



A Cat for All Seasons

Cornell Feline Health Center
Annual Report 2009





“I have felt cats rubbing their faces against mine and touching my cheek with claws carefully sheathed. These things, to me, are expressions of love.”

—James Herriot

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Director’s Message

Dear Friends:

With great pleasure, I present to you the 2009 Cornell Feline Health Center Annual Report.

Thanks to your support, 2009 has been a very good year for the Feline Health Center. We received generous gifts from the estate of Frances Nall, the estate of Celina Field, the Clara L. D. Jeffery Trust, and our dear friend Paulette Fownes. These gifts, combined with the many others we received from cat-lovers far and wide, allow us to offer education and outreach to cat owners and practicing veterinarians.

We continue to be grateful for your support of the needed items on Elizabeth’s Wish List. Recently, Phyllis Siskel provided the necessary funds to purchase a VMed-Dop Doppler Blood Pressure Unit, endoscopy equipment and tools, and laparoscopic surgical instruments for the hospital for animals. Our needs at the College of Veterinary Medicine and the Cornell University Hospital for Animals continue to grow. Your support and purchase of various items makes a real difference in the work we can do to help cats live longer and healthier lives.

I am happy to report that the center received national exposure when Drs. Christine Bellezza, Paul Maza, and I appeared on the television channel Animal Planet to participate in the program *Cats: Born to Survive*, which aired on April 10. The center enjoyed print exposure as well when Ithaca, New York, received an honorable mention in CATalyst Council’s list of the Top 10 Cat-Friendly Cities in the United States due to Ithaca being home to the Feline Health Center.

The first two James R. Richards, Jr. Memorial Feline Lectures were held in the summer and fall of 2009. These memorial lectures are a tribute to the late Dr. Jim Richards in recognition of the many advances he made to improve the health and well-being of his “kitties.” Dr. Michael Lappin from Colorado State University presented the first lecture to more than 120 veterinarians during the 21st Annual Feline Symposium in July. Dr. John August of Texas A&M University presented the second lecture during the Annual New York State Veterinary Conference held at the College of Veterinary Medicine in October 2009.



I must touch upon exciting news for the coming year. As many of you may remember, I returned to the Feline Health Center as director after the untimely passing of Dr. Richards. Having served as director for the past two years, I resumed my retirement in July, bringing happiness to my family, and have handed the leadership reins to Feline Health Center co-directors (two of our consulting veterinarians for the Camuti Consultation Service) Drs. Chris Bellezza and Paul Maza. They are at the helm of the center and it is in very good hands. Drs. Bellezza and Maza are working closely with Dr. Judy Appleton, director of the Baker Institute for Animal Health, to facilitate a merger with the Baker Institute during the upcoming academic year. I would like to assure you that this merger is a good thing. It will strengthen the important work already being done by both organizations, while preserving the signature strengths of each unit. By continuing its highly regarded outreach and consulting services, the center will remain devoted to improving the health and well-being of cats everywhere.

The Baker Institute for Animal Health is one of the oldest research centers dedicated to the study of veterinary infectious diseases, immunology, genetics, and reproduction. Just as the research mission of the Feline Health Center will benefit from the outstanding research environment at Baker, the mission of the Baker Institute will be enriched by the extraordinary talent of the center in outreach and education. We have recently relocated to spacious accommodations on the campus of the Baker Institute, which is located two miles from the College of Veterinary Medicine. If you find yourself in Ithaca and would like to stop in to say hello, the staff would be most pleased to greet you and show you around.

Until our paths cross again, I thank you for all you do for the Feline Health Center. It is a very special place, with very special donors, and for that I am truly grateful.

Fred W. Scott, DVM, PhD
Emeritus Professor, and Director
Cornell Feline Health Center

“When I play with my cat, how do I know that she is not passing time with me rather than I with her?”
—Montaigne

The quotes about cats are as endless as the different ways in which they bring us joy. The theme of our 2009 annual report is “A Cat for All Seasons (of Our Lives),” and we include first-person vignettes about how cats have brought happiness and comfort to people throughout their lives. We are certain that every reader of this report would also have a cat story or two to tell. While not every photograph is of the actual cat, we have done our best to be true to the owners’ descriptions.



Cover photo:

When I first met Yogi in the summer of 1999, he was five pounds of frightened red fur. Yogi’s attitude quickly turned to one of affection, which lasted the rest of his life. Being a

Maine Coon, Yogi grew to be 21 pounds. He was a daddy’s boy and a lap cat in every sense of the word. Although Yogi was the largest cat in the house, he was the peacekeeper and protector of his older feline siblings.

In July 2004, Yogi was diagnosed with both pancreatitis and diabetes. After a diabetic crash, he spent 35 days in ICU. The hospital was kind enough to put Yogi in a large ground-level dog cage so that I could be with him. I spent many nights sleeping in that dog cage. Yogi and I had such a strong bond that, at the veterinarian’s request, I would hold him while ultrasounds were performed on his pancreas. To the surprise of the veterinarian and her staff, during these procedures Yogi would often fall asleep and begin to snore.

Although Yogi developed diabetic neuropathy, he did not let that slow him down. He quickly learned to use a set of pet stairs and was even featured in a popular catalog. While he was in and out of the CARE Center, our emergency veterinary facility, for four years, to this day I am still known by the doctors and staff as “Yogi’s dad.”

We lost our poor Yogi in the summer of 2008 to medical complications related to his pancreatitis and diabetes. Yogi will always be in our hearts!

We are grateful for the work of the Feline Health Center and all that they do to improve the lives and health of our feline children.

—Mark Frolick



“Puff” the Nanny

When I tell people that I was raised by a cat named Puff, they smile compassionately, concluding that “Well, she’s an artist and a bit off-beat from normal folks anyway.” In fact, my 16-pound tiger served as my faithful “nanny” from kindergarten through my senior year of college.

Puff was a great teacher. While the ABCs, grammar, and arithmetic were not his strong subjects, he taught me some very important lessons of life. He showed me how to delight in small things like watching raindrops meander down a windowpane, each rushing crazily toward the finish line ahead of the other. He demonstrated how to sunbathe, stretched to his full length, which is best for all-over tan. He taught me patience, in time winning over my Aunt Ethel, who had always been fearful of anything feline.

As I look back from my adult perspective, having endured my share of life’s turmoil and disappointment, I am more and more in the habit of saying that I was cursed with a happy childhood. I had wonderfully kind, decent, loving, and elegant parents and, because of friends and especially Puff, I never felt alone. My life is forever enriched by those formative years with my beloved Puff.

—Diane Monet

2009 Feline Health Studies



Detection and Pathogenic Role of Amoebae in Feline Corneal Disease

Investigator: Eric Ledbetter, DVM, Diplomate ACVO, Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology, Department of Clinical Sciences

Although amoebic corneal infection is a well-recognized and emerging infectious disease of humans, the possible occurrence of this infection has not been investigated in most animal species. Domestic cats share many of the recognized risk factors for humans who have amoebic corneal infection. Additionally, cats are frequently affected with corneal diseases for which a cause has not been conclusively identified.

We used multiple methods to determine the frequency of amoebae detection in ocular samples from cats with and without corneal disease. Using amoeba culture, cytology, polymerase chain reaction assays, and *in vivo* corneal confocal microscopy, we have identified corneal diseases in domestic cats associated with the same types of amoebae that cause ocular infections in humans. This discovery is the first step toward improved treatments for cats with corneal disease associated with this previously unrecognized infection.



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The Role of Feline Junctional Adhesion Molecule A in Feline Calicivirus Infection

Investigator: John S.L. Parker, BVMS, PhD, Professor of Virology, Baker Institute for Animal Health

Feline calicivirus (FCV) is a very common pathogen of cats. Although a vaccine has been available for many years, the prevalence of infection has not changed and can be as high as 80 to 90 percent in some high-risk shelters. In addition, more severe systemic forms of FCV disease have occurred sporadically over the past decade. The Parker laboratory is seeking answers to several basic questions about FCV disease: Why do current vaccines offer such poor protection against infection? How do newer isolates of FCV that cause severe disease in cats differ from other FCV isolates and how can we differentiate them? What is the explanation for the different disease syndromes caused by FCV? To answer these questions, we are using advanced molecular and cellular techniques to understand more about the basic biology of FCV infection.

The cell surface receptor to which the virus attaches is a fundamental determinant of which cells and tissues (and even species) a virus can infect. The receptor for FCV, called Junctional Adhesion Molecule A (JAM-A), can be found at the junctions between epithelial cells and functions to keep the mucous membrane barrier intact. JAM-A is also found at the junctions of the cells that line blood vessels (endothelial cells) and on the surface of some of the immune cells in the bloodstream. Initial work from our laboratory has identified the specific region of the JAM-A structure to which FCV binds and

mutant versions of JAM-A to which FCV cannot bind. These molecular studies have led to newer work showing that interaction of FCV with JAM-A is a critical factor in infection. One potential benefit of this work is the development of drugs that block the FCV-JAM-A interaction. We are also investigating the atomic structure of FCV itself. By identifying this structure, we hope to learn more about how the virus interacts with JAM-A and why current vaccines have not reduced the incidence of this important feline virus.



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Comparison of Glomerular Filtration Rate Determination by Single-Slice Dynamic CT and Renal Scintigraphy in Cats

Investigator: Peter V. Scrivani, DVM, Diplomate ACVR, Assistant Professor of Veterinary Imaging, Department of Clinical Sciences

Renal disease is a common problem in cats, and early detection is crucial for appropriate patient management. Common blood tests identify kidney disease only when function is already decreased by at least 75 percent; other tests for detecting early dysfunction are costly, time-consuming, have a large turn-around time for results, or require the injection of a radioactive compound (radioisotope).

The Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine recently installed a new multi-slice CT scanner—Toshiba Aquilion LB (Large Bore)—that offers many new clinical advantages such as faster scanning time, improved image quality, more types of examinations that may be performed, and a wider range of patient sizes that can be accommodated.

The aim of this study is to use the new CT scanner to evaluate renal function in cats by assessing excretion. Excretion will be determined by measuring global and individual-kidney glomerular filtration rate (GFR) as determined by dynamic CT. Comparisons will be made to determine if the results of dynamic CT are interchangeable with GFR results from renal scintigraphy (the conventional method) and acceptable for clinical use in cats.

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Dr. David Schmidt, Diagnostic Imaging/Radiology resident and Dr. Peter Scrivani (at right) with the new scanner



Elucidating the Role of Mucosal Bacteria in Inflammatory Bowel Disease in Cats

Investigator: Kenneth Simpson, BVM&S, PhD, Diplomate ACVIM, Diplomate ECVIM-CA, Professor of Medicine, Department of Clinical Sciences

Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) is a common cause of vomiting, diarrhea, and weight loss in cats. The cause of IBD in cats, however, is frequently undetermined and the clinician is forced to adopt an empirical approach employing diet, antibiotics, and immunosuppression. In people and other animals, growing evidence supports the role of intestinal bacteria in the pathogenesis of IBD, but the specific bacteria driving the inflammatory response remain elusive. We recently demonstrated that a subset of intestinal bacteria known as Enterobacteriaceae and *Clostridium* spp. are associated with significant changes in intestinal architecture, an increase in mucosal inflammatory mediators, and the number of clinical signs in cats undergoing investigation for intestinal disease.

The specific aims of this study are to isolate and characterize in-depth Enterobacteriaceae and *Clostridium* spp. that colonize the intestinal mucosa of cats with and without IBD. This process will involve precise determination of species and antibiotic sensitivity testing of all bacterial isolates, and evaluation of genetic determinants of virulence present in *Clostridium* and *E. coli*. The identification of specific bacteria associated with feline IBD



would significantly advance our knowledge of this disease and could directly impact the use of specific antimicrobial agents, e.g., antibiotics and probiotics, aimed at modifying the mucosal flora in cats with chronic intestinal inflammation.

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Feline Clinical Fellow

Kelly Hume, DVM, Diplomate ACVIM (Oncology)

Designed to push the boundaries of traditional education by integrating clinical specialty training with cutting-edge research experience, the Clinical Fellowship Program at Cornell’s College of Veterinary Medicine was developed to address a growing shortage of academic veterinarians who conduct research on animal diseases and basic biology.

Dr. Kelly Hume, the first feline clinical fellow, has completed the first year of her fellowship, made possible, in part, through the Jean Holzworth Fund. She is currently work-

ing in the laboratory of Dr. Robert Weiss, in the Department of Biomedical Sciences.

Dr. Hume’s research focuses on determining how cell cycle checkpoint proteins impact tumor progression and sensitivity to ionizing radiation and chemotherapy—both of which are commonly used in the treatment of feline cancers. She is also working with investigators in Applied and Engineering Physics to develop a new microscopic technique for the diagnosis of lung cancer.

As part of her fellowship program, Dr. Hume spends 20 percent of her time working directly with the Oncology Service at the Cornell University Hospital for Animals. She serves as a mentor for the medical and radiation oncology residents, overseeing cancer patient care with the other members of the Oncology Service. Dr. Hume has also been able to attend a variety of continuing education conferences, such as the annual Veterinary Cancer Society conference, the *Journal of Cell Biology’s* First Annual Meeting on Cell Biology of Disease: Chromosomes, Cancer, and Stem Cells, and the Clinician Scientist Training Workshop at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. These conferences supplement her research training and allow her to share her results and experience with others in the field.

Dr. Hume plans to use the skills gained during her fellowship to direct clinical and translational research aimed at understanding the basic biology of cancer development in animals, in order to improve the treatment and quality of life of veterinary cancer patients.



I come from an animal-loving family and we had a house full of pets when I was young. We had a cat that I literally grew up with. We got her as a kitten and she and I were about the same age, I think I was just a few months old. She was multi-colored with no particular pattern—mottled with grays, whites, and browns—like a tortoise-shell gone wrong. The family named her Kissy, as my mother recalled, “because she would kiss us and she was so cuddly and sweet.” When I went to bed each night, Kissy would come in and get right up on my pillow, knead my hair, and then settle in, with her belly “crowning” my head.

Kissy was the sweetest, most docile cat I’ve had (nothing against my two current furballs, of course), and 27 years later I still have strong emotions for her. Kissy graced our family until we were both about 16 years old.

—Jennifer Podis

Resources for Cat People



Drs. Carolyn McDaniel, Christine Bellezza, Marnie FitzMaurice, and Paul Maza. At right, Dr. Sandra Barnard, Medical Oncology Resident/Consultant



Dr. Louis J. Camuti Memorial Feline Consultation and Diagnostic Service

Named in honor of beloved veterinarian Louis J. Camuti (1894–1981), known affectionately to many as “the Cat Doctor,” this telephone consultation service provides individualized assistance to veterinarians and cat lovers. As the first veterinarian in the United States to devote his practice entirely to cats, Dr. Camuti understood that he could reduce the stress cats experienced when taken to the veterinarian by instead making house calls. With his wife by his side, Dr. Camuti made house calls for cats and their owners for more than 60 years.

In today’s world, information on feline diseases and health care is growing rapidly, making it difficult for practitioners and cat owners to stay current on the newest developments in feline health care. In response to this need, veterinarians with the Camuti Feline Consultation Service answer specific questions, giving up-to-date advice based on the most current information available. The information provided is intended to supplement the callers’ relationship with their veterinarians, providing extra information when needed. The Camuti Feline Consultation Service is proud to continue Dr. Camuti’s tradition of compassion, dedication, and pioneering professional commitment to the health and well-being of cats.

Income from an endowment established in Dr. Camuti’s memory helps to subsidize the operational costs of the service together with a consultation fee that is charged to callers. A discount is provided for members of the Feline Health Center.

Videos on the Web Site

To help people understand the basics of providing home care for their cats, the Feline Health Center has collaborated with the Partners in Animal Health program at the College of Veterinary Medicine to develop a series of popular videos that offer step-by-step instructions. The online videos are free and simple to use—they provide clear, easy-to-understand explanations and animated details for a variety of topics important to cat owners. You can order DVD versions of the videos by calling 607.253.3081.

The site currently includes videos titled:

- Caring for Your Diabetic Cat*
- Cat Owner’s Guide to Kidney Disease*
- Home Care for Cats*
- Pet Owner’s Guide to Cancer*



Publications

Client education brochures, which can be obtained from veterinarians or viewed online, are developed by the Feline Health Center and the American Association of Feline Practitioners. Current titles include:

- Choosing and Caring for Your New Cat*
- Feeding Your Cat*
- Feline Behavior Problems*
(House Soiling, Aggression, Destructive Behavior)
- Feline Diabetes*
- Feline Immunodeficiency Virus*
- Feline Infectious Peritonitis* (revised in 2008)
- Feline Leukemia Virus*
- Feline Lower Urinary Tract Disease*
- Feline Respiratory Infections* (new in 2008)
- Feline Vaccines: Benefits and Risks*
- Gastrointestinal Parasites of Cats*
- Hyperthyroidism in Cats*
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease*
- The Special Needs of the Senior Cat*
- Toxoplasmosis* (revised in 2008)
- Vaccines and Sarcomas: A Concern for Cat Owners*
- Zoonotic Disease: What Can I Catch from My Cat?*

www.vet.cornell.edu/FHC/brochures/index.htm

Feline Health Topics for Veterinarians is a quarterly publication provided to veterinarians who are members of the Feline Health Center.

CatWatch, the Newsletter for Cat People, is available by subscription or free to members of the Feline Health Center. This monthly newsletter contains a wealth of useful information to help cat lovers keep their cats healthy and happy.



1.800.KITTYDR (1.800.548.8937)
www.vet.cornell.edu/FHC/camuti.htm

<http://partnersah.vet.cornell.edu/pet/cats>



Scholarships

Mildred G. Federico Scholarship

Established in 2004 by the Trust of Mildred G. Federico, this scholarship is awarded to a deserving student who has a demonstrated financial need, who has been judged by the faculty to be in good standing academically, and has a demonstrated interest in feline medicine. Student recipients are recommended by the director of the Community Practice Service in the Companion Animal Hospital, with approval by the director of the Feline Health Center.

Nicole Van Gulp, Class of 2010

Hometown: Norwich, New York

Current companion animals: Orion, a very handsome 10-year-old neutered male Maine Coon cat

Cornell veterinarian who influenced studies: Dr. William Hornbuckle. I worked with him in Community Practice Service as a work study student for the first three years of vet school and continue to work with him in the clinics as a fourth-year student. He helped me to improve my physical exam skills, taught me important differential diagnoses, and challenged me to think critically about diagnostic tests.

Favorite Cornell class or academic experience: Function and Dysfunction, the animal physiology course. This is where I first started to learn about how things actually work in health and how things can go wrong in disease.

Career plans: Private practice internship next year, then general practice for a few years and eventually a residency in either small-animal internal medicine or neurology.

Feline Health Center Scholarship

Established in 1999 by an anonymous donor, the Feline Health Center Scholarship was created to provide assistance to deserving veterinary students who have a clear and demonstrated financial need, who have been judged by the faculty to be in good standing academically, and who demonstrate an interest in feline medicine. Preference is given to fourth-year veterinary students.

Caitlin E. Comparetta, Class of 2010

Hometown: Pittsford, New York

Current companion animals: Two Tonkinese cats, Bailey and Chloe

First interest in being a veterinarian: I've always loved animals and had a special affection for cats. My interest in veterinary medicine developed during high school when I worked at a feline hospital.

Cornell veterinarian who influenced studies: Dr. Eileen Adamo. Eileen has been a role model for me since I met her when I was in high school. She has served as an inspiration to me for the veterinarian I want to be.

Specific interest in feline medicine: Feline kidney disease.

Favorite Cornell class or academic experience: Animal Health Disease has been my favorite class. It was the moment I had been waiting for.

Career plans: Work at a feline practice after graduation.

Jessie D. and Denny W. Speidel Scholarship in Feline Medicine

This scholarship, established by Patricia S. Cope '50 in honor of her parents, provides assistance to deserving, qualified veterinary students with demonstrated financial need. Preference is given to third- or fourth-year students in good academic standing who show an interest in feline medicine and plan to pursue a career in the field. A related fund established by Cope supports the scholarship recipients by reimbursing the costs of their textbooks and supplies.

Lisa Bazzle, Class of 2010, vice president of Feline Club

Hometown: White Plains, Maryland

Current companion animals: My two apple-head Siamese cats—they are nine years old. One is a seal point female named Rainier, her brother is a blue point named Purna.

Cornell veterinarian who influenced studies: It's hard to decide. I appreciate the knowledge and patience each one has shared, and have especially enjoyed all my time with the many residents who taught me so much about patient care, client communication, and medicine in general (always with a sense of humor and inspiring passion, despite their endless hours).

Favorite Cornell class or academic experience: While I enjoyed physiology and large-animal surgery/medicine, I've also really enjoyed all the bovine labs.

Career plans: Complete a one-year small-animal rotating internship before entering general practice.

Jessie D. and Denny W. Speidel Scholarship in Feline Medicine

Tradel Harris, Class of 2011

Hometown: Cedar Hill, Texas

Current companion animals: Olivia, four-year-old female, Domestic Short Hair brown and black tabby; Theodore Roosevelt, five-year-old male, grey and cream tabby

First interest in being a veterinarian: I learned to walk by holding the tails of my German Shepherds and have never lived without a pet. I have worked in veterinary hospitals since age 13.

Cornell veterinarians who influenced studies: Dr. Susan Kimmel and Dr. Jean Ferreri. Sue helped me care for my cat who had a rare cancer and was also a lot of fun as a friend, not to mention brilliant in her field. Jean was always gentle and sweet. She was a true cat lover and we shared a soft spot for sometimes "difficult" patients.

Specific interest in feline medicine: Diseases of geriatric and adult felines, specifically endocrinopathies.

Favorite Cornell class or academic experience: Host, Agent, and Defense. For the first time I felt I was learning *what* we treat. My other favorite "class" is my graduating class of 2011. They are fun, laid-back, supportive of each other, and closely bonded.

Career plans: A mixed-animal practice serving a rural area similar to the one I grew up around.





Jessie D. and Denny W. Speidel
Scholarship in Feline Medicine

Ming Lui, Class of 2011

Hometown: Born in Hong Kong but lived in Brooklyn, New York, for the past 14 years

Current companion animals: Luby, Pomeranian

At home: Lego and Arwen, sibling Domestic Short Hair cats; Siu Jiu, the Persian

First interest in being a veterinarian: As an undergraduate when I was choosing between human medicine, vet school, or history research, I decided working with animals was the most appealing.

Cornell veterinarian who influenced studies: Dr. Alfonso Torres, who has been extremely helpful in providing contacts and insights into the different questions I have had about possible career paths and opportunities with which I can explore those options.

Specific interest in feline medicine: Internal medicine/oncology.

Favorite Cornell class or academic experience: Function and Dysfunction.

Career plans: Internship after graduation followed by a residency, possibly in internal medicine.

Jessie D. and Denny W. Speidel
Scholarship in Feline Medicine

Melissa Turner, Class of 2010, president of Feline Club

Hometown: Melville, New York

Current companion animals: Oscar, my amazing and quirky five-year-old Domestic Short Hair, and my Wyandotte chickens, Florence and Sylvia, who are masters of egg laying

Cornell veterinarian who influenced studies: Dr. Susanne Fischman taught me the importance of compassion in veterinary medicine and was a continuing source of motivation before she came to Cornell. Here at Cornell, Dr. Paul Maza encouraged my enthusiasm for feline medicine and has shown me the importance of confidence as well as maintaining a sense of humor.

Favorite Cornell class or academic experience: Volunteering at Southside, working with Shelter Outreach Services, and all of the Animals, Veterinarians, and Society labs. The most memorable lab was the feline physical exam and restraint lab. I feel that the "less is more" restraint method emphasized is an integral part of keeping the stress level of feline patients to a minimum and maximizing the accuracy of the physical exam.

Career plans: To go into feline practice and eventually become certified as a feline specialist. My other passion is conservation medicine, so I also hope to become involved with wild felid conservation programs.





“Cats: Born to Survive” on Animal Planet

On the April 10, 2009, broadcast of *Animal Cops* on Animal Planet, Dr. Fred Scott, director of the Feline Health Center, and Drs. Christine Bellezza and Paul Maza, feline consultants, made special appearances. The show's theme centered on how instinct and anatomy help a cat to survive extreme conditions. Among the facts shared:

- Cats' whiskers allow them to feel around in dark or tight spaces, enabling them to sense what is in their immediate environment, like a hole that might be just big enough to fit through.



- The external ears of a cat have almost three dozen separate muscles that can move the pinna of the ear around to localize and capture sound more efficiently, increasing their chances of localizing prey or alerting them to dangers.
- The combination of the vestibular system and the musculoskeletal system has given cats a distinct survival advantage when falling from heights. The vestibular system senses balance or positional differences related to a normal standing position and, if a cat is falling upside down, it alerts the body to twist and hold itself in a position such that not only will the cat land feet first but also will have minimal trauma upon impact.
- The feline tail helps in balance when climbing, jumping, or balancing along a narrow ledge.
- Protractile claws may be the best tool and weapon cats possess in both helping them catch prey and defend themselves against predators. Claws can be held in a sheathed-like position until needed, to help keep them sharp and not interfere with walking.

Injured Bobcat Treated at Cornell

Evasive and stealthy, bobcats are nocturnal predators, so daytime sightings are infrequent, according to Dr. Noha Abou-Madi, lecturer in wildlife and exotic animal medicine at the Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine. When bobcats do show themselves, she added, it is most definitely a treat—these creatures are powerful and agile athletes. Doctors at the college were given the chance to restore a bobcat's ability to walk—even run—when an area wildlife rehabilitator brought an injured animal to the Janet L. Swanson Wildlife Health Center. After being hit by a vehicle in the Albany, New York, area, the bobcat was brought to the Wildlife Health Center and then transported to the Cornell University Hospital for Animals (CUHA) where he presented with a fractured pelvis and a broken femur. With financial support from the Feline Health Center, the CUHA, and the Janet L. Swanson Wildlife



Health Center, the cat underwent orthopedic surgery on June 19, 2009. During the three-hour operation, surgeons Dr. Stuart Bliss and Dr. Heather Knapp-Hoch removed the head and neck of the femur and stabilized the fractured portion of the pelvis with application of a steel plate with seven screws. “Not only was the cat in pain, but his ability to survive as a functioning, highly athletic, predatory animal depends on a successful surgical outcome,” said Dr. Knapp-Hoch, a resident with the small-animal surgery unit at the CUHA. “Removing the fractured head of the femur will prevent the development of painful and debilitating arthritis of the hip, and stabilization of the pelvis with

the steel plate is intended to accelerate the cat's recovery and enhance his long-term mobility. This was an excellent opportunity to focus on finding the best surgical method to preserve the animal's ability to run and jump, while at the same time minimizing the chance of long-term complications; indeed, his ability to live in the wild will depend upon both.”

Ithaca Receives Honorable Mention as a Cat-Friendly City

CATalyst Council, a coalition of the veterinary community, academia, nonprofits, industry, and animal welfare organizations, performed a review of several major metropolitan areas to determine the top 10 cat-friendly cities. The cities in the top 10 included Tampa, Phoenix, San Francisco, Portland (Oregon), Denver, Boston, Seattle, San Diego, Atlanta, and Minneapolis. CATalyst applauded the efforts of these major metropolitan areas for providing a wealth of resources for cats and their owners. CATalyst noted Ithaca for honorable mention as it is home to the Feline Health Center.



Dr. Paul Maza Receives SAVMA Award

Dr. Paul Maza, feline consultant, received the Student American Veterinary Medical Association (SAVMA) Teaching Excellence Award in Basic Sciences. An anatomy lecturer at the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Maza teaches with a team of instructors in a problem-based learning course on gross, microscopic, developmental, and clinical anatomy. He also serves as a consultant and mentor for students in the Community



Practice Service at the Cornell University Hospital for Animals. “Dr. Maza is most deserving of this national award. Paul embodies the commitment to enthusiastic and innovative teaching in our professional curriculum,” said Mark S. Roberson, chair and professor of physiology in the Department of Biomedical Sciences. “Perhaps more importantly, Dr. Maza is an excellent mentor and role model to numerous veterinary students here at Cornell University. We are extremely lucky to have such a dedicated educator.”

Dr. Carolyn McDaniel Receives Teaching Excellence Award

In December 2008, during the College of Veterinary Medicine's Class of 2010 White Coat Ceremony, the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association (SCAVMA) presented Dr. Carolyn McDaniel, feline consultant, with the Teaching Excellence Award in Basic Sciences. The award is given to professors who show extraordinary dedication to teaching. Dr. McDaniel was recognized for her skillful ability to facilitate discussion and encourage interaction with students. She is an instructor in the pre-clinical veterinary curriculum, advisor to the student chapters of the American Association of Feline Practitioners and the American Animal Hospital Association, and active in several student programs including the Southside Community Practice and student shelter medicine group. SCAVMA representative Cherise Sullivan '10 says that Dr. McDaniel goes “beyond the call of duty when reaching out to students.”



New York State Veterinary Conference



In October 2008, the Feline Health Center staffed a booth at the first annual New York State Veterinary Conference held at the College of Veterinary Medicine. This event offered a wide variety of continuing education opportunities to more than 475 veterinarians, technicians, and students from throughout New York and surrounding states. Staff members were on hand to answer questions about the center and distribute information on feline health. The center's display featured its popular embroidered fleece sweatshirts and Cats Rule T-shirts, whose profits are used to help support feline health studies.

43rd Annual Open House



In April 2009, the Feline Health Center staffed a booth at the College of Veterinary Medicine's 43rd Annual Open House. Hosted by students, faculty, and staff, this event offers 4,000 to 5,000 visitors an opportunity to take an in-depth look into the field of veterinary medicine. The event featured a variety of tours, lectures, exhibits, and demonstrations,

such as the underwater treadmill for pain management in small animals, animal pathology show and tell, and petting zoo. Staff members fielded questions about the Feline Health Center and distributed information on feline health to attendees.

Cornell Reunion Weekend



During Cornell Reunion Weekend in June 2009, the Feline Health Center joined with the College of Veterinary Medicine at Barton Hall to greet alumni and friends. Dr. Fred Scott, director, was on hand to talk with alumni about the center and its feline health endeavors. He enjoyed greeting cat enthusiasts and reminiscing about the veterinary school when he was a student.

Special Gifts and Bequests



Christmas Every Day



When I was 30 I rescued a wonderful cat that I named Chris. At the time I was a bit at loose ends and didn't know what to do with my life, but she changed everything.

Chris, who was a white short-haired cat with a bit of black on her head, became my "little girl"—we were like one. She woke me up every morning by purring right into my ear, and it was like Christmas every day. When Chris had kittens, she gave birth under my bed, where she felt safe. It was the happiest time in her life.

Other cats have come into my life as well. They just seemed to know I was the right person to come to. I remember seeing cat footprints up my driveway in the snow to my front door day after day, and I felt so sad that I was warm and cozy and the unknown cat was out in the cold. I put food out on Christmas Eve, then put out a live trap and brought him in. The poor cat was very traumatized, probably having been taken from his mother too early. I took in another shivering kitty on a windy day—he was in the trap within 15 minutes.

Chris lived to be nearly 18 years old.

—Daria Woodruff

"I like what the Feline Health Center does and want to be a part of it."

PHOTO: BOOTHSTUDIO



Siskel with Little Laurie

Phyllis Siskel Grants Three Wishes

Sometimes, all you have to do is ask. Elizabeth, the Feline Health Center's feline ambassador, wrote out her wish list last year—and Phyllis Siskel granted three of those wishes. Siskel donated funds for endoscopy equipment, a blood pressure measurement unit, and cat-sized laparoscopic tools.

Siskel, who describes herself as "an animal person from A to Z," lives in Sarasota, Florida, with cats Buddy and Little Laurie. Both of her feline housemates can thank their lucky stars for Siskel's kindness. Through her work with the Sarasota Animal Rescue Coalition (ARC), she fostered Buddy, a very sick feral kitten when he was rescued five years ago. Siskel and her beloved husband, Norman (who passed away in 2005), fell for the little fellow as they nursed him back to health.



Elizabeth

"My husband and I had recently lost one of our own cats, and Buddy needed a home," Siskel recalls. "After a couple of days, I asked my husband what we should do with him. He replied, 'I kinda like the little guy; I think we should keep him. He can be your buddy.'"

Little Laurie, now 10 months old, had a broken leg when she was found by the side of the road. Siskel fostered her during the kitten's recovery from surgery and kept her, too. "Little Laurie can leap tall buildings now!" says Siskel.

In honor of Siskel's work, ARC named its feral cat program after Buddy. One Sunday each month, volunteers trap feral cats, spay/neuter them, and then return the adult cats back to their colonies and find homes for the kittens. The program was launched in 2002 to stem the rapid population growth of feral cats—73 million nationwide and



up to 60,000 in Sarasota County alone—that suffer from illness, parasitic infection, starvation, traumatic injuries, and sometimes even human cruelty and death.

In addition to her efforts with the ARC, Siskel volunteers for Southeastern Guide Dogs and the Humane Society of Sarasota County, for which she has been a “cat cuddler” and been involved in adoption and spay/neuter clinics.

For all her work on behalf of animals, Siskel was one of several honorees in “For the Love of Animals 2009,” a special event to honor outstanding people in the pet community. In describing Siskel’s devotion to cats, ARC’s medical director Laurie A. Walmsley says, “Phyllis is one of the most humane and charitable people I know. She gets right in there and rolls her sleeves up. She’s not only making a donation; she is making life changes for every doctor, every volunteer, and every cat that crosses her path.”

FHC Connection

Siskel’s connection to the Feline Health Center goes back to 1983 when she got her cat Mickey and saw an ad for the FHC newsletter in *Cat Fancy* magazine. She signed up for membership, “and that’s how it all started,” she says. Over the years, she attended several FHC seminars for pet owners, getting to know Dr. Fred Scott and Dr. James Richards in the process.

The Feline Health Center and the College of Veterinary Medicine have been receiving substantial gifts from Siskel for many years. One year, a little extra gift arrived: Siskel had an artist create a caricature of the FHC’s former mascot and tuxedo kitty, Dr. Mew. The picture hangs in the main office today.

Siskel believes in spreading the word about FHC’s valuable work. “I like what the Feline Health Center does and want to be a part of it,” she says.

A marathon runner, Siskel says when it comes to taking care of our feline and canine friends, she is in it for the long haul.

by Liz Bauman, Cornell ’73



Siskel had an artist create a caricature of the FHC’s former mascot and tuxedo kitty, Dr. Mew, shown here with Dr. James Richards.

Wishes Fulfilled by Siskel’s Gifts

1 Endoscopy equipment for diagnosis and treatment of cancers, strictures, and foreign body retrieval

“Endoscopy has become an invaluable tool in the diagnosis of gastrointestinal disorders. Veterinarians rely on this minimally invasive procedure to provide useful information that will guide their treatment decisions.”

—Dr. Dwight Bowman, Professor of Parasitology; Dr. Kenneth Simpson, Professor of Medicine; Dr. Alice Lee, Postdoctoral Associate

2 VMedDop Doppler Blood Pressure unit for measuring blood pressure in hypertensive cats with eye diseases

“We see many older cats every year with untreated high blood pressure that results in retinal complications that may lead to blindness.”

—Dr. Thomas Kern, chief of the Section of Ophthalmology

Cat-sized laparoscopic surgical instruments

“Laparoscopic surgery avoids the discomfort associated with abdominal incisions and hastens the recovery of our feline patients.”

—Dr. James Flanders, director of the Division of Medicine and Surgery

Lifelong Cat Lover Remembers Feline Health Center



2000. Frances Nall and Ashley at home.

Frances Nall was known for her genuineness, grace, dignity, and compassion. She will also be forever known as an animal lover who supported hundreds of companion animals during her lifetime and countless others through a generous bequest she left to the Feline Health Center that will advance the health and well-being of cats.

Nall was a regular supporter of the Feline Health Center, having made annual gifts since 1974. Dr. Fred Scott, founding director, remembers Nall’s gift in 1974 as one of the first received, and her faithful support over the years has been vital to the continuance of the center’s research and education activities aimed at improving feline health.

“Frances just loved cats,” said Mali Chamness, the mayor of Clewiston, Florida, who developed a meaningful relationship with Nall as a child that she said grew ever stronger over the years. “Her cats—mostly Burmese and Siamese, although she adopted many homeless cats, too—normally lived 20 or more years. She was passionate about helping cats have better lives.”

Nall was a founding member of the Clewiston Friends of the Animals (FOA) organization, a non-profit dedicated to reducing the number of unwanted cats and dogs in the city. FOA provides low-cost,

high-quality spays and neuters for animals whose owners complete an application, pay a modest fee, and take the animal to a participating veterinarian. Nall’s interest in the pet overpopulation epidemic began with an awareness of the “tens of thousands of unwanted animals ‘put to sleep’ by the Humane Society in Dade County [Florida],” according to an article in the *Clewiston News*.

To find the inspiration for Nall’s generosity, one must look no farther than her commitment to community service, according to Chamness, who noted that Nall earned Clewiston’s Outstanding Community Service Award in 1998.

“Although most of her charitable work was directed toward helping animals, Frances supported several other organizations too, and she and her husband, Campbell, were dedicated to the country,” said Chamness, recalling Campbell’s participation in World War II and Frances’s service as the executive secretary of the draft board. “They were both very patriotic.”

“Frances was passionate about helping cats have better lives.”

Nall was also “there” for dozens of young adults by establishing a scholarship for worthy high school students. Presented by the Rotary every year, the fund was created by Nall in her husband’s memory after his death in 1985. The Nalls were both Rotarians, contributors to the Rotary Foundation, and Paul Harris Fellows, recognizing their support of Rotary International.

“She had a way of selecting students that was systematic,” said Chamness. “All of the recipients have graduated and are doing well. The committee hopes to be just as successful when choosing recipients in the future. Frances will be missed by her friends, and her love of Clewiston and generosity to others will be remembered fondly by the community.”

As well, Nall’s kindness continues to be appreciated by the Feline Health Center.

by Stephanie Specchio



1970s. The Nalls at home with Cocoa, who lived to be 22 (held by Campbell), and Bambi (held by Frances). Bambi died in 1985 after Campbell’s death. Frances believed that Bambi died of grief.

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July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

Founded in 1974 to promote feline veterinary medicine, the Cornell Feline Health Center has relied upon contributions from veterinarians and cat lovers to advance feline health and foster education about feline medicine.

As we consider our many achievements, we are ever mindful that our prominence as a leader in feline medicine has been made possible through a vast network of friends, colleagues, veterinarians, and supporters who share a deep love and appreciation for cats.

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—Pauline Gherson, Billerica, Mass.

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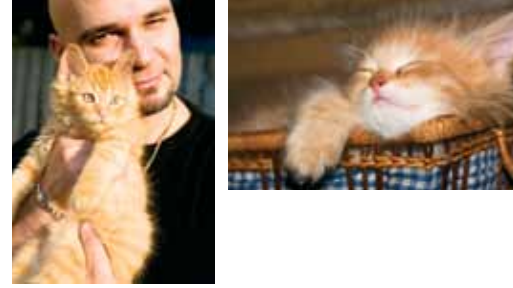
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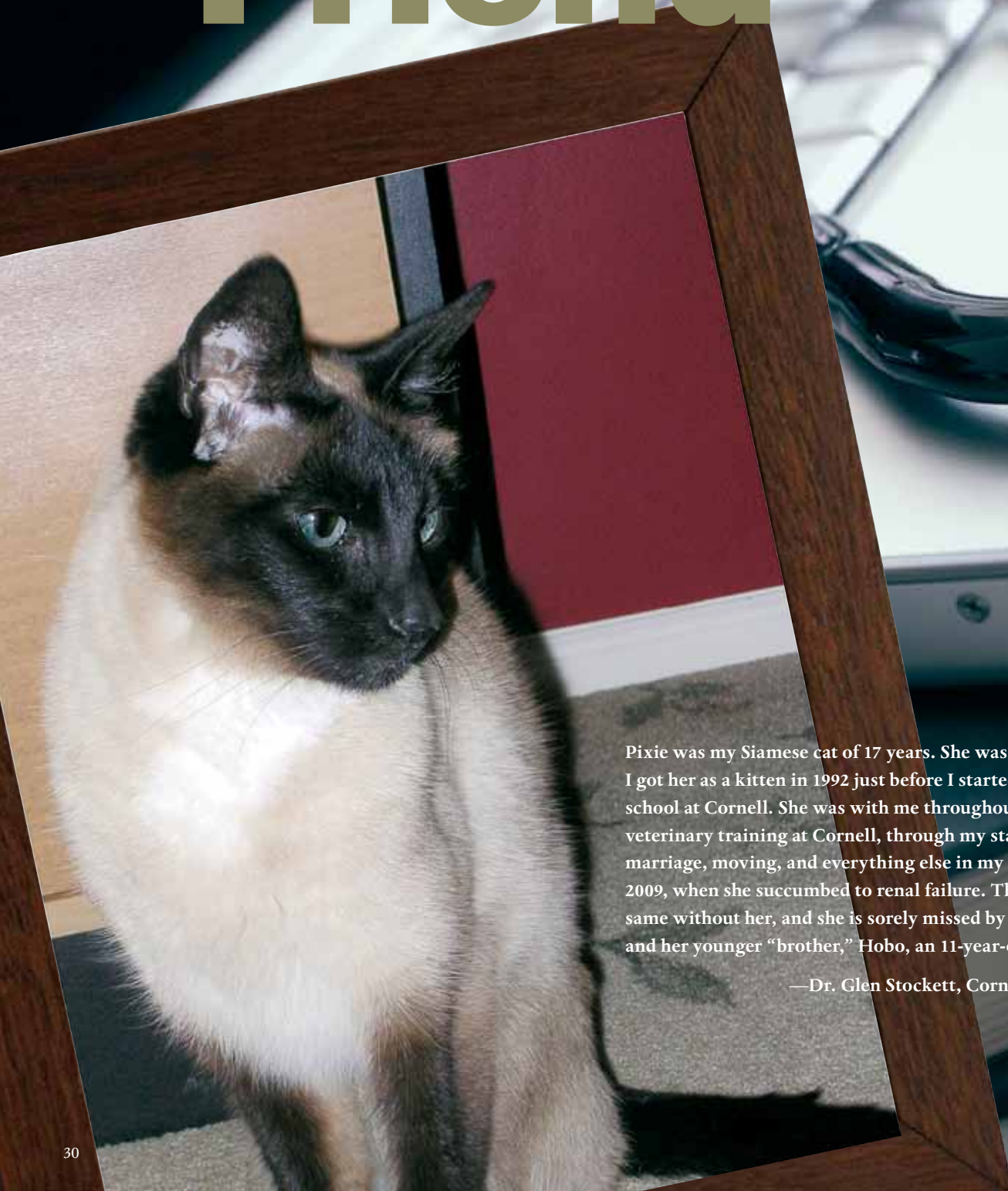
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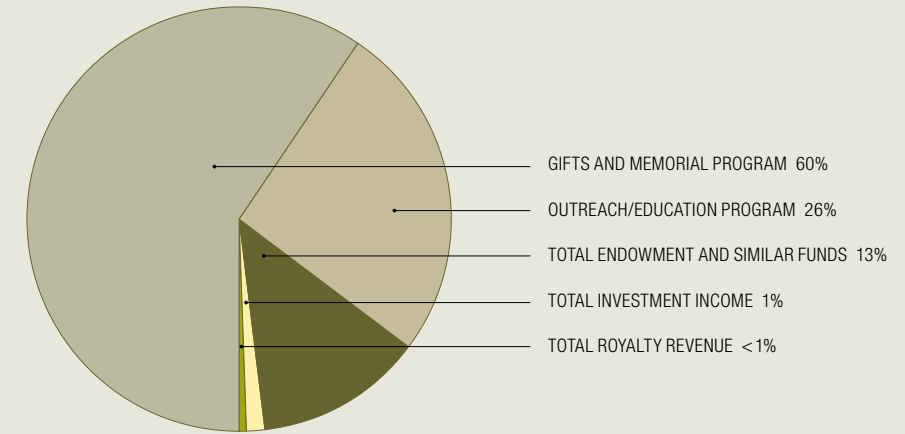
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 The Cat Hospital at Palm Harbor
 The Cat Practice
 The Coast Cat Clinic
 The Completely Cat Clinic
 The Feline Hospital
 The Kitty Clinic
 The Moriches Hospital for Animals
 The Nashville Cat Clinic
 The Visiting Vet
 Ezekiel F. Thomas, DVM
 Marilyn J. Thompson, DVM
 Thoreau Veterinary Hospital
 Thornwood Veterinary Hospital

Three Village Veterinary Hospital
 Town and Country Animal Clinic
 Triboro Animal Hospital
 Trylon Vet Care
 Tyngsboro Veterinary Hospital
 University Animal Hospital
 University Drive Veterinary Hospital
 Valley Cottage Animal Hospital
 Valley Veterinarian Partners
 VCA Animal Care Center of Sonoma County
 VCA Cat Hospital of Philadelphia
 VCA Hemingway Cat Hospital
 Vet on Wheels
 Veterinary Centers of America
 Veterinary Internal Medicine
 Veterinary Oncology and Referral Clinic
 Veterinary Practice Associates, Inc.
 Veterinary Specialty Hospital of San Diego
 Vienna Animal Hospital, Inc.
 Viking Community Animal Hospital
 Alvin J. Vogel, DVM
 Wantagh Animal Hospital
 Watertown Animal Hospital
 Meredith E. Weller, DVM
 West Chelsea Veterinary
 West Park Veterinary Services
 Westside Hospital for Cats
 Megan N. Williams, DVM
 Andrew J. Williamson, DVM
 Melanie L. Wilson, DVM
 Windsor Veterinary Clinic
 Winsted Hospital for Animals
 Michael Woltz, DVM
 Woodbury Animal Hospital
 Wooded Acres Animal Hospital
 Woodhaven Veterinary Clinic
 Wright's Corners Animal Care Center
 Kristine Yee, DVM
 James C. Zgoda, DVM
 Harold M. Zweighaft, DVM



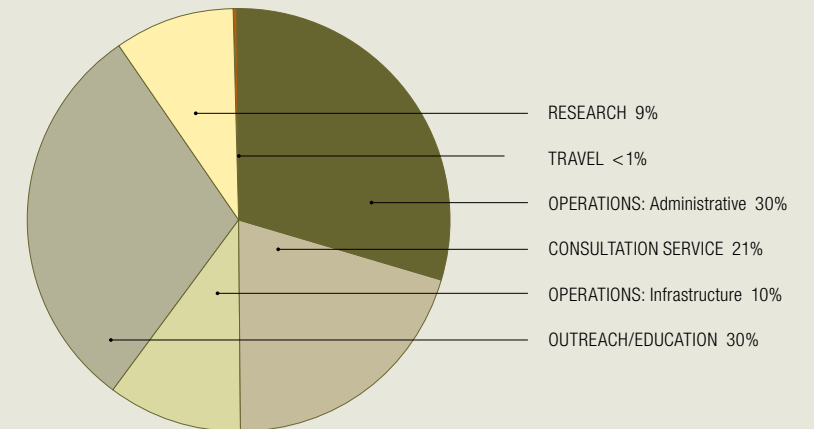
Fiscal Year 2009 Revenues

Gifts and Memorial Program	\$487,724
Outreach/Education Program	\$210,780
Total Endowment and Similar Funds	\$104,347
Total Investment Income	\$12,480
Total Royalty Revenue	\$3,006
Total Revenues	\$818,337



Fiscal Year 2009 Expenses

Research	\$60,738
Travel	\$1,094
Operations: Administrative	\$191,463
Consultation Service	\$131,729
Operations: Infrastructure	\$65,328
Outreach/Education	\$194,928
Total Expenses	\$645,280



Opportunities for Support



Your support is the key to the success of the Feline Health Center. Our work is funded primarily through private contributions from individuals, alumni, and veterinarians who love cats. The center is continually grateful for its friends, who deserve the highest commendation for their passion and commitment to improving feline health. Listed below are some of the ways you can help support the center's activities.

The Power of Endowment

Endowment is invested capital that generates funds to be used in perpetuity to support the Feline Health Center and build its financial foundation, its security. Endowment funds for the benefit of the Feline Health Center are managed as part of Cornell University's long-term investment pool, with an annual payout rate determined by the Cornell Board of Trustees—usually equal to between 4 and 5 percent of the value of the endowment. Earnings in excess of the payout are returned to the endowment to preserve its purchasing power against inflation and allow for growth over time.

The name chosen for an endowment fund may be the donor's, his or her family's, or that of a beloved pet—and becomes a permanent tribute and perpetual source of support to the Feline Health Center.

Named Graduate Scholarship

A minimum gift of \$50,000 will endow a scholarship or fellowship for a student pursuing a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine or post-graduate degree with an interest in feline medicine. Financial aid makes a significant difference in the choices students make regarding their studies and their careers and helps alleviate the significant debt burden that often accompanies the pursuit of advanced degrees and training.

Named Clinical Research Fund

For a minimum gift of \$100,000, a named fund will generate income for competitive clinical research grants to Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine

faculty members to discover the underlying cause of feline diseases and to develop new preventions, treatments, and cures. Research conducted by the nation's leading veterinary scientists at Cornell is geared toward advancing the health and well-being of cats and other animals, and it can sometimes improve human health as well.

Named Residency

Residency training, which students undergo after receiving their Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine, leads to specialization in highly skilled fields such as neurology, oncology, surgery, and numerous other fields that can have a significant impact on feline medicine. A minimum gift of \$900,000 can endow a named residency and provide income for the stipends and research grants that accompany this intensive two-year training program.

Cash Gifts

Cash contributions provide necessary financial resources to help the Feline Health Center respond to the needs of cats. To make a gift, please phone Sheryl Thomas at 607.253.3001 or visit our online giving page at www.vet.cornell.edu, click the How to Help tab, and locate the link for online giving under the Contributions heading (near the top of the page).

Planned Gifts

Unlike cash gifts, planned gifts provide financial resources for the future of the Feline Health Center while allowing you to enjoy immediate tax benefits and/or income based on the investment type you choose. If you would like to discuss any of the options below, please contact Lynne Williams, director of development and public affairs, Baker Institute/Feline Health Center, 607.256.5645 or ls12@cornell.edu.

Bequests. You can help ensure better health for future generations of cats by naming the Feline Health Center as a beneficiary in your will. To accomplish this, use these words:

"I give, devise, and bequeath [Description of Property] to Cornell University, an educational corporation situated in Ithaca, New York, for the exclusive benefit of the Cornell Feline Health Center within the New York State College of Veterinary Medicine."

Life Income Agreements. This option allows you to make the Feline Health Center the remainder beneficiary of a trust you create during your lifetime while retaining income for yourself and/or a second beneficiary. You receive an immediate tax deduction when you create your trust.

Trusts. By establishing a trust, donors either name the Feline Health Center as the trust beneficiary or place assets in a trust fund that will generate income for the center over a specified term.

Stocks. Through your gift of appreciated securities, stocks, or bonds to the Feline Health Center, you may avoid some or all of the capital gains tax by deducting their full current market value as a charitable contribution.

James R. Richards, Jr. Memorial Fund for Feline Health

The James R. Richards, Jr. Memorial Fund for Feline Health was established with donations given in memory of Dr. James Richards, Jr., by friends, fans, and colleagues following his death on April 24, 2007. The income from this fund will support the James R. Richards Memorial Feline Lectures to honor the outstanding contributions that Dr. Richards, director of the Feline Health Center from 1997 to 2007, made to the field of feline medicine. A series of state-of-the-art lectures on various areas of feline medicine will be held periodically at Cornell's College of Veterinary Medicine, the annual New York State Veterinary Conference, and the annual Fred Scott Feline Symposium. There is no finer way to support Dr. Richards' passion for cats and for education than by making it possible, through these memorial lectures, for the leaders in feline medicine to share their newest and most pertinent knowledge directly with those veterinarians (and future veterinarians) working each day to improve the lives of cats everywhere.

Contributions to support this fund are welcome.

Dr. Louis J. Camuti Memorial Endowment Fund

Louis J. Camuti, a well-known doctor in the New York metropolitan area, was the first veterinarian in the United States to devote his entire practice to cats. For more than 60 years, Dr. Camuti made house

calls for his feline patients. Following his death in 1981, friends sought to honor his memory through the creation of the Dr. Louis J. Camuti Memorial Endowment Fund. Together with a small consultation fee, this fund helps defray the Feline Health Center's costs of approximately \$100,000 a year to operate the Camuti Memorial Feline Consultation and Diagnostic Service, 1.800.KITTYDR (1.800.548.8937). Cat lovers, breeders, and veterinarians worldwide use this service to obtain information on feline ailments and treatment options.

Contributions to help maintain this fund are welcome.

Memorial Program for Feline Companions

The loss of a beloved cat can be a truly devastating experience, sometimes causing emotions as intense as those felt over the loss of any other family member. Expression of compassion and understanding can be immensely comforting to those who have experienced the loss. A memorial contribution in the cat's name shows your sensitivity in a way that will help other cats live healthier lives. Veterinarians, please phone Don Personius at 607.253.3414; others, please phone Sheryl Thomas at 607.253.3001.

Membership

The Feline Health Center offers membership plans for both veterinarians and cat owners. Your membership dollars enable us to support feline health studies consistent with our mission and to publish and disseminate current information about feline health care. To subscribe or set up a gift membership, phone Kathy Mospan at 607.253.3093.

The Cornell Feline Health Center is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Gifts made to the center are tax-deductible to the full extent of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Feline Health Center Staff



Left to right: Pam, Danielle, Kathleen, Don, Sheryl, Fred, and Michael

Administration

Dr. Fred W. Scott, DVM, PhD, Director

Michael Lenetsky, Administrative Manager

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Kathleen Mospan, Administrator for Consultation and Member Services (607.253.3093) (1.800.KITTYDR)

Donald Kirk Personius, Communications Coordinator/Administrator for Clinic and Hospital Memorial Program (607.253.3414)

Pamela Sackett, Coordinator for Client Education Brochures, Sales, and Mailing Services (607.253.3443)

Sheryl Thomas, Assistant to the Director/Administrator for Charitable Gifts and Planned Giving (607.253.3001)

Mascot

Elizabeth, a.k.a. "Queen Elizabeth," Official Office Greeter

Elizabeth's Wish List

Our feline ambassador, Elizabeth, has worked with our staff to develop this list of ideas for those friends who would like to designate a specific gift to support the work of the center. Elizabeth knows that enlisting the help of others works. She encourages you to join with friends, colleagues, organizations, and scientific or medical companies to gather support for the needs and wishes represented below.

All gifts, large or small, are welcomed in the name of feline health. As we continue to make our way through this time of financial volatility in our nation and state, your gifts are especially important to help continue the fine work done by the Feline Health Center and its partners within the College of Veterinary Medicine.



Ways You Can Help

Establish an endowment:

Feline Health Center directorship: **\$2,000,000**

Residency in feline medicine: **\$900,000**

Direct a gift to help fund:

Feline Health Center Scholarship fund for vet students: **any amount**

Specialized clinical training of a feline medical resident (\$75,000 per year): **any amount**

Grants for feline health studies (annual costs per study are \$1,000 to \$20,000 and more): **any amount**

Feline Care Fund, for medical treatment of indigent cats at the Cornell University Hospital for Animals. During these difficult economic times, an increasing number of cats are tragically going without life-saving treatments (\$500 supports treatment of one cat): **any amount**

Faculty-advised student feline projects: Students are often in need of funds to enable them to establish projects, attend conferences, complete externships, and organize events related to feline health. Other student-run projects include a Cornell Cat Show and community-based feline health and education projects: **any amount**

Purchase much-needed equipment for the Cornell University Hospital for Animals:

Dental Scaler for use with feline cancer patients. Clean teeth are essential when administering radiation therapy to patients with oral cancer. This scaler would help prevent complications within the radiation treatment field: **\$4,500**

Bair Hugger, a forced-air warming unit for use with feline radiation patients when under anesthesia to prevent unintended hypothermia. Patients under anesthesia cannot regulate their own temperatures, and forced-air warming is an effective way to keep them warm: **\$1,850**

Multiple Parameter ECG Machine for monitoring vital signs of cats while under general anesthesia for daily radiation therapy treatments. Being able to monitor patients' heart rate, respiratory rate, oxygen saturation, blood pressure, and carbon dioxide output means that feline patients will receive the best possible care while under anesthesia for cancer treatment: **\$12,000**

Three 24-inch computer monitors for viewing digital images (radiographs, CT, MRI, ultrasound) of feline cancer patients. The monitors will assist oncology faculty, residents, and students in reviewing and discussing the appropriate course of treatment and assessment of cats with cancer: **\$2,600**

petMAP blood pressure monitor for use with cats that have renal failure or hyperthyroidism. This monitor allows tracking of blood pressure to ensure adequate blood flow during surgery/anesthesia: **\$1,425**

Miniature 24-hour electrocardiographic monitor for feline patients with heart disease at the Cornell University Hospital for Animals. The monitor will be accessible to veterinarians in the field for cats that have heart disease: **\$2,500**

Gait Analysis System for diagnosing lameness in cats. This system will aid the Cornell Comparative Medicine Pain Program with the management and treatment of cases associated with feline pain and suffering: **\$5,400**

For additional information about these wish-list items, please contact Sheryl Thomas at 607.253.3001 or sat6@cornell.edu.

Elizabeth thanks you!

Our Housemate Greaser

"Greaser" is our Korat, a breed that comes from Thailand and isn't very common in the United States. Her official name is "Son Éminence Grise" (French for "her gray eminence," from a nickname given to French monk Père Joseph, a confidante of Cardinal Richelieu). All Korats are pure silver-blue, from the tips of the whiskers to the tip of the tail. Greaser was bred at "Ithacats," a cattery owned by Linda Kabelac, who is a major gifts officer for Cornell.

Anyway, here's our story about Greaser, as told once in a letter to Jim Richards, former director of the Feline Health Center: "As soon as John heads for his chair in the living room in the morning, she hops onto it just ahead of him. She tolerates being petted initially, but what she really wants is for John to 'play Cat.' Picture, if you will, Zubin Mehta standing before the orchestra, arms outstretched. Now substitute John, bent over in front of his chair, hands held up, one at the head of the cat and one at the tail. The front hand moves slowly toward the cat. Rr-o-o-o-wl! responds the cat. The hand retreats; the cat stares wide-eyed, waiting for the next cue. There it is—a movement from the hand at the tail end. R-o-o-o-o-wwwl! Slight movement of the hand at her head. Rrr-r-r! A bigger hand movement. Ro-o-o-w-w—wwwl! It's a symphony that would probably have made Beethoven grateful for deafness, but both participants enjoy it thoroughly."

True to her name, Greaser is indeed the "gray eminence" in our life, and she brings us endless entertainment and pleasure.

—Helen and John Putre





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Mission

To improve the health and well-being of cats everywhere by:

- Finding ways of preventing and curing diseases of cats by conducting and sponsoring breakthrough feline health studies
- Educating veterinarians and cat owners about feline health by providing timely medical information and by promoting public understanding and awareness of feline issues
- Aiding veterinarians when new or unknown feline diseases occur