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VETERINARY ALUMNI NEWS

Spring/Summer 2005

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

With spring (finally!) arriving, thoughts turn to graduations. For us, that means remembering your own graduation and a reminder for the upcoming Reunion and Comeback scheduled for Saturday, September 10th. I'm looking forward to seeing you and your families all back on campus for the reunion day events - continuing education, campus tours, and the luau style reception and dinner.

For those of you who haven't been back to campus in a while, the changes are amazing (and for those of you who have been here recently, there is always something new to see!). I guess the biggest



Bill Rosenblad, V95

change of all is our new name - Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University. I had the pleasure of attending the naming ceremony in May and meeting Bill and Joyce Cummings.

It is truly an honor that the Cummings Foundation chose our school for such an amazing and transformational gift. As many of you know, our school receives the smallest amount of public operating support than any other veterinary school in the country. The commitment of \$50 million over the next fifteen years by Cummings Foundation will

provide a level of stability that our school has never enjoyed before.

I also want to mention that you should save the date for the Northeast Veterinary Conference running August 6th - 8th in Providence, Rhode Island (check out www.tufts.edu/vet/nevc). Many Tufts faculty and alums will be on hand to attend and, in many cases present, lectures and labs.

So, as you gather with your families this spring and summer to celebrate graduations, weddings or holidays, don't forget your other 'family' - all the classmates, faculty and staff that you spent so much time with becoming the veterinarian you are today. Please join us for Reunion & Comeback on September 10th.

William Rosenblad DVM

DEAN KOSCH STEPS DOWN

Dear faculty, staff, students, alumni, and overseers:

On June 30, 2005, after completing 9 years as Dean, I shall step down.

To be Dean of Cummings Veterinary School at Tufts University, to serve the faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends, has been a distinct honor and a privilege. I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with a great group of people. I want to thank you for your generous support during my deanship. I treasure the friendships made over the last nine years.

I've learned a great deal since coming to Tufts in 1996. The faculty and staff at this school aren't just satisfied with developing a high quality program, whether it's an educational, research or clinical service program. They are willing to work as hard as it takes to make it the leading program in the country. I've learned that a self-confident, self-determining, self-reliant and entrepreneurial group of people who think of what's possible, not just of what's expected, is a very powerful force. Accordingly, I came to fully appreciate the leadership culture of this very unique and special school.

I want to pay tribute to the staff who support the work of our faculty, administration and the total experience of our students. I've never been around a more talented and hardworking group of dedicated staff. And, our students are definitely our best asset. They have never failed to impress me and I feel very proud of them and their accomplishments.

It has been a real privilege to work closely with our Board of Veterinary Overseers. They are truly dedicated to the success of the School.

I am eternally grateful to my wife, Janene, for her support of me and our efforts together to represent the School.

Following a sabbatical leave, I am very excited about returning to serve Provost Bharucha as Special Assistant to the Provost to work on projects with university-wide reach. I will be located on the Boston campus. My academic home will remain in the Department of Biomedical Sciences.

The future success of the Cummings School mostly depends on all of you, as it always has. The School is strong and well positioned to contribute more to the excellence of Tufts University. I know you will

give your full support to my successor and s/he will be the better for it.

Best regards,

Phil Kosch

Phil Kosch, DVM, PhD
Dean

Henry and Lois Foster Professor
of Comparative Medicine



Save the Date!

Sunday, July 17th

ALUMNI RECEPTION AT AVMA
AMERICAN VETERINARY MEDICAL
ASSOCIATION

Hyatt Regency Minneapolis, Greenway
Ballroom A, 6:30 pm, Minneapolis, MN

Sunday, August 7th

ALUMNI LUNCHEON AT NEVC
NORTHEAST VETERINARY CONFERENCE
Rhode Island Convention Center,
Rotunda Room, 12:30 pm, Providence, RI

Saturday, September 10th
REUNION & COMEBACK

Cummings School of Veterinary
Medicine at Tufts University
North Grafton, MA

Tufts University Veterinary Alumni Association, 2004-2005

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ACCREDITATION UPDATE

Veterinary School Granted Full Accreditation with High Marks *(from April 6th 'On the Record' email from President Bacow's office)*

Tufts Cummings Veterinary School has been granted Full Accreditation for the maximum period of seven years by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Council on Education. The report of evaluation is overwhelmingly positive with commendations on all 11 accreditation standards regarding organization, finances, facilities, clinical resources, library and information resources, students, admissions, faculty, curriculum, research, and outcomes assessment.

The report's recommendations include expediting the planned replacement of the Woodstock Ambulatory facility and continued expansion of graduate student recruitment.

In addition to the positive accreditation study, the veterinary school received top rankings in a recent study by the Association of American Medical Veterinary Colleges (AAMVC) of the nation's 28 veterinary schools. These national rankings include:

- Number one out of the 28 schools in the mean combined verbal and quantitative GRE scores of its entering class.
- Number one in the number of graduates matched for internship and residency programs for the last three years.
- School faculty are number one (on a per capita basis) in funding by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and fourth in the overall level, of sponsored research funding.
- The Foster Hospital for Small Animals ranks number one in hospitalized patients annually and fourth in patient visits.

"As Dean, I couldn't be more pleased with how well we did during the accreditation site visit and the subsequent report - and I think our national rankings by the AAMVC further evidence the school's excellence," Dean Philip C. Kosch said. "Congratulations go to everyone who makes this a special school - and that means everyone. Each and every staff member, student, and faculty member and veterinary overseer has made an important contribution."

AWARD WINNING ALUMNI AND STAFF

Cummings Veterinary School was well represented at the MVMA Awards Dinner held April 9, 2005. Janice Lennon and Susan Brogan who have run the school's continuing education programs were recognized for their contributions to veterinary medicine in Massachusetts. Dr. James Ross presented each with a 2004 Merit Award. The 2004 Distinguished Service Award, the highest recognition conferred by the MVMA, was awarded to Dr. Wendy Emerson V85, owner of the Putnam Veterinary Clinic and Mobile Veterinary Services in Topsfield. Drs. John de Jong V85 and Tony Schwartz were among those who lauded Wendy's achievements, commitment, wisdom, energy, warmth and excellence in motorcycle riding. Congratulations Wendy, Jan and Susan!

The Tufts University Alumni Association honored alumni and friends of Tufts for service to Tufts University, their communities, and their professions on April 30, 2005. Jeffrey C. Mariner V87, was the first veterinary alumnus to receive the prestigious Distinguished Service Award. After graduating from Tufts, Jeff worked at the USDA Plum Island Animal Disease Center to direct Tufts' research on the Thermostable Rinderpest Vaccine Transfer of Technology Project. The team succeeded in developing a heat-stable rinderpest (cattle plague) vaccine that did not require constant refrigeration, allowing transportation to remote regions. This is the vaccine of choice in the Global Rinderpest Eradication Program and is recommended by both the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the Organization of African Unity. Jeff is currently a research assistant professor at Tufts University School of Medicine and here at TCSVM.

MEMO FROM PROVOST AND SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT JAMSHED BARUCHA TO MEMBERS OF THE TUFTS COMMUNITY

Phil Kosch, Dean of the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine, has announced his decision to resign on June 30, 2005. As the leader of the veterinary school over the past nine years, Dean Kosch has positioned the school as a national leader in veterinary medicine. Cummings Veterinary School has prospered with his leadership.

Dean Kosch propelled the school to a new level of excellence and national recognition. He recently steered the school through the reaccreditation process, achieving the maximum period of seven years by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Council on Education. The report of evaluation is overwhelmingly positive with commendations on all 11 major accreditation standards. In addition to the positive reaccreditation report, the school received top rankings in a recent report by the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAMVC) of the nation's 28 veterinary schools.

With Dean Kosch at the helm, the school achieved financial security and sought out new avenues of innovation. His was the steady hand that guided the school through a difficult financial time when state financing was threatened. After coordinating a strategy to restore most of the funding, he then worked to place the school on firm financial footing. The culmination of his successful deanship was the receipt of a \$50 million naming gift for the veterinary school from Cummings Foundation. The enormous generosity of Cummings Foundation will secure the future of the veterinary school.

Under his deanship, Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine has seen outstanding student achievement in competitive national programs, including leading the country in matches for clinical specialty training. The creation of the Tufts Center for Conservation Medicine, along with continuous review and enhancement of our DVM curriculum, new graduate degree programs in comparative biomedical sciences and laboratory animal medicine, and the restructuring of academic departments to enhance

programmatic synergies, have helped to make our veterinary school a distinctive school with unique programs and strengths. This is reflected in the strength of our school's students, as the school has consistently attracted large numbers of high quality applicants.

Major new capital improvements such as the Agnes Varis Lecture Hall, the David McGrath Veterinary Teaching Laboratory, the Bernice Barbour Wildlife Medicine Building, the Luke & Lily Lerner Spay/Neuter Clinic, and the expansion of the Foster Hospital for Small Animals enabled Dean Kosch to unify the veterinary school and to greatly enhance the learning and working environment on the Grafton campus.

Dean Kosch has also been determined to seek and secure a major research presence. Last year, with the Dean's strong support, Professor Saul Tzipori applied for and secured a seven year \$25 million award from the NIH to establish the National Center for Botulinum Therapies Research and Development. This award places the veterinary school at the forefront of the national biodefense effort to



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Jamshed Barucha



safeguard our food and water supplies. Dean Kosch's commitment to enhance faculty resources for research has been unwavering.

Fortunately, Tufts will not be losing Dr. Kosch. I have asked him to serve as a Special Assistant to the Provost - following a sabbatical leave - to work on projects with university-wide impact. He will be located on the Boston campus and his academic home will remain in

the Department of Biomedical Sciences.

Dean Kosch is leaving the veterinary school with a legacy of remarkable achievements. Please join me in wishing him well as he enters the next phase of his career of service to Tufts University. There will be an opportunity to honor him this summer.

**A RECEPTION FOR THE DEAN WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 30TH FROM 4-6PM
KOHNSTAMM CONFERENCE ROOM, MAYER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, GRAFTON CAMPUS**

OPERATION: GUINEA PIG RESCUE

by Linda "Sip" Siperstein V02

It was raining pretty hard the day the Animal Control Officer brought a cage full of guinea pigs to VCA Wakefield Animal Hospital. According to the officer, the 14 guinea pigs (all in a cage the appropriate size for one or two guinea pigs) had been abandoned in a municipal park for approximately two days. They had no food and only the rain water collecting in the cage- 4 adults, 3 two-inch babies and the rest juveniles.

The entire staff immediately went into action, bringing up spare cages from the basement and preparing them for occupancy. Drs. Astrid Kruse V03 and Linda "Sip" Siperstein V02 performed exams and quickly sexed the guinea pigs, separating the males from the females. Further divisions were made in order to maintain harmony (a few guinea pig-style fights broke out under the new arrangements requiring smaller groups or singles). Dr. Samantha Simonelli

V97 helped coordinate the operation. Dr. Susan Gilmore V02 gave advice from a distance, as allergies to guinea pigs prevent her from having direct contact.

All of the guinea pigs ate and drank ferociously, followed by much needed naps. They were thin and some had poor coats - owing either to the external parasites found later, or to barbering - chewing on each others' coats in close quarters. Within a week it was clear these were a hardy bunch! All were filling out, putting on weight nicely, and within a few weeks even their coats started looking better! Ivermectin treatments cleared up the parasites. The little babies doubled in size in about a week. Despite the fact that the babies were half bald when they were found, they developed full shiny coats in less than a month.



That first night, most of the staff had brought home a guinea pig or two for fostering. The word went out to guinea pig organizations and on-line groups, and pretty soon the calls were coming in. At this time, 7 of the original 14 are in permanent homes. A few of the staff became attached to their little wards and decided to keep them. The rest are still being fostered by VCA Wakefield Animal Hospital staff and await good homes. The operation was a success!

(For information on adopting one of the Operation: Guinea Pig Rescue guinea pigs, please contact PAWS at 718-246-6111 or VCA Wakefield Animal Hospital at 781-245-0045)



FROM THE ALPHA PSI HOUSE

Dear Alumni,

I will bet you didn't think you'd be hearing from me. We had a good four (or five) years together, then suddenly you tossed your hat in the air, said goodbye, and broke all ties. But as much as I thought our relationship was over, I cannot seem to let go. I thought I could

move on, invite over new people, and make new friends. They've had Happy Hours where everyone gets together and shares a few laughs. They sold flowers on Valentines Day, and had a Pet Photo Contest where everyone smiled at the hound with the giant lips.

But they aren't loyal. Just the other day, they went next door and had breakfast with the Red Barn. They said they were "just friends." They are trying to make it up to me by cleaning the basement and fixing the leaks. But let's face it, they aren't you. I want you back. I know you are busy and probably seeing someone else, but I just want to see you again. I miss you. "Our" song still makes my eyes tear up.

If you have anything to say or ask, please e-mail Nadia at Nadia.Stegeman@tufts.edu. She'll relay the message.

Love, The Alpha Psi House

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT A SUCCESS!

The 5th annual Cummings Veterinary School Student Scholarship Golf Tournament was held on Saturday, April 30, 2005 at the Blackstone National Golf Club in Sutton, MA. Thanks to the students, alumni and friends of TCSVM, over \$7,200 was raised for veterinary student scholarships. Everyone in attendance enjoyed a great, albeit somewhat rainy, morning of golf and an afternoon of great food and prizes. The 2006 tournament is being planned for sometime in the early spring or late fall. Alumni involvement in this event is very important, so if you live in the New England area, please join us for the tournament and/or the lunch. If you are outside of New England or cannot attend the tournament, hopefully you will consider sponsoring a student to play. Interested in getting involved? Please contact Sara Eltzroth Fish in the Alumni Relations Office at (508) 839-7976 or sara.eltzroth@tufts.edu or Karl Andrutis V88 at (508) 839-7992 or karl.andrutis@tufts.edu. On behalf of the students here at Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University, thanks again to everyone who made this year's tournament such a success.





Bring the whole family to the REUNION & COMEBACK LUAU on campus at TCSVM

SAVE THE DATE



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2005

Join your classmates, friends and faculty at Reunion & Comeback on Saturday, September 10, 2005. Although we are celebrating the reunion of the classes of 1985, 1990, 1995 & 2000, all veterinary alumni are invited to attend. There will be all-day activities including Open House, continuing

education, tours, and children's activities. Reunion will begin in the afternoon with Luau themed food, beverages, and entertainment. Hawaiian shirts and flip flops optional!

Contact Sara Eltzroth Fish, Alumni Relations Officer, at (508) 839-7976 or sara.eltzroth@tufts.edu with any questions.

CUMMINGS GIFT CELEBRATED AT MAY 5TH NAMING CEREMONY

Students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends gathered under a tent on the lawn outside the Administration Building on Thursday, May 5th to celebrate the \$50 million gift to the veterinary school. In honor of the largest gift ever made to a veterinary school, the school's name was officially changed to honor its benefactors, William S. and Joyce M. Cummings, and their foundation, Cummings Foundation Inc. "We are now officially Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University," Lawrence S. Bacow, president of Tufts University, stated at the naming ceremony. "Together we celebrate a school that has truly become a jewel in the crown of Tufts University and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. We celebrate philanthropy and what it can accomplish, and we recognize an alumnus who has given back, in an extraordinary way, because he never will forget how much Tufts

University gave to him." Bill Cummings, a Tufts University graduate of the class of 1958, served as an overseer to Tufts Medical School and as a trustee of the university. He was also a recipient of the Tufts University Distinguished Service Award.

Dean Kosch believes that "the Cummings Foundation gift represents a vote of confidence in Tufts' visionary leaders who have created a world-class veterinary institution that advances animal, human and public health."



Bill Cummings (at podium), Henry Foster, Joyce Cummings, President Bacow, Dean Kosch

TONY SCHWARTZ RETIRES AFTER A QUARTER OF A CENTURY OF SERVICE TO TUSVM

Memo From Dean Philip C. Kosch to Members of the Tufts Community

I wish to announce that Tony Schwartz, DVM, PhD, Dip. ACVS, retired on December 31st after 25-1/2 years of outstanding service.

Dr. Schwartz's contributions to TCSVM, and to the veterinary profession, have been enormous. His service to Tufts began almost before time began - on July 15, 1979, just before the charter class of 1983 began their studies downtown. The Tufts Trustees had approved the establishment of our school on October 28, 1978 and the race was on to admit the first class in less than one year. The pace was furious and Tony was in the thick of it, and the rest has become history. The pace today may seem brisk, but it was breathtaking in those early years. It was both exciting and exhausting. We have much to thank Tony for today when looking back at all he has meant to Tufts' veterinary school. Space doesn't allow me to reflect on all of his contributions, but I'll highlight a few. Tony's many accomplishments were celebrated at his retirement party on April 13, 2005.

While serving for 16 years as Chair of the former Department of Surgery, he hired and mentored many of our wonderful academic clinicians. Over 18 years, he served as Associate Dean in three different capacities: Education, Academic Affairs, and Continuing Education and Academic Outreach. During those early years of the School he also was able to spend time in Washington, DC for a year as a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Congressional Fellow and a year as Interim Executive Director of the AAVMC. He has also served in many different ways with the MVMA, AVMA, ACVS, and other organizations.

Every TCSVM Dean turned to Tony to chair major construction projects because he always did a stellar job in building consensus. We can thank him for chairing construction committees that resulted in the Foster Hospital for Small Animals, Building 20, the Loew Center, the McGrath Veterinary Teaching Laboratory, and the Agnes Varis Lecture Hall complex. These leadership assignments took a great deal of effort on top of everything else he was responsible for.

Tony has had a profound impact on the quality of a Tufts veterinary education. He had a key leadership role in the development of our entire curriculum, and in particular, that in "alternative" surgical instruction, problem-based learning, standardized client interviews to teach communication skills, the development of the Health Sciences Database - now known as TUSK, and the use of constructive feedback for curriculum improvements from the Outcomes Assessment Program and student course evaluations. Moreover, he led the University effort in establishment of Teaching and Faculty Development

workshops which are held on all three Tufts campuses each year.

I am grateful to him for his development of our continuing education programs and his leadership with the Northeast Veterinary Conference. He successfully established major new relationships with all of the major players in the veterinary industry as exhibitors and sponsors, and most importantly, with the entire veterinary community throughout New England. For the first time in our 26 year history, we now have all of organized veterinary medicine in New England and all major hospitals (our own, MSPCA's Angell- Boston, Springfield, and Nantucket, and the AMC in NYC) working together with TCSVM. It was Tony's tireless effort that



Dean Philip Kosch with Tony Schwartz

accomplished this.

I am pleased that Tony's association with TCSVM will continue as he has agreed to serve as a consultant to continue his role as Executive Director and Chair of the Board of the Northeast Veterinary Conference, LLC in the coming year. The success of this conference is very important to the school as we wish to maintain the excellent collaborations Tony has established as mentioned above, and to enhance financial aid for our students as all net profits from this venture will go to student scholarships. This will be one of Tony's many legacies.

Finally, everyone who spends time with Tony has come to know him as a very warm and kind person. He's a wonderful man and I've appreciated his dedication, good humor, and many kindnesses in working with him. Please join me in wishing Tony and his wonderful wife Claudia all

ALUMNI RECEPTIONS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY

From the Northeast to the South and to the West, Tufts Veterinary Alumni have been attending receptions with classmates, faculty and staff throughout the year. The Alumni Relations Office here at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine has been reaching out to alumni in populated areas of the country and at the large national conferences to give everyone a chance to catch up with classmates and faculty and to hear about all that's happening at TCSVM. We hope to see you at future events!

Maryland Reception Hosted by Leslie Taylor V85



Dean Kosch with alumni and friends at Leslie Taylor's home



Leslie Taylor V85 with husband William Marcus, MD and daughters Remy & Sophie Marcus

Western Vet



Yoanna Maitre V02 and Lisa Maciorakowski V02



Susan Neville V04, Nicole Amato V04, Jane Remeika V04, Deborah Bean V04, Katja Hrones V04, Audra Piskiel V04

Angell



Dean Kosch, Lynel Tocci V04, Melissa Marshall V99



Michael Weh V03, Steve Rowell V83, Bill Rosenblad V95

NAVC



Tony Schwartz, Xuan-Mai Vo V02



AAEP



Patricia Kigin V89, Mary Kahan V89, Mary Rose Paradis

Sarah Schlesinger V03, Ashley Calvin-Lang V03, Victoria Papscoe V03, Astrid Kruse V03, Hannah Port V03

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

V83

Since 2003, **David Lee-Parritz** has been the Director of Comparative Medicine at Genzyme Corporation in Framingham, MA. He reports that "it was quite a shift after 16 years at Harvard Medical School, but I am glad I made the change."

Steve Rowell is the new Associate Dean for Clinical Programs at TCSVM and his wife, Trudy, is teaching 3rd grade in Quincy, MA. Their oldest son, Adam, just graduated from Tufts University and is going on to Stanford for a PhD in Electrical Engineering. Their other son, Seth, is in his second year of Civil Engineering.

V84

Elizabeth Moen Alton is still in Vermont at her practice and is now a partner. She is involved in birding, kayaking, gardening, knitting and spinning yarn. Elizabeth is planning a three-day White Mountain hike in July.

Lisa Eshman recently starting working for a huge (18 doctor) private, 24-hour practice in California. She hopes to see classmates at the VECCS conference this fall.

Phoebe Hoyt moved to the Marblehead Animal Hospital in Marblehead, MA after practicing for 17 years at New England Veterinary Clinic in Salem, MA. She is really enjoying her new place of work.

Michael Leverone and his wife Sue report that "our daughter, Julia, will graduate high school this spring and will attend Tufts undergraduate school next fall."

David Rosene continues to own and operate Shorewood Animal Hospital in Shorewood, WI. His daughter, Emily, is finishing her junior year at Cornell University and his daughter, Erin, will be starting college at Washington University in St. Louis next fall. His wife, June, continues to teach in the Communications Department at Carroll College.

Pam Shaeffer is happy to report that both she and Mike have been cancer free for over a year! She reports that they are doing so great that they are going to England and Paris for five weeks this summer. Pam says "we never would have thought about going for so long if we didn't have a life crisis to change our priorities." She also tells us that her mobile practice is 16 years old now and going strong. Pam says that best part is that she is still enjoying it.

V85

LeeAnn Wesselhoeff Ablin has been working at a specialty (referral) practice for the past three years. She lives and works in the suburbs north of Chicago. LeeAnn tells us that Jack continues to work for a bank in Chicago and that their daughters, Elise and Emily, are now ages 12 and 8. She is planning on attending the 20th class reunion in September with her family. LeeAnn states that she was saddened by the news of the

passing of Ken Morris and says "I have some great memories of him from school."

Gail Mason says "hi to all from the Great White North!" and reports that her sons (ages 11, 14, and 16) are keeping her 'jamming' as is practice ownership. Her second practice, Portland Veterinary Specialists, continues to grow and they need to expand soon. Gail finally got her quarter horse to a show this spring and says "please visit us if you are on your way to LL Bean."

Lisa Maue tells us that "life is good." Lisa is still at Looby Vet Group in Medford, MA where she has been for 20 years. Lisa states that "work is looking more appealing with a teenager in the house!" and tells us that "I'm feeling very old - although all the young technicians at work remind me - I am old!!" Lisa sends her regards to all.

In February and March of 2003, **John Turco** was able to accompany the US Military, along with Rhode Island State Trooper, Matt Zarella, to Vietnam. The mission involved the first ever use of cadaver dogs in search for MIAs from the Vietnam War. He tells us that it was "a truly unbelievable experience for myself and the Trooper" and that "the dogs did great considering the environment."

V86

Tom deMaar has completed two years as Director of Animal Health and Research at Binder Park Zoo in Battle Creek, MI. The zoo is an innovative, medium sized zoo that believes in very large enclosures, invisible fences, concentrating on endangered species and educating the public. In addition to a diverse caseload, Tom is involved in the senior management, fundraising and new design of the zoo. Tom tells us that he misses Africa quite a bit, but after eight years "it was time to move out of the bush and back to civilization." His children, aged 6 and 8, are happily enrolled in a great U.S. school. Tom reports that "when my children are older and self-sufficient, I will get out into the bush again." This past year Tom traveled to Kenya to continue work on an antelope assisted-reproduction project and spent ten days with a dart gun in his hands. For other fun travel, Tom escorted a giraffe traveling from Ohio to the Moscow Zoo and tells us that he discovered a new great way to travel: in the belly of a cargo 747.

Lee Hinerfeld tells us that she is still a house-call practitioner in Connecticut and said: "same old, same old."

V87

Bob Feccia tells us that he is currently constructing a new 4,000 square foot small animal facility in Leominster, MA.

Ralph Pratt jokes that he is planning a donation to the school but "wants something named after him" - he says "perhaps a paper clip or roll of toilet paper..."

Ilene Segal moved her practice, Parkway Veterinary Hospital, from the V.F.W. Parkway to 18 Spring Street in West Roxbury, MA in 2004. She says that they are enjoying their new location. Ilene tells us that she has

loved working with Dr. Sandy Wilcon Higgins V92 for the past 3 years. Ilene has a physical rehabilitation facility in her new building and she reports that she is using her rehabilitation certification from the University of Tennessee for orthopedic and neurologic patients.

V88

Lynne Kushner reports that not much is new. She is still a part of the clinical faculty in Anesthesia at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

Eva Ryden is working as the Director of a very busy and growing research animal facility at UMDNJ - New Jersey Medical School. She has held this position since 1995 and feels very fortunate in having had the opportunity to pursue such an interesting and fulfilling career.

Kathryn Trenholm tells us that she's building a new veterinary hospital in Massachusetts that is due to open in June 2005.

V89

Mary Kahan reports that she and her husband are still in Massachusetts, living in Byfield with their two children, William (age 9) and Juliet (age 7). She is practicing equine medicine with a strong interest in acupuncture and chiropractic. Mary says "hello to all!"

Mindy Newman currently lives in a very rural South Carolina town and practices at the beach (Myrtle Beach, that is). The closest surgery center is 2 hours away and the small emergency hospital is about 45 minutes away. Mindy tells us that "my dogs and cats are my kids (and my husband too, for that matter)." She says that it is a great climate and states "y'all come on down!"

Brenda Stowe says that all is well in NH and that "life is as hectic as ever." She and her husband, **David Stowe V88**, have three children, Alex (12), Hannah (8), and Phillip (6). Brenda tells us that their children are growing up so quickly and are keeping them on their toes with baseball, softball, dance, etc. Brenda and Dave's two veterinary hospitals are doing well and the exotic/avian part of the practice is growing. Brenda adds that she and Dave have both joined the Leadership Council of AAHA and Dave has joined the NHVMA board. They appreciate every moment of free time on Lake Winnepesaukee and in the White Mountains!

V90

This year **Robert Monaco** is celebrating the 10-year anniversary of his animal hospital, The Old Country Animal Clinic - a full-service, small animal clinic and Long Island's premier referral center for birds, reptiles and other exotic pets. Robert tells us that he is still the only avian diplomate on Long Island that owns his/her own animal hospital. He is running the Long Island Marathon for the third straight year. Robert hopes to attend Reunion and Open House in September.

Lawrence Putter reports that he is the new owner of Lenox Hill Veterinarians in New York, NY.

Daria Smith owns a small animal hospital in Lexington, MA. Daria and her husband Aaron, who is a woodworker, have been married for 11

years. They have three children: Cody (age 9), Cam (age 7), and Nicole (age 7).

V91

Teri Albers reports "no changes". She is still working as a Pathologist for Charles River Labs in Wilmington, MA. Teri's daughter, Sydney, is three years old.

Beth Moseley will be riding in the Pan-Massachusetts Challenge, a 190-mile bike ride over two days to raise money for the Dana Farber Cancer and the Jimmy Fund on August 6th and 7th. She says "I need sponsors!"

V92

Ohad Barnea and Vered have two beautiful boys: Ariel (28 months old) and Ilan (12 months old). Ohad has a new state-of-the-art, 4,000 square foot hospital in New Jersey.

Timothy Becker and his wife, Kati, were blessed with a beautiful daughter, Claire Kristine Becker, in December of 2004.

Cheryl Chappa tells us that she is juggling being a mom to her 16-month old son and a busy practice owner in Connecticut. She says that "it is all definitely worth it." Cheryl reports that her husband is off active duty with the Air Force and is traveling less, so he can be home more now.

Nancy Crowley Hatfield reports that "Erik and I had our second baby girl, Amy, on October 12, 2004." She joins Mia who turns 3 in June. Nancy tells us that they are all keeping very busy. She also spent the last year as Vice President of the Veterinary Association on the North Shore of Massachusetts.

Karen Gendron has a new book due out from AAHA Press this spring. It is about job descriptions for veterinary practices and was written with Dr. John Wilson.

Elisa Harvey has been at the FDA for almost 10 years. She is the Director of Investigational Device Exemption and Humanitarian Device Exemption Programs. Elisa still practices small animal medicine part time with another TCSVM grad (**Jennifer Seata V99**) in Gaithersburg, MD. Elisa has two male golden retrievers who are both named Bailey (she says it's a "long story"), a cat named Cleo who she got while at TCSVM, and two Norwegian Fjord horses named Jordbaer ("Strawberry") and Ture ("Thunder"). Elisa tells us that she loves traveling with family and pattering around the barn. She is learning to drive the Fjords with a cart.

Karen Pastor was married to Jeff Basseches on October 15, 2004. She is currently working as a staff surgeon at Massachusetts Veterinary Referral Hospital in Woburn, MA. Karen and her husband live in beautiful Kittery Point, ME.

V93

Johnna Corin-Lowell got married and bought a house in Rhode Island. She tells us that she has settled down and has stopped doing relief work and has taken a full time position.

Tammy Eichmann continues to practice as a relief veterinarian. In addition, she started her own small animal practice in rural Days Creek, OR. Tammy's daughter, Allison, is turning 14 and is a freshman in High School. Her son, Ryan, is 10 and is in 4th grade. Don, her husband, is retired and loving it.

Karin Kaczorowski tells us that nothing is new - she reports "I'm just working!"

All three of **Ashton Kane's** boys are in baseball this year - she reports that this "makes for a fun work schedule!" Ashton hopes everyone is well and is able to find some balance between family life and veterinary life!

Carrie VandeStadt left Bristol Veterinary Associates after 10 years. She worked briefly at a feline only practice, but has settled into a fulfilling position at Fox Memorial Clinic in Newington, CT. Carrie has cut back to part-time and is enjoying spending more time with her husband, Grant, and daughters, Nicole and Erica.

Scott Hirschberger reports that he and Diana welcomed a daughter, Erin Abigail, into the world on March 1, 2005. Erin was 7 lbs. 8 oz. and 21 1/2 inches.

V95

Elizabeth Chittick is still working at SeaWorld in Orlando, FL and enjoying it! She saw several Tufts Veterinary Alumni at the NAVC Alumni Reception this year and hopes to see more next year!

Cathy Reese reports that she is getting married on July 2, 2005 to Sean Neilon.

Jill (Pasternak) Singer purchased a new house on 20 acres. She has been at the same small animal emergency practice in Michigan for the past six years. Jill is involved with wildlife rehabilitation.

V96

Jeff Margolis tells us "I'm truly enjoying my life!" He states that owning his own practice in California continues to be fun and rewarding. Jeff also reports that "spending the rest of my time with my wife Jody and children Zoe (age 7) and Jake (age 5) is a joy!"

V97

Lori Brault is still working as an associate in a two doctor practice in Wilton, CT. Her son, Joshua, just turned two years old. Lori says that he is looking forward to becoming a big brother this fall. She tells us that her "wonderful husband", Marty, just received his LADC and is a psychotherapist in Wilton. Lori says that "life is good."

Sharon Chang reports that she has finally made a job change. She joined **Dan Cardosa, V90**, at Big River Veterinary Services in West Greenwich, RI. Sharon tells us that Dr. Cardosa has been called up for military service for his third tour. She is sure that the Cardosa family would appreciate support and thoughts from the veterinary community. He will be serving in Iraq for 18 months. Sharon would love to hear from classmates - she can be reached at syc17@aol.com.

Mich (Mitzie) Chen is very happy with her recent change of jobs last year to VCA Mission, San Jose. Her parents are stable, but with her mom's Alzheimers and the "ridiculous cost of real estate in CA", Mich is happier not to own her own practice. She is definitely "loving the weather!!!"

Rosario Delgado-Lecaroz and her husband, Eric Brockett, are overjoyed to announce the birth of Marina Raquel, born on November 15, 2004, at The Birthplace at Wellesley, the only freestanding birth center in Massachusetts. She is welcomed by Thomas Enrique, her 26 month old brother (Born on February 14, 2003), and by the family's three dogs (Bailey, Azul and Chica) and two cats. Rosario is doing great and encourages friends and classmates to email her at charitodl@yahoo.com. She states that "life is good!!!"

Jennifer Johnson is starting at a new hospital in Marshfield, MA. She tells us that "our son, Sabatino Finocchio, was born in May of 2004 - he joined his three year old sister, Stella." Jennifer recently moved to Milton, MA from South Boston.

Noelle La Croix became a diplomate of the ACVO (American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists) in October of 2004. She has recently taken a position as a veterinary ophthalmologist in Dallas, TX.

Emily Lebiecz reports that she and her husband welcomed their second child, Dylan, into their family. She says that "he is a happy boy and adores his big sister Sophie." Emily still works part time at her practice in New Hampshire to "keep current and to keep myself sane."

V98

Erin Bauer tells us that she and Kurt moved to Miami last year with their two children, Anna and Matthew. She said it took her a while, but that she found a nice, high quality practice in Coral Gables. Erin says that "we are really enjoying Miami living."

Leslie Dowd and **Chris Jordan, V99**, have survived their first year as veterinary practice owners and are enjoying living in a rural area in California. Leslie is active as a practice manager and Chris as a veterinarian. Most of their spare time is spent riding on trials or at the beach with their horse, Jackson. Their dogs, Zero, Kahlua and Dulcie, enjoy running in the woods and watching birds and deer. Leslie and Chris would like to hear from other classmates.

Katherine Bergen Pierce reports that she and Mike are living in Camden, ME where Ella, now 3-1/2 years old, welcomed a new brother, Lincoln, in April of 2004.

Kristin Rennie announces the birth of a son, Theodore Rennie Carlson, on October 28, 2004 - he weighed in at 10 pounds and 21 inches.

Andrea Sullivan is expecting baby #3 in December of 2005. She just moved to Upton, MA with her husband, TJ, Cole (4 years old), and Julia (1 year old).

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Lisa Feinstein and her husband had a baby girl, Kate Sarah Kaplan, on August 12, 2004. Lisa tells us that the baby is now 8 months old and is "crawling all over and becoming a lot more expressive and demanding." Lisa is working part-time in Florida (3 days a week) and is loving being a mother and a small animal veterinarian.

Inga Sidor recently passed the ACVP boards and is now working as a pathologist at the Mystic Aquarium in Connecticut on a project researching marine mammal brucellosis.

Christine Wilson greatly enjoyed her first year of practice ownership in New Mexico. Her practice is primarily Acupuncture, Chinese herbs, and Chiropractic. Christine's little boys, Einin and Drake, are 3 and 5 now.

V00

Annie Downes is expecting her second baby and tells us "I'll let you know when the baby's born!" She also hopes that everyone is doing well.

Lara Weaver gave birth in July of 2004 to a daughter, Claire Annaliese. Lara returned to work fulltime at TCSVM in October 2004.

V01

Kelly Gavin is living in Manhattan on the Upper East Side working in an eight doctor, small animal practice doing general medicine and surgery.

Kyleigh Geissler is starting a graduate fellowship in Comparative Pathology at Wake Forest University in June, 2005. She completed her residency in Anatomic Pathology at North Carolina State

University and plans to take the ACVP exam in September.

V02

Stephan Knappstein is happily living in Florida and recently opened his own large and small animal practice.

Jessica Macho is in equine practice in North Smithfield, RI. She lives on a horse farm with her boyfriend, a dog, and two horses.

Katie McGonigle loves her job in central New Jersey in a small animal/exotics practice. She recently purchased a home close to the shore in Brick, NJ.

Vickie Schad is happy practicing with horses, dogs and cats in Middleboro, MA. She and Maureen live on a farm in Lakeville, MA next to a cranberry bog. Vickie has two feline 'sons', Smudge and Stripe. She saw a number of V02s at NAVC in Orlando, FL this year.

Sandra Silva-Arrieta is currently working at Dedham Veterinary Associates in Dedham, MA. After completing the Acupuncture course at TCSVM, she is working on her certification.

Linda "Sip" Siperstein recently joined Wakefield Animal Hospital in Wakefield, MA where she sees dogs, cats and exotic pets. Sip is in good company at her place of employment with three other TCSVM grads - **Samantha Simonelli V97**, **Susan Gilmore V02**, and **Astrid Kruse V03**.

Xaun Mai Vo now lives in Michigan with fiancé **Raimon Duran**. Raimon is a lab animal medicine resident at the University of Michigan. A September 2005 wedding is planned in Spain, and they are happily moved into their very own home.

Celeste Wells recently bought a home in Western Connecticut with her husband, Owen, and their four cats. She works in a small

animal general medicine hospital.

V03

Cindy Fuhs and her partner of 14 years were married in a quiet ceremony in their home in Massachusetts on June 18, 2004. They celebrated with family and friends and then honeymooned in St. Barthelemy. Cindy reports that "2004 was an amazing year for us!"

Astrid Kruse is working at VCA Wakefield Animal Hospital in Massachusetts and finally seeing lots of exotics. She is "up to two shelter cats, one shunt dog, and three rabbits - no human kids anytime soon!"

Shawna Cornelius Li had her first child on March 16, 2005. The baby's name is Madeline and Shawna and her husband are "totally smitten by her." Shawna began working at the Norton Animal Hospital in Massachusetts in November of 2004 after taking a break following her internship at Tufts. She is practicing small animal medicine.

Belinda Marcordes is working in the Emergency Room at a 16 doctor referral practice in Downers Grove, IL. She has three cats and two dogs. Belinda bought a house in June of 2004 and reports that she is "very happy."

Linda Rogers married Paul Barrows in August 2004 at a surprise ceremony during a summer BBQ.

V04

Brenda Heyman reports that she is an associate veterinarian at a small animal practice in Denver, CO. She will be applying to MPH programs next fall with the intent of joining the Epidemiologic Intelligence Service at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention afterwards.

Laura Unkauf is enjoying her first veterinary job with Buck Hill Veterinary Service (specializing in equine and small ruminants) in Spencer, MA where she has been for 10 months.

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The Veterinary Alumni Association Awards Committee will review all nominations and select one nominee to receive this prestigious award at the 20th Reunion & Comeback on September 10, 2005 on the Grafton campus.

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