ending his term in 2001.

In 2001, undergraduate honors student Christine Cocquyt in Dr. Lust's laboratory graduated with distinction in research and animal science. Dr. Lust served as a research advisor for Miss Cocquyt, who is currently a veterinary student at Kansas State University.

Jamie MacLeod

By invitation, Dr. MacLeod gave a lecture, "Chondrocytic Response to Joint Inflammation and Corticosteroids," at the 2001 Havemeyer Foundation Workshop on Equine Immunology in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Dr. MacLeod also was an invited speaker at the 2001 American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine in Denver, Colorado where he presented a lecture titled, "Species-specific Recombinant Erythropoietin Preparations for Companion Animals."

Additionally, he was a guest speaker at the American Association of Feline Practitioners Meeting in Philadelphia in October 2001.

Vicki Meyers-Wallen

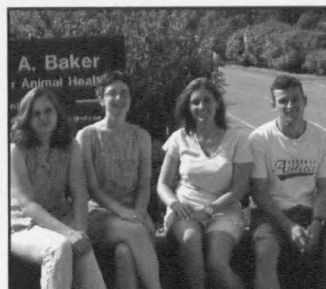
Dr. Meyers-Wallen made a slide presentation on "Canine Testis Gene Expression" at the 26th World Congress of The World Small Animal Veterinary Association held in Vancouver, Canada in August 2001.

Since 1990, Dr. Meyers-Wallen has provided daily theriogenology telephone consultation to small animal veterinary practitioners (referring and nonreferring) and breeders of cats and dogs throughout the United States.

Colin Parrish

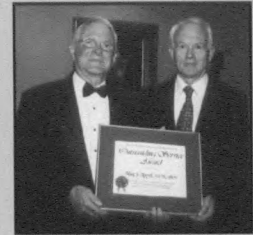
Since 1999, Dr. Parrish has been a regular panel member and reviewer for "Experimental Virology" with the National Institutes of Health.

In 2001, Dr. Parrish was an invited speaker at the University of Jyväskylä in Jyväskylä, Finland and at the International Meeting on the Structure of Viruses in Seon, Germany.



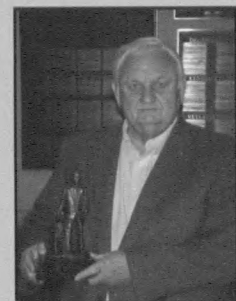
Each summer the Baker Institute is host to a number of visiting veterinary students from points all around the globe. Pictured here are the Institute's Summer 2001 Leadership Fellows (from l to r): Karin Holzer (in laboratory of Dr. Colin Parrish), Julie Chevrette (in laboratory of Dr. Jamie MacLeod), Bevin Zimmerman (in laboratory of Drs. George Lust and Nancy Burton-Wurster), and Luke Hearnden (in laboratory of Dr. Judy Appleton).

Baker Faculty Emeriti Take Top Honors



NYSVMS 2001 President Dr. Francis Kallfelz presents the Outstanding Service to Veterinary Medicine Award to Dr. Appel (r).

Dr. Max J. G. Appel, Professor of Virology, Emeritus was honored with the Outstanding Service Award of the New York State Veterinary Medical Society. The award, given in recognition of "Dr. Appel's prodigious scientific accomplishments and his commitment to veterinary medicine," was presented at the banquet following the Society's annual meeting in November 2001.



Dr. Carmichael pictured with the 2002 Mark L. Morris, Sr. Lifetime Achievement Award.

Dr. Leland (Skip) E. Carmichael, John M. Olin Professor of Virology, Emeritus, was chosen to receive the Hill's Pet Nutrition's 2002 Mark L. Morris, Sr. Lifetime Achievement Award. The award was presented during the opening ceremony of the North American Veterinary Conference in January. As part of the award, a contribution of \$20,000 for companion-animal research was made in Dr. Carmichael's name to the Morris Animal Foundation.

Baker Institute Helps Host First-Ever Immunology Meeting for Graduates



Paige Adams, Julia Flaminio and Becky Tallmadge, graduate research assistants in the Equine Genetics Center at the Baker Institute, together with their peers Soumaya Bennouna, Christina Gavrilescu and Amy Straw in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology in the Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine, comprised the organizing committee for the 1st Immunology Meeting for Graduate Students—North-East Region held at the Cornell Veterinary College in September 2001. The inaugural meeting attracted a number of participants (pictured) and was convened by its principal sponsor, The Dorothy Russell Havemeyer Foundation, Inc.



Keynote speaker for the event was Dr. Polly Matzinger (pictured), section head in the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases of the National Institutes of Health, located in Bethesda, Maryland.

In the News

The Baker Institute was in the news in 2001! From banner headlines to TV appearances, the research advances being made at the Baker Institute and the scientists behind the work were featured in a number of prominent media outlets including:

Good Morning America

ABC World News Tonight

National Geographic Channel

The New York Science Times

Chicago Tribune

Newsday

The Washington Post

USA Today

The Times (London)

DogWorld

Jharna Ray

Dr. Ray is a grant reviewer for The Foundation Fighting Blindness and the American Kennel Club's Canine Health Foundation.

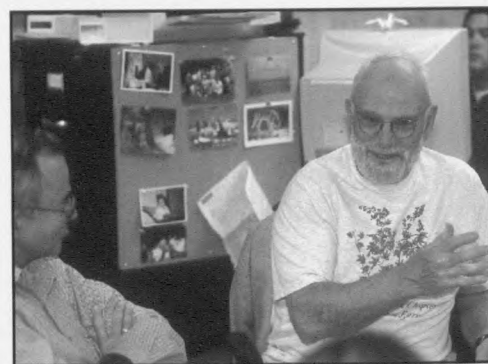
In 2001, undergraduate student Beth Pellegrini in Dr. Ray's laboratory completed her honors thesis at Cornell and received 'High Honors'. Dr. Ray served as a major advisor for Miss Pellegrini.

Qi Zhang

Dr. Zhang, along with fellow Institute colleagues Drs. Gus Aguirre, Greg Acland, Jharna Ray and Sue Pearce-Kelling, was a collaborator on the gene therapy project that helped restore vision to a Briard puppy born with a blinding genetic mutation, as reported in the May 2001 issue of *Nature Genetics*.

Degree Conferred

In May 2001, Gloria Matthews earned her doctoral degree from Cornell while working in the laboratory of Baker Institute researcher Dr. George Lust. Her thesis was entitled, "Evaluation of antisense oligonucleotide suppression of fibronectin gene expression for characterization of the role of fibronectin in cartilage matrix biology."



Cornell A.D. White Professor-At-Large Dr. Oliver Sacks (r) visited the Inherited Eye Disease Studies Unit at the Baker Institute in summer 2001. The acclaimed neurologist (of "Awakenings" fame) visited with Drs. Gus Aguirre (l) and Greg Acland and members of their laboratories to discuss the revolutionary advances in gene therapy research for inherited eye diseases in dogs.

For a complete listing of faculty CVs and recent publications, visit:
http://bakerinstitute.vet.cornell.edu/research/r__index.htm

Accomplishments: Faculty Research Awards

Projects listed on the following pages include research awards that were active in the year 2001.



“Models of Hereditary Retinal Degeneration”

Principal Investigator: Dr. Gregory Acland

Sponsor: NIH¹-NEI²

“Gene Therapy for Leber Congenital Amaurosis”

Principal Investigator: Dr. Gregory Acland

Sponsor: NIH - University of Florida consortium agreement

“Search for Novel Genes and Mutations in the RP3 Interval”

Principal Investigator: Dr. Gustavo Aguirre

Sponsor: NIH – NEI

“ERG Equipment for Dog Colony”

Principal Investigator: Dr. Gustavo Aguirre

Sponsor: The Foundation Fighting Blindness

“Molecular Genetic Studies of Canine Progressive Retinal Atrophy”

Principal Investigator: Dr. Gustavo Aguirre

Sponsor: Morris Animal Foundation

“Comparative Studies of Pregnancy & Histocompatibility”

Principal Investigator: Dr. Douglas Antczak

Sponsor: NIH – NICHD³

“Regulation of MHC Genes in Trophoblast”

Principal Investigator: Dr. Douglas Antczak

Sponsor: NIH – NICHD

“Fine Mapping of the Horse Genome”

Principal Investigator: Dr. Douglas Antczak

Sponsor: USDA Regional Project Program

“Horse Genome Project”

Principal Investigator: Dr. Douglas Antczak

Sponsor: Harry M. Zweig Memorial Fund for Equine Research

“Functional Genomics for the Horse”

Principal Investigator: Dr. Douglas Antczak

Sponsor: Morris Animal Foundation – University of Kentucky consortium agreement

“Immunity to Parasitic Infection”

Principal Investigator: Dr. Judith Appleton

Sponsor: NIH – NIAID⁴

“Attenuating Exercise-Induced Immunosuppression in Athletic Horses”

Co-Principal Investigators: Dr. Judith Appleton and Dr. Dorothy Ainsworth (Department of Clinical Sciences, Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine)

Sponsor: Harry M. Zweig Memorial Fund for Equine Research

“Vaccination to Prevent Disease Caused by Parelaphostrongylus tenuis”

Principal Investigator: Dr. Judith Appleton

Sponsor: Morris Animal Foundation

“Immunobiology of Rapid Expulsion”

Principal Investigator: Dr. Robin Bell

Sponsor: NIH – NIAID



“Immunobiology of Parasitic Diseases” (training grant)

Co-Principal Investigators: Dr. Robin Bell and Dr. Eric Denkers
(Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine)

Sponsor: NIH – NIAID

“Impact Damage, Apoptosis, and Early Osteoarthritis”

Co-Principal Investigators: Dr. Nancy Burton-Wurster and Dr. George Lust

Sponsor: NIH – NIAMS⁵

“The Cartilage-Specific (V+C) Fibronectin Isoform as an Osteoarthritis Biomarker”

Co-Principal Investigators: Dr. Nancy Burton-Wurster and Dr. James MacLeod

Sponsor: Arthritis Foundation

“Cartilage-Specific Fibronectin Isoform”

Co-Principal Investigators: Dr. Nancy Burton-Wurster and Dr. James MacLeod

Sponsor: Arthritis Foundation

“Molecular Genetic Markers for Canine Hip Dysplasia”

Principal Investigator: Dr. George Lust

Sponsor: Ralston Purina Company

“Cartilage-Specific Fibronectin Isoform”

Principal Investigator: Dr. James MacLeod

Sponsor: NIH – NIAMS

“Clinical Efficacy and Safety of Recombinant Canine Erythropoietin”

Principal Investigator: Dr. James MacLeod

Sponsor: Pfizer Animal Health

“Bioactivity of Recombinant Feline Erythropoietin”

Principal Investigator: Dr. James MacLeod

Sponsor: Winn Feline Foundation

“Autosomal Mechanisms of Testis Induction”

Principal Investigator: Dr. Vicki Meyers-Wallen

Sponsor: NIH – NICHD

“Mechanisms of Parvovirus Infection and Host Range”

Principal Investigator: Dr. Colin Parrish

Sponsor: NIH – NIAID

“Parvovirus Structure, Capsid Assembly, and Receptors”

Principal Investigator: Dr. Colin Parrish

Sponsor: NIH – NIAID

“Training in Molecular Virology and Pathogenesis” (training grant)

Principal Investigator: Dr. Colin Parrish

Sponsor: NIH



Baker Llama Study Leads Way for Prevention of Devastating Disease

Dr. Judy Appleton, professor of immunology and Dr. Michael Duffy, postdoctoral fellow in Dr. Appleton's laboratory, along with Institute research colleagues, are working to develop a vaccine to prevent disease caused by *P. tenuis*, a parasite which is a significant cause of neurological disease in llamas (as well as alpaca, goats and sheep) in the eastern United States. Pictured with Dr. Appleton (l) is Gail Fulkerson, owner of a local llama farm that has been instrumental in enabling Baker researchers to learn more about this devastating disease.

Dr. Appleton, who received a grant from the Morris Animal Foundation in 2001 to further her llama studies, joins fellow researchers at the Baker Institute who were awarded competitive grants from a number of organizations, including government agencies, corporations and foundations. This support, in addition to significant funding received from the National Institutes of Health, underpins the Baker Institute's many advances in veterinary medicine during the past 50 years.

Over \$26 million in competitive research grants has been awarded to Institute scientists over the past decade.



“The Feline Transferrin Receptor (TfR) - Characterization and Development of Diagnostic Reagents”

Principal Investigator: Dr. Colin Parrish
Sponsor: Consolidated Research Grants Program

“RPE-Mediated Gene Therapy”

Principal Investigator: Dr. Jharna Ray
Sponsor: NIH – NEI

“Molecular Diagnostic Tests for Hemophilia Carrier Detection”

Co-Principal Investigators: Dr. Jharna Ray and Dr. Marjory Brooks
(Department of Population Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences, Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine)
Sponsor: Morris Animal Foundation

Additionally, the following trainee at the Baker Institute is supported by a Cornell Center for Advanced Technology Award:

James Kijas, PhD (Aguirre laboratory)
Sponsor/Division: Cornell Center for Advanced Technology
Award Title: Identification of the Gene Mutations Responsible for Canine Cone Rod Dystrophies and Development of DNA Based Diagnostics

The following graduate students at the Baker Institute are supported by individual National Research Service Awards:

Paige Adams, DVM, MS (Antczak laboratory)
Sponsor/Division: NIH-NICHD
Award Title: Ectopic Transplantation of Invasive Trophoblast

Linda Hunter, DVM (Aguirre laboratory)
Sponsor/Division: NIH-NEI
Award Title: Molecular Studies of a Novel Canine Cataract Model

The following graduate student is a trainee on an NIH Institutional National Research Service Award:

Daniel Beiting (Appleton laboratory)
Sponsor/Division: NIH-NIAID
Award Title: Immunology of Parasitic Diseases

The following individual is supported by a fellowship from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Council of Canada:

Michael Duffy, PhD (Appleton laboratory)
Sponsor/Division: Natural Sciences and Engineering Council of Canada
Award Title: Mechanisms of Acquired Immunity to Parasitic Nematodes

The following individuals are supported by the College of Veterinary Medicine’s Graduate Program for Veterinarians:

William Beltran, DVM (Aguirre laboratory)
Julia Flaminio, DVM, MS (Antczak laboratory)
Karsten Hueffer, DVM [final year of support provided by Stockler Scholarship] (Parrish laboratory)

The following individual is supported by the Cornell Graduate School:

Becky Bean (MacLeod laboratory)

¹NIH-National Institutes of Health

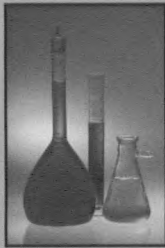
²NEI-National Eye Institute

³NICHD: National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

⁴NIAID: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

⁵NIAMS: National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases

Genomics at Cornell



Genomic research at the Baker Institute is helping scientists

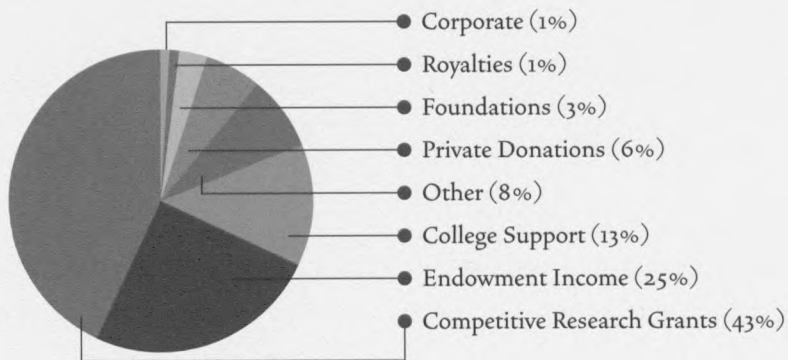
to further their understanding of the nature of genetic disease, increasing their capability to map the connections between genes and the traits or diseases they control, to learn the secrets of our genes through genetic tests, and to treat genetic disorders.

To learn more about genomics at Cornell, visit: www.genomics.cornell.edu/. The Cornell Genomics website outlines the major focus areas of the Cornell Genomics Initiative, including research taking place at the Baker Institute. The site also profiles several of the faculty central to these efforts.

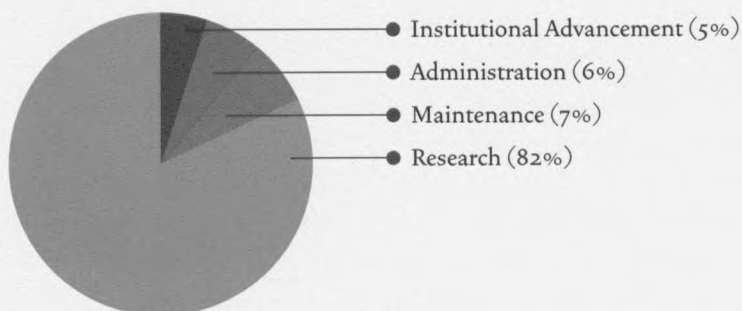
For a snapshot of some of the exciting genomics research underway at Cornell, including work at the Baker Institute, visit: www.univrelations.cornell.edu/NewSciLife/.

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Baker Institute Revenue Sources 2001



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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.

Partners in Progress:

Private Support at the Baker Institute in 2001

Since its founding in 1950, the Baker Institute has depended upon donations from veterinarians and private individuals for much of the financial support that has made its practical research programs possible and successful.

The Baker Institute is also privileged to enjoy support from an extensive community of dedicated people who care deeply about animal health issues and the advancement of veterinary medicine. Such gifts are vital to the continued strength of the Institute's companion animal research programs.

The following pages highlight the generous spirit of the many supporters who have demonstrated their concern for the health and welfare of our animal friends by supporting the work of scientists at the Baker Institute.



"Living with a dog is easy—like living with an idealist."

H.L. Mencken

Leaders in their Field:

2001 Donor 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.



Mrs. Humphrey with her dogs.

Mrs. Gilbert W. Humphrey

The Gilbert W. & Louise Ireland
Humphrey Foundation
Miccosukee, Florida

Mrs. Gilbert W. Humphrey is a devoted animal enthusiast, raising beagles and Labradors on her Woodfield Springs Plantation estate in northern Florida, while also helping to advance issues important to canine care. Mrs. Humphrey has been a lifelong friend of the Institute, establishing herself as an important benefactor of the Institute's Laboratory for Diseases of Dogs from its founding in the 1950s. She was especially grateful to Dr. Leland Carmichael for his assistance in educating the vets and breeders in 'the plantation belt' on the control of canine brucellosis, where several breeders of fine hunting dogs had been affected. Mrs. Humphrey's committed generosity, both personally and through The Gilbert W. & Louise Ireland Humphrey Foundation, has contributed significantly to the continued success of the Institute's research programs over the past half century—enabling the Institute to reach many of its scientific goals.

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. Richard Henry (l) accepts the 2001 Founders' Award from Director Doug Antczak during a visit to the Baker Institute.

Dr. Richard Henry (BS '65, DVM '68)

Deer Park Animal Hospital
Deer Park, New York

A 1968 graduate of Cornell's College of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Richard Henry is a loyal Cornellian; his devotion extends to his family as well—two of his three daughters attended Cornell. Dr. Henry's appreciation of animals reaches beyond his small animal practice; he is also an avid sportsman and devoted wildlife conservationist. Dr. Henry is a long-standing participating veterinarian in the Baker Institute's Memorial Gift Program, making contributions on behalf of his clients since 1971. Foremost, Dr. Henry has dedicated himself in a volunteer role as a valued member of the Institute's Advisory Council since 1994. Dr. Henry and his wife, Fay, have made a significant investment in the Institute's future, including a generous pledge of \$10,000 to the Institute's Building Fund in 2001.



The John A. LaFore, Jr. Kennel Club Award

The John A. LaFore, Jr. Kennel Club Award was established in 1993 to honor the former Advisory Council member's and American Kennel Club president's distinguished service to the sport of purebred dogs. The award is presented in recognition of a kennel club or breed-affiliated organization's outstanding contributions to the advancement of canine health.



Finger Lakes Kennel Club

Ithaca, New York

The Finger Lakes Kennel Club (FLKC) hosts the annual Wine Country Circuit Dog Show, one of the largest dog shows in the country held at Sampson State Park on New York's scenic Seneca Lake. In conjunction with the SPCA and the Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine, the FLKC has been a major sponsor of Ithaca area spay/neuter clinics. The Club has contributed substantially to the Jessica Fund at Cornell—a program to help defray the expenses of indigent clients. The FLKC has also helped provide scholarships to veterinary students and has supported the "Pet the Pet" Program—a local endeavor to take pets into nursing homes. Individual members of the club are active participants in breed rescue on a local and regional level. Since 1957, members of the Finger Lakes Kennel Club have been staunch supporters of the Baker Institute for Animal Health. Their involvement and generosity cover a broad spectrum of canine causes at the Baker Institute and in the community.

Institute Director Doug Antczak presents the Finger Lakes Kennel Club with the John A. LaFore, Jr. Kennel Club Award for 2001 at the Sampson Dog Show in New York. Pictured l to r are: Margaret Pough, FLKC AKC representative; Dr. Antczak; Dennis Smith, president of FLKC; and David Klein, chairman of the board of the FLKC.

Previous Award Recipients

North Award recipients

- 1982 Adelaide Riggs
- 1983 American Kennel Club
- 1984 Priscilla Maxwell Endicott
- 1985 Marilyn Simpson Charitable Trust
- 1986 Frances Van Brunt
- 1987 The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation
- 1988 Atherton Bristol
- 1989 Jacqueline Lindsay
- 1990 Dorothy Donnelley
- 1991 Robert Winthrop
- 1992 Eleanor Gillis
- 1993 Albert C. Bostwick, Jr.
- 1994 Dolly Trauner
- 1995 Barbara Hartsig
- 1996 Robert Kirk, DVM
- 1997 Max Appel, DVM, PhD
- 1998 Sylvia Van Sloun
- 1999 Pender Pet Caring Foundation:
Donald Powell, DVM and Mark Johnson, DVM
- 2000 Eugene V. and Clare E. Thaw
Charitable Trust

Founders' Award recipients

- 1990 Charles Fletcher, DVM
- 1991 Du Bois Jenkins, DVM
- 1992 Niel Pieper, DVM
- 1993 Harold Kopp, DVM
- 1994 G. Clayton Dudley, DVM
- 1995 John A. Ward, DVM
- 1996 Robert E. Clark, DVM
- 1997 Leland E. Carmichael, DVM, PhD
- 1998 Gary Johnson, DVM
- 1999 Keith Richter, DVM
- 2000 Harold M. Zweighaft, DVM

LaFore Award recipients

- 1993 Devon Dog Show Association
- 1994 Ox Ridge Kennel Club
- 1995 Irish Setter Club of America
- 1996 Collier Club of America Foundation

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In 2001, the Baker Institute received gifts in honor of these courageous canine companions and we are deeply grateful for this especially meaningful support.

Baker Institute Advisory Council member Judy Wilpon and her golden retriever Lefty were among the volunteers who assisted with animal grief therapy at the Pier, a Red Cross victim assistance center in New York City, following the tragic events of September 11.



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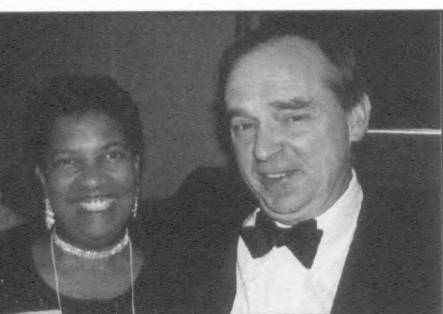
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A long-time friend and supporter of the Baker Institute, Mrs. Sandy Paddock died on February 10, 2001 at the age of 67. Owner of the Animal Inn, a boarding kennel in Glen Cove, New York, Mrs. Paddock was a devoted animal lover and friend to many.



In 1967, Sandy and her husband Robert bought a kennel from their veterinarian friend, Dr. William Goodman, now of Millbrook, New York. The kennel was initially located in Manhasset, then Roslyn and for the last decade in Glen Cove. Of her work, Sandy said that she had "discovered what she was put on the earth to do." Mrs. Paddock had strong ties to the Baker Institute, a connection established during the canine parvovirus epidemic of the late 1970s. Back then scientists at the Institute counseled Mrs. Paddock and thousands of others who had the virus in their homes and kennels, all the time working tirelessly to perfect the vaccine needed to end the crisis. Sandy had expressed her gratitude as a generous supporter of the Institute's Memorial Gift Program since the early 1980s.

Dr. G. Clayton Dudley, a veterinarian in Woodbury, Connecticut and Sandy's brother-in-law said, "Sandy and Bob's home frequently included orphaned critters. She loved her vocation of caring for other people's companion animals. Sandy would be proud of the response made to the Institute's Memorial Program in her honor. Her support has made it important for all of us to participate." The Baker Institute wishes to gratefully acknowledge the many gifts received in memory of Mrs. Paddock. These special contributions mean a great deal to the ongoing strength of our companion animal research programs here at the Institute, and provide a lasting tribute to the memory of Sandy and her devoted love of animals.

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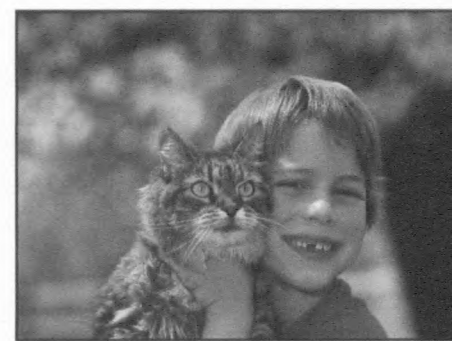
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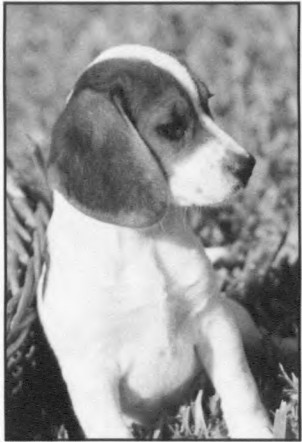
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