

# Alumni/ae News

Spring 1995

## President's Letter      Dean's Message

Dear Fellow Alumni/ae,

Your Alumni/ae Association has been moving full steam ahead this year to offer more services to you, our colleagues, and to our future members, the present Tufts students.

This year's Veterinary Comeback broke all records for attendance by alumni/ae, faculty and families, with 135 people attending at least one event. The recent reception at the North American Veterinary Conference was also well attended by over 50 alumni/ae, faculty and friends, including a guest appearance by Dean Loew! A good time was had by all as we caught up on each others lives and careers.

Additionally, our first in a series of workshops for Alumni/ae, entitled Managing Stress Through Humor and Choice, was extremely entertaining and enlightening, and will hopefully serve as a springboard into future events to be sponsored by the Alumni/ae Association.

Meanwhile, keep in touch with us and your classmates by becoming involved in the Alumni/ae Council, and/or by attending our future events, and please let us know how we can better serve you needs. We're here for you!

Very Sincerely,



Jessica S. Baron, D.V.M. V87  
President

FROM THE DEAN:

Your alma mater is preparing to fill seventy to seventy-five places in the school's 17th class, V99 from the largest pool of applicants in its history – nearly 700! In fact, this is one of the largest applicant pools in the country, and in terms of applicants-per-available first-year space, it is the largest.

And when the sixty-five members of V95 graduate on May 21, our thirteenth class, some 780 or so Tufts D.V.M. degrees will have been awarded since 1983.

I hope that you'll try to come back to our annual Homecoming and Open House on September 9-10, 1995. V85 will be celebrating its 10th, and so will the Foster Hospital, which took its first patient in 1985.

I really enjoy seeing or hearing from alumni/ae so keep those cards and letters coming!

Sincerely,



Franklin M. Loew, D.V.M., Ph.D.  
Dean

**From the Editor:**

The Alumni/ae News is a compilation of information recieved by the Office of Alumni Relations from you the TUSVM alum. If there is something you would like to see mentioned please fill out and mail page 7 or call us at (617) 636-6773.

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## Alumni and friends find "Humor Potential"

— by Kristin Burati

Loretta LaRoche, Mirth Doctor spoke to a group of Tufts University Veterinary alums, their family and friends in a seminar entitled "How to Prevent Hardening of the Attitude" on Tuesday, January 24, 1995. The group gathered at the Guest Quarters Suite Hotel in Cambridge, Massachusetts for dinner and the chance to learn how to manage stress through humor and choice.

For more 20 years LaRoche has been a consultant in the fields of fitness, health, and personal development to both individuals and organizations. She is

founder and president of The Humor Potential and adjunct faculty of the Behavioral Institute of Medicine, an affiliate of Harvard Medical School. In addition, she holds degrees in Speech Therapy and Communications and Dance Therapy, with a number of certifications, including Behavior Modification, Hypnotherapy, Aerobic Fitness, and Attitudinal Modification.

Over the years Loretta developed her unique talent for healing the body and soul through love and laughter leading to her philosophy, very simply stated, that "it's never too late to have a happy childhood!" □

## KITTY CORNER?

*The following story is from the Worcester Telegram & Gazette, February 3, 1995.*

### Feline is getting back on his feet

By Timothy J. Connolly  
Telegram & Gazette Staff

**WORCESTER** - The little gray cat with the big green eyes was given up for dead just a week before Christmas.

Fire had destroyed the Vernon Hill three-decker that had been the cat's home for the first year of its life. A neighbor found the cat, covered with soot and barely breathing, the day after the fire.

The cat was brought to the Worcester Cat Hospital and Bird Clinic, 346 Park Ave.

Now, thanks to extensive treatment - paid for by donations to the hospital's

abandoned cat fund - the year-old cat is about ready to find a new home.

"He'll have another surgery (today)," said Dr. Nancy O'Leary [V92] the hospital veterinarian. "then we'll give him a couple of weeks to recuperate and he'll be ready to be adopted."

O'Leary said Fire Cat, as she calls him, had trouble breathing his first few days at the hospital. He was treated intravenously with heavy antibiotics. The cat responded to the drugs in a few days, but then O'Leary found a large area of dead skin and tissue on the cat's right side.

"I went in and cut out the necrotic skin, fat and tissue," she said. "And then I sewed the skin back together except for one area I covered with a patch, where there wasn't enough skin to work with.

"(Today) I'm going to remove the patch and take some skin from here and sew it together," she said grabbing a roll of fur and flesh by the cat's neck. □

*The following story is from the New York Times, Sunday, July 10, 1994, Section 13.*

### 46 Floors Down, Still Purring

Proposed addendum to city fact sheets. Place after Tallest Building. Greatest Known Height From Which Cat Has Fallen and Survived: 46 Floors. Set June 25, 1994 by Leo of Manhattan Plaza off Tenth Avenue. Details: Owner, Kirk Romero, leaves apartment building at 3 A.M. to walk puppy, leaving door to terrace open. Owner returns,

hunts for cat, finally found in planter at base of building. Dr. Mary Suchowiecki [V94] at Animal Medical Center finds injury common in high falls: pneumothorax, air forced out of lungs and into lung cavity. Footnote: Cats achieve terminal velocity (60 m.p.h., half that of humans) after 7 to 10 stories, so the impact is never greater than that. Experts believe cats relax at that speed, lessening impact trauma. Epilogue: "He's getting back to his own self," Mr. Romero says. "He wants to go back on the balcony." □

# What's Happening...

## —The 80's—

**Dr. Cecelia V. Helinski V85**, is still working in the Philadelphia area in a 5 doctor specialty/general practice and is also doing cardiology consulting.

**Dr. Joann Lindenmayer V85**, took a position as the Center for Disease Control & Prevention Assignee in Chronic Disease to the Rhode Island Health Department and also has an appointment in the Department of Community Medicine at the Brown University School of Medicine. She continues to get her veterinary "fix" by working with animal welfare groups/humane societies. She and her husband adopted their second child, Hannah Josephine, in March and are all very happily living in Dedham, MA.

**Dr. Linda Gray-Niznik V86**, and her husband David have a wonderful son Christopher who just turned 5. Linda has her Master of Acupuncture degree and has both a human acupuncture practice and a veterinary holistic practice in Woodbine, MD. "Hi to Lee H!"

**Dr. David A. Cloutier V88**, became partners with Chris Miles at the Veazie Veterinary Clinic this past October in Maine. In November he and his wife were expecting their second child. Mark, their first, turned 5 back in October and Samantha (a Black Lab) is doing fine after a bilateral F.H.O. in July 1993.

**Dr. Lori (Bergel) Kreidberg V88**, married David Kreidberg on May 30th, 1994 at the Glen Manor House in Portsmouth. Lori is employed by the Woburn Animal Hospital and the two are living in Watertown.

**Dr. Joyce Gifford V89**, opened the Abbott Valley Veterinary Center, Inc. in Cumberland, Rhode Island this past August.

**Dr. Brenda Lee V89**, and her husband, Dr. Michael Seely, are pleased to announce the birth of their son on May 12th, 1994. His name is Nicholas Herbert Lee-Seely. She writes that she is keeping busy running a practice, in California, and keeping house for 1 baby, 5 cats, 2 dogs, and 6 ostriches.

## —The 90's—

**Dr. Wende S. Davis V90**, continues to work at Cytle Corporation, a biotechnology company in La Jolla. She says it's great to have **Dr. Lynne Morris V90**, in the area. She also bought a new townhouse and planned a trip to Spain this past September.

**Dr. Lynne Morris, V90**, is on staff at a 24 hour emergency and critical care facility, the Emergency Animal Hospital of San Diego. She is also chasing a toddler and "enduring the rough San Diego winters."

**Dr. Laura Cotten Huston V90**, married Brian John Pickering on Saturday, May 21st, 1994 at Yaki Point, Grand Canyon, Arizona.

**Dr. Jeffrey Barrow V91**, recently changed jobs and residences. He is now working at Amherst Animal Hospital, a very respectable 5 person small animal practice. He is working with another alum, **Dr. C.J. Churchill V92**. Jeffrey is still married to Laurel and reports, "no kids yet."

**Dr. Susan Lee Mitchell V91**, is working in orthopedic research at the VA and Brigham and Women's Hospital. She studies total joint prosthetics and extracellular matrices for tissue regeneration. She reports that she does lots of surgery and still has her eyes on a surgery residency. In addition, she is doing part-time clinical plus some on-call emergency work. She says she is still very energetic but well rested and has no children yet ("that's the other **Susie Mitchell (V90)**").

**Dr. Lisa Freeman V91**, is in her 3rd year of a clinical nutrition fellowship at Tufts University and is enjoying the small amounts of personal life it allows her.

**Dr. Karen Pastor V92**, writes that she is working as a 2nd year resident in small animal surgery in the Tufts/Angell Surgical Residency Program.

**Dr. Debra Sonnen-Campbell V92**, since graduation has given birth to a baby girl named Paige, moved to a house in Sherborn, MA and recently started her own mobile clinical hospital.

## What's Happening-- (continued)

**Amy Jo Cobb Watkins V92**, married Curt Watkins, M.D. (M91) on October 24, 1992. She had an internship at the Apex Veterinary Hospital, a mixed animal private hospital for 1993-1993. In June 1994 she began working at Tri-County Veterinary Service, a mixed animal practice, in Eli Whitney, North Carolina. It is in this office where she sees dogs, cats, avian, exotics, emu, ostrich, llama, caprine, equine, ovine, and bovine patients.

**Elizabeth Maloney V92**, is the track veterinarian at Foxboro Park, Massachusetts and works part-time in a mixed practice. She says it's great to be back in New England after two seasons in Florida and she is engaged to marry Mark Bienvenue in the summer of 1995.

**Ohad Barnea V92**, has been practicing small animal medicine in Hoboken, New Jersey for the past 2 years and is buying a small practice of his own.

**Beth Shurland V92**, recently moved to Pennsylvania where her husband is starting medical school. She writes that she is enjoying small animal practice.

**Gretchen Tripp V92**, reports that she is currently living in Northern Virginia with her husband Kurt Bucholz and working in a small animal practice (Great Falls Animal Hospital).

## IN MEMORIAM

**Mary E. Sanborn V92 - Medfield, MA - January 1995**

Dr. Sanborn was born in Norwood, graduated from King Philip Regional High School in Wrentham in 1979 and Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine in Grafton in 1992. She had attended Holliston Junior College and Framingham State College.

She practiced veterinary medicine at the Heritage Hill Veterinary Clinic in Medfield, where she had worked as an assistant for about 10 years.

Dr. Sanborn was a member of the Massachusetts and the American veterinary medical associations.

She leaves her parents, Harry L. and Dorothy M. (Ray), a brother H. David, and a sister Theresa Lynn, all of Norfolk.

**Arnaldo Hernandez V92**, married Naiomi Chardon in April 1994. They reside in San Juan, Puerto Rico where she works as a professional representative for Merck & Company and he is employed as a Technical Sales Manager for Merck AgVet.

**Pam Friedman V93**, and her husband Tom are thrilled to say that they had a baby boy, David Patrick, on July 22, 1994. He was 9 lbs, 4 oz. and he has mom's red hair. Prior to his birth Pam was working on vaccine development and research for a biotechnology firm in Woburn, Massachusetts.

**Julie Kopser V93**, writes that after finishing a rewarding yet grueling internship at Angell Memorial she is enjoying a "kinder & gentler" pace in a private practice.

**Melissa Mazan V93**, is doing a three year residency in equine sx in Florida and getting a crash course in speaking and understanding Southerners.

**Shari Morana V93**, and her husband Dave are living in Srewsbury, MA and proudly announce the birth of their daughter Jessica Erin on November 19, 1994 at 6 lbs., 4 oz..

**Nan Swane V93**, writes in that she is working in a four doctor small animal practice and, "no food animals except for an occasional pet chicken!" "Come visit San Diego!"

**Dawn Tauro V94**, is engaged to David Miller (who many alums may remember from their ambulatory rotation) and spends much of her time on his dairy farm in Woodstock, CT.

**Mary Connolly V94**, is doing an internship in small animal medicine and surgery in Sacramento, California, halfway between Tahoe and San Francisco. She is also busy planning her wedding to Curtis Press which will take place in Mill Valley, California on June 3rd, 1995.

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## **ACLAM honors Vet School Alum**

Dr. Robert P. Marini, V84, has been certified as a Diplomat of the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (ACLAM). Certification as a specialist or "Diplomat" of ACLAM is achieved by meeting standards of education and

experience and passing comprehensive written and practical examinations.

The American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine is a specialty board recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association. Membership consists of 485 specialists in the fields of laboratory animal medicine. Such specialists work for academic, governmental and private research organizations providing specialized veterinary medical care, research support and appropriate care

for laboratory animals.

Dr. Marini is employed by the division of Comparative Medicine, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Massachusetts. He received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Tufts University in 1984. Dr. Marini is a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, the American Academy of Veterinary Cardiology and the Academy of Surgical Research. □

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**March 27th**

Reception in conjunction with the American Animal Hospital Association meeting in Denver, Colorado. The festivities will take place at the Denver Marriott City Center from 6:00-7:30 P.M.

**Spring 1995**

Preparation for Real Life (Day/time/place T.B.A.) Come let current students know what to expect after graduation!

**September 9th**

Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine 's 10th Annual Homecoming 1995 on the Grafton Campus! Join Dean Franklin Loew, your classmates, family and friends for a full day of events and activities. More information will follow in the coming months, so keep your eyes and ears open!

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# Alumni And Alumnae

## Inquiring Minds Want To Know!

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*Do you know a classmate or fellow alum who is not receiving mail from Tufts?  
Do you have important news that you want to share with the Tufts Veterinary community?*

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