



THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA
COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
2007-2008 ANNUAL REPORT TO DONORS



Dear Alumni and Friends,

On behalf of the College of Veterinary Medicine, it is my honor to present a summary of our activities over the past year. I am continually inspired by the achievements of our faculty, staff, and students who work so hard every day to bring further recognition to the College and our profession. Likewise, I am forever grateful for the unwavering support provided by our devoted alumni and friends, without which many of these new discoveries and programs would not be possible.

The class of 2008 entered varied careers with over 25% going into large or mixed animal medicine. As has been seen nationally, over 32% of our graduates chose to go on for advanced study, with 4% choosing pathology, an area of severe shortage in veterinary medicine. We will continue to encourage our students to pursue these and other underserved areas of our profession. The second class of students entered the Food Animal Veterinary Incentive Program, described in last year's annual report and on our website www.caes.uga.edu/academics/FoodAnimalVIP. Our students continue to be challenged by a rapidly rising educational debt load (mean of \$83,500 per student). In an effort to assist with this burden, we have proposed only modest tuition increases, and have focused our development efforts on raising funds for scholarships, some of which are highlighted in this report.

The leadership of the College has seen some changes over the past year. Dr. Keith Harris is now the Pathology department head and Barry Harmon Professor. Dr. Harris has an extensive background in diagnostic pathology and in the pharmaceutical industry. Dr. Steven Holladay joined us from Virginia Tech as the head of Anatomy and Radiology and University of Georgia Foundation Professor. He is a highly regarded instructor of anatomy, and has an international reputation in toxicology research. Dr. Jerry Saliki, who joined the Athens Diagnostic Laboratory in 2005, has assumed the role of Director for the Lab.

In addition to these key recruits, we have many enthusiastic, talented professionals who have joined us, some of whom are highlighted in this report. The hard work of all our faculty and staff is reflected in the increases in research funding and service income (hospital and diagnostic lab). Investigators have made groundbreaking discoveries, further enhancing the reputation of the College. Drs. Cathy and Scott Brown published the first paper describing the recognition of melamine toxicosis in pet animals. Dr. Ralph Tripp's work has shown that treatment with drugs utilizing RNA interference technology not only ameliorates infection from respiratory syncytial virus, but limits pathogenicity and engenders immunity from re-infection as well.

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Sheila W. Allen

Dean

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Another important accomplishment for one of our talented faculty members is Dr. Michelle Barton's appointment to the prestigious Fuller E. Callaway Professorial Chair in Large Animal Medicine; this University System wide honor is bestowed on her as one of the most popular and innovative teachers on the University's campus.

Our campaign for a new teaching hospital continues. We have secured several major gifts toward this effort, and the administration at Clemson University has agreed to present a proposal to the South Carolina legislature to assist us with funding for the project in return for more positions for South Carolina residents. The conceptual design is complete, and is featured in this report. This facility is critical for faculty retention and to increase our enrollment in the DVM program.

These are difficult economic times for everyone; nevertheless, the College and University persevere to serve all our missions in the face of a decrease in state funding of 8%, with deeper cuts possible in the near future. Some difficult, but necessary, budgetary decisions have been made. Throughout this process I have been deeply impressed by the spirit and dedication of our faculty, staff, and students in working even harder to make sure we not only serve our missions of teaching, research, and service, but that the College continues to progress in the realm of discovery and innovation to better serve our stakeholders. Faculty, staff, and students alike have all identified measures and taken appropriate action to increase revenue wherever possible and diminish the cost of operating without negatively impacting the quality of the educational experience that has been and always will be a fundamental value at the University of Georgia.

As you read through this report, I'm sure you will appreciate that all of us strive to sustain and improve upon the tradition of excellence of the College of Veterinary Medicine, and hope that you will take pride in your affiliation with us. We welcome your input as we work to improve in all our missions. Please call (706-542-3461) or e-mail (sallen01@uga.edu) me at any time. Better yet, stop by to say hello the next time you're in Athens! As always, thank you for your interest and support of the College.

Sheila W. Allen

Dean



The total annual budget for the College in FY08 was \$61.8 million. To meet our budget we rely upon the income from services, state and federal support, tuition, and gifts and endowments. Please see the table below for a complete breakdown on income received and expenditures for FY08.

Revenue source	FY08 Rev.	% FY 08 Rev.	FY07 Rev.	% FY 07 Rev.
State support	\$29,193,864	47%	\$26,555,847	48%
Tuition Received	\$2,601,400	4%	\$2,396,508	4%
Federal sponsored	\$8,754,295	14%	\$5,931,062	11%
Other sponsored	\$2,540,638	4%	\$2,504,452	5%
Income	\$16,362,940	27%	\$15,540,411	28%
Gifts	\$953,554	2%	\$996,749	2%
Other subsidies	\$1,435,340	2%	\$1,183,969	2%
	\$61,842,031		\$55,108,998	

	FY08 Exp.	% FY 08 Exp.	FY07 Exp.	% FY 07 Exp.
Salaries	\$31,306,754	51%	\$29,342,954	53%
Personnel benefits	\$7,343,571	12%	\$6,726,382	12%
Operating supplies	\$17,957,905	29%	\$15,425,391	28%
Equipment	\$2,627,050	4%	\$1,693,062	3%
Other	\$2,606,751	4%	\$1,921,209	4%
	\$61,842,031		\$55,108,998	



Alumni and Friends Annual Giving

The College of Veterinary Medicine had outstanding fundraising success for FY08 with a total of \$6,824,917 contributed from alumni and friends (compared to FY07 total of \$6,710,566 raised). Since the Archway to Success fundraising campaign began in 2000, the College has raised \$39,354,190—our goal was \$6,200,000—for teaching endowments, animal care and memorial funds, and the new teaching hospital building fund.

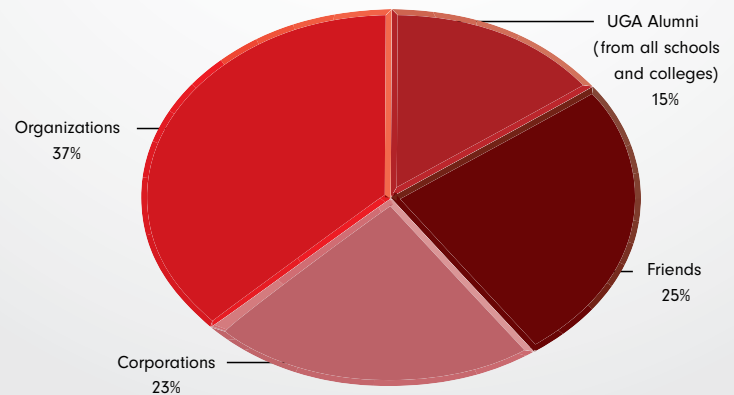
The College of Veterinary Medicine has one of the strongest alumni donor giving bases of all the schools and colleges at the University of Georgia with 20% of our alumni donating, down from 21% in FY07. The College of Pharmacy has a 19% alumni donation base. Only the School of Law exceeds our alumni giving at 24% participation.

Of the gifts \$10,000 and less from alumni to the College in FY08, 688 alumni (18% of all alumni donating) gave a total of \$262,487. Gifts restricted to the College of Veterinary Medicine from all UGA alums (a total of 768 alums from all UGA schools and colleges) amounted to \$354,294. The graph on this page shows a breakdown of donations by entity.

Allocation of FY08 Annual Giving

Endowments	\$4,228,540
Scholarships (non-endowed)	\$143,543
Hospital Building Fund	\$1,000,207
Student Activities	\$13,012
Alumni Activities	\$114,214
Research Support	\$426,975
Publications	\$30,119
Gifts in Kind (equipment, services, etc.)	\$24,700
Facilities and Support	\$843,607
Total	\$6,824,917

FY08 Dollars by Entity Type



Endowments

Endowments for FY08 totaled \$22,839,355, including \$16,701,384 at the UGA Foundation, \$1,259,198 at the Arch Foundation, and \$4,878,773 at the University of Georgia.

Deferred Gifts

The College relies upon deferred gifts for planning for the future of veterinary medicine. As of June 30, 2008, the College has documented \$27,317,743.57 in deferred gifts.

Class Campaign/Reunion Giving

FY08 proved to be the best reunion giving year ever for the College of Veterinary Medicine with \$168,873 in class campaign totals. The Class of 1983 gifts totaled \$46,218 (with a 27% participation rate), more than any other reunion class at the 46th Annual Veterinary Conference & Alumni Reunion. The Class of 1978 came in at a close second with gifts totaling \$44,083 (with a 36% participation rate). The Class of 1958 came in third with \$19,475 in gifts and a 41% participation rate. Thank you, UGA CVM alums, for making this a record year.



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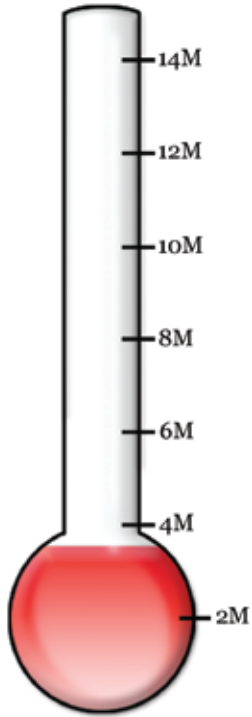
Alumni Achievement

Distinguished alumni awards were presented at the 45th Annual Veterinary Conference & Alumni Reunion held at the Classic Center in Athens last spring. Pictured are (l to r): Dr. Walter W. “Dub” Dickson (DVM ‘54), Distinguished Alumnus Award; Dr. William Thomas Riddle (DVM ‘78), Distinguished Alumnus Award; Dr. Tim Montgomery (DVM ‘83), President CVM Alumni Association; Dr. Sheila W. Allen (MS ‘86), dean; Dr. Matthew P. MacKay-Smith (DVM ‘58), Distinguished Alumnus Award; Dr. Corinne R. Sweeney (DVM ‘78), Distinguished Alumna Award; and Dr. Michael J. Gay (DVM ‘97), Young Achiever Award.



SPENCER DOWNS

Our Goal:
\$15 million



Hospital Gifts and Pledges

In FY08 the College of Veterinary Medicine treated 19,741 animals in the Small and Large Animal Teaching Hospitals. With current enrollment at 384 DVM students (96 per class) and 127 advanced degree candidates, space is precious. To meet increasing caseloads, provide sufficient educational facilities for current students, and increase enrollment to help assuage the national shortage of veterinarians, the College is planning to build a new teaching hospital to be located approximately two miles from the main campus at the corner of College Station Road and Barnett Shoals Road. Third and fourth year students, faculty in the clinical departments, and hospital personnel will move to the new site. The rest of the College will remain at our current location, and will benefit from the space vacated by hospital activities. While dividing the College in this way will provide a new set of challenges, this move is necessary for our College to grow. The conceptual design phase is now complete and is depicted below. The current cost estimate is \$100 million for this project. We have asked South Carolina to contribute to the cost of this project in return for an enrollment increase for South Carolinians. We will increase the class total to 150 once we move to the new site. As of June 30, 2008, the College has raised nearly \$4 million toward our goal of \$15 million in private gifts. For a complete list of funding opportunities and how you may help, please contact the Development Office at (706) 542-1807 or give2vet@uga.edu.



Cost of Outfitting a Veterinary Student = \$30,398/year



Veterinary students commit four years of study and sacrifice to earn a DVM degree. Above is a visual of a portion of one year's expenses that they must incur to reach their dreams. For the Class of 2008, the mean starting salary was \$46,591, and the mean educational debt was \$83,544. Therefore, it is critical that we help students through scholarships.

If you are interested in creating an endowed scholarship or giving an annual scholarship, please contact the Development Office at (706) 542-1807 or give2vet@uga.edu. Our students are a great investment!



Firsthand View

Humanitarian
gives in order to
empower others

By Tracy Giese

◀ Shayna Blank

SPECIAL

Known widely for his sponsorship of programs that foster opportunity, promote positive change, and enhance quality of life for youth and the community, **Arthur Blank** has been a longtime proponent of empowering people to excel in their chosen endeavors. So it wasn't surprising that when the Blank's family dog Shayna was admitted to the UGA Teaching Hospital last year, and he observed the dedication of our faculty, staff, and students, he readily identified the need for a better facility to allow us to continue to help animals and their families.

Shayna, a golden retriever, was being treated for a respiratory problem that required oxygen support in our intensive care unit. Mr. Blank sat on the floor of the hospital's crowded ICU next to Shayna, offering comfort to his canine companion. Around him veterinary faculty, staff and students whirled about, taking care of the multitude of patients in the tight space.

As Dean Sheila Allen greeted him and offered words of encouragement, Blank expressed his appreciation for the veterinary faculty, staff, and students who were taking care of his beloved dog. "Everyone has been just great to Shayna, and so comforting to me and my family."

Although she recovered from her respiratory problems, Shayna succumbed later that year to an aggressive

form of cancer. Blank, remembering his experience in the cramped ICU and the critical needs of the hospital, followed through with a gift from The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation—a \$500,000 contribution to the Teaching Hospital Building Fund for the Small Animal Intensive Care Unit. The Blank family's generous gift will help the Teaching Hospital provide better service to patients and a first-class academic environment for veterinary students.

"For a foundation to be successful, particularly for a family foundation where the donors are living, it has to be driven by passion. It has to be driven by the values of the family, the things they care about," says Penelope McPhee, president of The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation. The Blank family's compassion for animals and respect and gratitude for those who care for them will be honored for many years to come.

"We are extremely grateful for the generosity of The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation for contributing to the future of veterinary medicine," says Dean Allen. "As a result of Mr. Blank's commitment to our mission of educating future veterinarians, we will be able to train our students in one of the most advanced facilities available, and provide the best possible care and service for our patients and their families."

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These alumni and friends of the College of Veterinary Medicine joined the President's Club during the first 25 years of its existence. Founding members supported the College with a pledge of at least \$10,000 over a 10-year period or a commitment of at least \$25,000 through a planned or deferred gift.

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An Icon of UGA Veterinary Medicine

**Dr. Charles Dobbins
continues involvement with
his alma mater**

By Julie Denton-Schmiedt

Should you ever want an education in the history of the College of Veterinary Medicine, spend an afternoon with **Dr. Charles Dobbins** (DVM '58). Dr. Dobbins was the head of the Extension Veterinary Department within the College of Agriculture for 31 years, and spent 14 of those years also serving as Associate Dean for Public Service and Outreach for the College of Veterinary Medicine. During that time he did much to cultivate relationships between the College and county extension agents by assisting them with educational programs and animal health and disease prevention initiatives. He also pioneered the Georgia Veterinary Science 4-H program, which has become the national model.

Dr. Dobbins values the relationship between the university and local agricultural industry. Despite the obvious scientific, economic, and political advantages of these relationships, he jokes, it's important to "know every county agent and every vet because there is always someone there to lend a hand should your truck break down on a country road." All jokes aside, Dr. Dobbins feels quite strongly about the connections formed with the public, and believes one of the primary goals of the College is to serve society. To ensure these relationships continue and grow stronger, in 2007 Dr. Dobbins established the Charles N. Dobbins Endowment. The endowment pays the travel expenses for one faculty member and two students to attend annual meetings of the organized food animal industry of their choice. This provides students with the opportunity for one-on-one time with instructors and their future colleagues, and to reach a better understanding of the needs of animal industry.

Dr. Dobbins' efforts do not end with the endowment. Currently 60% of veterinarians practice companion animal medicine, which leaves a severe nationwide shortage of food animal veterinarians. In an effort to address this problem, he is currently working with the state legislature, the Georgia Veterinary Medical Association, and UGA's College of Veterinary Medicine and College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences on legislation that will provide substantial financial support for veterinary students who work as food animal veterinarians in Georgia's underserved counties after graduation. Although he understands why so many students are drawn to small animal practice, as "the hours are better and you don't get kicked as hard," he sees this bill as a vital incentive to bolster the number of food animal veterinarians in Georgia. The bill will help serve the educational debt of veterinary graduates who practice in areas shown to be in need of more food animal veterinary services. The hope is that, after the required four years, the young veterinarians will enjoy the area, settle down, and stay for good.

When asked why, after retirement and 29 years of service to UGA, Dr. Dobbins went right back to work for the College, he explains, "UGA is an important investment primarily because of the quality veterinarians we graduate, the research on animal health and disease, and our service to the community. It is vital that we strive to continue to merit the support of the public."

Dr. Dobbins may not be getting kicked by cows these days, but he is still putting in plenty of hours to make sure UGA continues to graduate superior veterinarians, with as many as possible practicing food animal medicine.

The Gift That Keeps on Giving

Donor finds a way to honor dogs and give back to UGA

By Tracy Giese

Linda Oakley with her beloved dog Carson



SPECIAL

Linda Oakley has loved dogs her entire life. When it came time for estate planning and will creation, she knew that she wanted to do something that would benefit dogs.

“Despite spending most of my adult life in Florida, I have always thought of Georgia as home,” says Oakley (BA ’66), who now lives with her husband and a Goldendoodle (Golden Retriever and Poodle cross) named Georgia in St. Augustine, Fla. “The University of Georgia helped mold me. I wanted to pay back my school and provide a lasting gift for animals, my lifelong passion. Funding scholarships for future vets at UGA’s College of Veterinary Medicine was a logical way to benefit animals—dogs in particular.”

In honor of her lifelong love of dogs, Oakley set up a \$1 million charitable remainder trust through her will that will establish the Linda Oakley Endowment Fund, a scholarship for veterinary students in small animal medicine and surgery who demonstrate financial need.

“By setting up a charitable remainder trust, I have insured income for my husband should he outlive me, and have directed where my assets will ultimately reside,” she explains. “It was an easy process working with Kathy Bangle in the Development Office at the College of Veterinary Medicine and my attorney.”

In addition, Mrs. Oakley also provided a charitable gift annuity.

“There was both a logical and an emotional aspect to that decision. Diversification of one’s investment portfolio makes

perfect sense, and I viewed that decision as a means of expanding the fixed income component of my assets. Perhaps more important to me, though, was an emotional need to honor my dog Carson who died three years ago. I adopted her from the Cobb County Humane Society and loved her for 14 years. I am hoping her name will be on one of the rooms of the new Veterinary Teaching Hospital. Mary McCormack in UGA’s Gift & Estate Planning office provided tremendous assistance and made the process of establishing a charitable gift annuity very easy.”

“A charitable gift annuity is a simple, contractual agreement between a donor and UGA in which you give assets to us in exchange for our promise to pay one or two annuitants payments for life,” says McCormack, assistant director of Gift & Estate Planning.

A charitable remainder trust and a charitable gift annuity both provide improved income for the donor, current income tax savings from a charitable deduction, and avoidance of up-front capital gains taxes. The trust first pays income to the donor and any other named recipients; upon the death of the donor and other named recipients, the balance of the assets pass on to the designated organization.

She adds, “It’s a small way to give back for all the pleasure and love dogs have showered on me all my life, while also helping the College of Veterinary Medicine.”

Contact Kathy Bangle in the College of Veterinary Medicine Development Office at (706) 542-1807 or visit www.uga.edu/giving for more information and tools on estate planning.



ROBERT NEWCOMB

In Honor of Barry

Dr. Keith Harris named first holder of UGA's Barry G. Harmon professorship in veterinary pathology

By Tracy Giese

The University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine has appointed **Dr. Richard Keith Harris**, a nationally recognized leader in pathology and research, as the first holder of the Barry G. Harmon professorship in veterinary pathology and the new head of the department of pathology. Harris comes from Wyeth Research in Chazy, NY, as the former vice president for bioresources and assistant vice president for pathology and bioresources. The Barry G. Harmon professorship in veterinary pathology is an endowed professorship established by friends and family in memory of Dr. Harmon, the former head of the department, who passed away in January 2007.

"We are honored to have Dr. Harris join the College of Veterinary Medicine as department head and as the first holder of the Harmon professorship," said Dean Sheila W. Allen. "His talent and experience will contribute to the longstanding tradition of excellence in pathology teaching, research, and service at UGA, a legacy sustained in large measure through Dr. Harmon's leadership."

Dr. Harris brings 32 years of valuable veterinary experience to the University of Georgia, including head veterinary pathologist positions in the United States Air Force and at several national pharmaceutical corporations. He served as chief of the anatomical pathology department in the veterinary sciences

division at the School of Aerospace Medicine, and chief of the veterinary pathology division and chairman of the department of veterinary pathology at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington, DC, before retiring at the rank of colonel in 1997. For the last 11 years Dr. Harris held high-level pathology, toxicology, and bioresource positions at G.D. Searle & Co., Pharmacia Corporation, and Wyeth Research. Dr. Harris is a member of the board of governors of the ACVP/STP Coalition for Veterinary Pathology Fellows, and is immediate past president of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists. He is the recipient of numerous military awards and earned the 2004 Outstanding Alumnus Award from the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine.

In addition to his departmental administrative obligations, Dr. Harris works in cooperation with the two directors in overseeing the Georgia Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratories in Athens and Tifton. These laboratories provide diagnostic consultation and assistance to practicing veterinarians and animal health regulatory officials in diagnosing diseases in livestock and companion animals.

A reception to honor Dr. Harris as the first holder of the Barry G. Harmon professorship in veterinary pathology was held at the College of Veterinary Medicine on Monday, November 10, 2008.

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By nature alpacas are alert and curious animals, ever watchful of their surroundings. When Juliet, one of Trip and Ginnie Martin's much-loved and mild-mannered alpacas, became disinterested and isolated herself from the rest of the herd, they knew something must be wrong. Dr. Mike Zager (DVM '79), their local veterinarian in Blue Ridge, Ga., referred Juliet to UGA's Large Animal Teaching Hospital. The Teaching Hospital's dental expert, Dr. Mike Lowder, confirmed Dr. Zager's preliminary diagnosis: an abscessed tooth. Now Juliet is engaging with the rest of the herd and enjoying a more active and healthier life in the fresh air of the North Georgia mountains.

The Good Neighbors

Family sees benefits of supporting UGA and their community

By Tracy Giese

Ginnie and Trip Martin with daughter Ashley Gammon at Big Creek Alpaca Farms



TRACY GIESE

Trip and Ginnie Martin believe in getting involved and supporting their community. When the Georgia Aquarium opened near their condo across from Centennial Olympic Park in downtown Atlanta, they decided to give back to the place that provides a source of education not only for children and families, but also to veterinary students. Their \$100,000 pledge for the Aquatic Animal Health Fund will support the College's programs with the Correll Center for Aquatic Animal Health, a state-of-the-art animal health facility designed by world-class veterinary professionals and conservation organizations.

"Ginnie (BSEd '76) and I felt like this was a good way to support not only our university, but also a place that kids will get to enjoy for years to come. It's a great learning environment, but more than that, it's just a great place to visit," says Trip (BBA '75, MEd '76).

The partnership between UGA and the Aquarium provides a complete aquatic animal diagnostic program, while training pathology residents and veterinary students. The Aquarium provides the same diagnostic, medical, and surgical services that you would find at the best veterinary hospitals.

Not long after the Martins committed to their gift to the Correll Center, they also started an alpaca farm at their mountain home near Blue Ridge, Ga. Nearing its first anniversary, Big Creek Alpaca Farms is set against an idyllic backdrop of rolling hills and valleys bordered by a trout stream, a perfect home for their 15 Suri alpacas. Big Creek also has become a family affair, with the Martin's daughter Ashley Gammon (BS '02) serving as the family leader in the day-to-day operation of the farm. Her husband Rick (BLA '04), one-year-old daughter Ella—a 2030 UGA graduate by her grandfather's wishes—and

the Martins' youngest son Knox are big helping hands as well.

"Ashley has such a love for these animals, almost as much as the family veterinarian, Dr. Mike Zager (DVM '79)," says Trip. "She's learned how to take care of them through the guidance of Dr. Zager, one of the leading veterinarians in treating camelids."

The Martins' eldest son Sev (BSFCS '06) also had a "hand" in the farm, designing the Big Creek logo and painting a giant red and black "G" on the roof of the alpaca's barn.

"The University of Georgia has deep roots within our family," say the Martins. "We're proud to show our colors!"

Ironically, the Martins' paths again crossed with UGA's College of Veterinary Medicine late this summer when Juliett, one of their prized females developed an abscessed tooth and was referred by Dr. Zager to the Large Animal Teaching Hospital for treatment.

"We are fortunate to have the College of Veterinary Medicine as a resource," the Martins explain. "Not only do they have knowledgeable large animal veterinarians to treat a variety of medical problems, but we've also benefited from their alpaca specialists, Drs. Lisa Williamson and Alessandra Pelligrini-Masini, who have educated us on the prevention of parasites and diseases prevalent in alpacas."

The Martins recently attended the camelid continuing education course offered to veterinarians and llama and alpaca owners held at the College of Veterinary Medicine.

"The University of Georgia is a special place. It has so much to offer, by providing an outstanding learning environment as well as specialized medical treatment and training. We're proud to give back to an institution that gives so much in return."



Stellar Recognition

Former faculty member
is honored with a
scholarship in his name

By Susie Womick and
Dr. Susan White

◀ Dr. Suzi White, Dr. Dilmus Blackmon, and Dr. Jim Moore

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Dr. **Dilmus Blackmon** (DVM '56), a retired UGA professor of large animal medicine, was recently honored by the creation of an endowed scholarship in his name. Dr. Blackmon was a field service clinician for many years and served as the large animal medicine department chair for 10 years prior to his retirement in 1994. Known for his humor, good cheer and humanity, as well as his veterinary skills, Dr. Blackmon is revered by many of his fellow colleagues, former students and clients.

The Dilmus Blackmon Scholarship Fund was created about a year ago with a donation by Dr. Tom Divers (DVM' 75). Dr. Divers, section chief of large animal medicine at Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine, started the fund to honor the venerated professor.

"Dr. Blackmon was one of the real stellar individuals during my time as a student, a resident, and a faculty member at UGA," said Dr. Divers. "Everybody liked him, and as a student I thought he was a very good teacher. However, it wasn't until I got to know him as a fellow faculty member that I realized what a well-rounded veterinarian and good veterinary scientist he is. He goes out of his way to help everyone else, and he's not a self-promoter. He has a unique way of saying a lot in very few words. He can assess a situation, summarize it for everyone, and provide an answer. When Dr. Blackmon talks, everybody listens."

Dr. Divers, Dr. Suzi White (emeritus professor), Dr. Jim

Moore (professor of large animal medicine), and the Class of 1981 have been instrumental in establishing the scholarship and soliciting donations. The class of 1981—who asked Dr. Blackmon to deliver the Charge to the Graduates at their commencement ceremony—set up a committee, led by Dr. Tom Fansher, to solicit contributions to the scholarship from class members.

"Those of us who were fortunate enough to have worked for or studied under Dr. Blackmon want to honor him," said Dr. White. "He's one of the finest men I've ever known, as well as an outstanding veterinarian."

The preliminary goal of the scholarship is to benefit a veterinary student with a concentration in equine medicine or large animal mixed practice. Once fully endowed, the scholarship will be awarded every year. The Arch Foundation allots five years to raise \$25,000, the minimum amount for endowment. So far approximately \$7,700 has been raised.

"Dr. Blackmon has always been keen on mixed practice in rural areas, and he's been supportive of UGA over the years," said Dr. Divers. "I can think of no better person to do this for than Dr. Blackmon, to honor him by helping students at the University of Georgia in his area of concentration."

If you would like further information or wish to donate to the Dilmus Blackmon Scholarship Fund, please contact Kathy Bangle at (706) 542-1807 or kbangle@uga.edu.

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◀ *Dusty, our umbrella cockatoo, was an incredible member of our family who touched the lives of many. She had a warm and loving disposition and wanted nothing more than to spend her time with her family. Her favorite pastime was dancing to “Earth Wind and Fire,” “Jimmy Buffet,” and “Sbrek.” She couldn’t speak but loved to bark like a dog to get the dogs in the neighborhood going. She became ill with aspergiollosis, and we brought her to UGA where she was closely watched over by wonderful people. We appreciate everyone’s care and support; she made a lasting impression on everyone in the Exotics Department. (Photographer: James Hoshour)*

Walking on the Wild Side

Zoological medicine specialist brings wildlife expertise to the College



By Julie Denton-Schmiedt

Christine Fiorello, MS, DVM, PhD, Diplomate of the American College of Zoological Medicine, and Assistant Professor of Exotic Animal, Wildlife and Zoological Medicine at the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine, sums herself up as “a specialist at being a generalist.” On a daily basis she sees anything from a mouse to a walrus, and anything but a dog or cat. Also, as a wildlife and exotics veterinarian, Dr. Fiorello plays a vital role in wildlife conservation, which was a major draw to her career in veterinary medicine.

The day-to-day variety of species Dr. Fiorello works with is both one of the most enjoyable and challenging parts of her job. She relates that it can be challenging “not having the data.” For instance, there is no normal dose for antibiotics in sparrows or pain medication for an elephant, but this is where her creativity and ‘specialty at generality’ come into play. Dr. Fiorello sees each experience with wildlife as an opportunity to learn and expand our profession’s knowledge.

One of her most memorable cases since arriving at UGA a year ago was a juvenile bald eagle that was brought in with a horribly injured wing. Because of the severity of the injury, the eagle was given a very poor prognosis. Dr. Fiorello stresses that in wild birds “managing a wound like that was much more involved than setting the fracture and simply keeping the wing immobile until it heals.” The eagle needed daily bandage changes and intensive physical therapy in the hospital until it



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was well enough to be sent to a wildlife rehabilitation center. During this time, Dr. Fiorello and her staff worked diligently changing bandages and developing a physical therapy regimen for the young eagle. In the end, all of her team’s hard work and dedication was rewarded with his release back into the wild.

This ability to adapt standard therapy for ‘normal’ pets to her wildlife and exotic patients is one characteristic that makes Dr. Fiorello a great veterinarian and an asset to the College. She also gives full credit to her colleagues and says one of her favorite things about working in the College of Veterinary Medicine is access to specialists of all kinds. She says, “I can just walk down the hall and consult with a soft tissue or orthopedic surgeon, radiologist, or anesthesiologist.” Interestingly, access to such a breadth of specialists is invaluable not only to Georgia’s veterinarians and citizens, but also to the clinicians at the College, especially in a field like zoological medicine, where there are so many unknowns.

When Dr. Fiorello is not working inside the hospital she can be found in the field working with wildlife. Her latest project takes her to Peru to study spectacled bears, which she says, “despite the name do not actually wear glasses.” They are the only remaining species of bear native to South America and their survival is attributed to their excellent climbing ability. Beyond the excitement of her field, Dr. Fiorello enjoys spending time at home reading and relaxing with her husband and two cats: Lula and Tuppence, whom she stresses “are indoor only cats so as not to disturb any wildlife.”



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Still Faithful

Alum gives to College for
29 consecutive years

By Julie Denton-Schmeidt

Not every graduate of the College of Veterinary Medicine uses his or her degree to practice animal medicine. Take **Dr. Edwin Still**, a 1959 graduate from the College, who used his DVM as the basis for an incredible career in research by serving his country in the Air Force Veterinary Corps and on the Atomic Energy Commission, and as vice president of Kerr-McGee, an international energy corporation. Although Dr. Still's career path is not typical, it does exemplify the educational quality delivered by the College and the limitless opportunities available to veterinary graduates. Dr. Still remarks, "My entire career has been truly rewarding, and the veterinary school was the foundation of it all." For this reason, he has given annually to the College of Veterinary Medicine for the last 29 years.

Dr. Still began his professional career with a journey into the world of atomic energy in the Air Force. Part of his initial assignment was to research the effects of radiation exposure on pilots in the event that a nuclear weapon discharged in the vicinity of their aircraft. This research was significant for air crews flying missions during the Cold War, and a great example of the critical role veterinarians play in issues of national safety and security. During that tense time in our nation's history, Dr. Still is proud of his "small contribution to national security."

Due to his involvement with radiation research, Dr. Still was assigned to the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission. This appointment provided him the opportunity to investigate the positive uses of nuclear power. His focus was on the management of research grants for "develop-

ment of beneficial uses of nuclear energy, such as nuclear powered medical devices (plutonium batteries) and radiation therapy for treating cancer." Dr. Still recalls the particularly thrilling honor of "being selected to write a book chapter on californium 252 for Dr. Glenn Seaborg, a Nobel laureate and the discoverer of Cf252!"

When Dr. Still left the military he had no trouble finding a position that allowed him to continue his work in the nuclear field. He became a vice president and director of the corporate environment and health management division of Kerr-McGee. In 1994, after a very full career, he retired. Since then he has done "very little," and seems entirely satisfied with just that.

Dr. Still remembers his time at the University of Georgia fondly, especially his veterinary school classmates. He says, "I believe I could still call the roll even today." He firmly believes his DVM was "a great benefit made possible by public funding," and, because of this, he has made a 29-year habit of annually donating to the College. Dr. Still initially gave to the College in order to provide the "little extras," like additional library chairs and tables when the library was expanded. His plan is to be a "steady but modest contributor to make the college a more pleasant place." He maintains the consistency of his contributions has never been difficult, because he "enjoys doing it – the more you give the more you get." Dr. Still credits the College for making his incredible career possible, but he is a great credit to the College through his extraordinary accomplishments and continued generosity.

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Justin, a Quarter Horse gelding, suffered an injury to his right hock that lacerated the two lower joints of the hock and the extensor tendons, damaging the bone. Dr. John Peroni at UGA's Large Animal Teaching Hospital performed the surgery that saved Justin's life. Justin underwent two major surgeries, countless standing procedures, and skin grafting. He fought off bone infection, colic, founder, kidney failure, muscle atrophy, ulcers, and depression. Justin proved the statistics wrong and is back at work as a hunter and beloved pet. I am eternally grateful to the UGA staff for their incredible skill and support. India Watson, Justin's owner, is an avid supporter of the Teaching Hospital and the marketing director for the Atlanta Steeplechase—an annual event that benefits the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine.



Macro-Personality in a Micro-World

Microbiologist brings energy to
graduate degree program

By Julie Denton-Schmiedt



SUE MYERS SMITH

Dr. Margie Lee was first drawn to the world of microorganisms as a child. All of the things that cause most little girls to turn away in disgust, like blood and pus, captivated her attention. So it's no wonder that she chose to become a medical microbiologist.

"In college I concentrated my studies on science and discovered that not only did I really like it, but I was really good at it," says the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine Graduate.

Dr. Lee, who also obtained doctoral and master degrees in medical microbiology from UGA, continues to "be really good at it" with two patents to her name and a third in the works. Over the years, science has answered many questions for the professor who has a joint appointment in the departments of population health and infectious diseases; and for every question answered, she has a new one.

In recent years, some of her investigative spirit and energy has been directed toward the College's graduate degree programs. As the coordinator of three graduate programs within the College—the Masters of Science, the combined Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) and Masters of Public Health, and the combined DVM/PhD programs—Dr. Lee helps students prepare for careers in public health, biomedical research at a university or government institution, or research and development of new medical technologies in private industry. Within each graduate student she sees an opportunity not only to teach, but also to learn.

As an innovative scientist and educator, Dr. Lee is brimming with new ideas that extend past her laboratory and

administrative roles and are incorporated in her classroom teaching. "I like to employ a range of instructional technology in the classroom in order to make the boring, well, interesting. I find that students' attention is more readily captured by a high-tech presentation than a piece of paper."

She keeps the classroom up to date by not only applying modern teaching methods, but also by staying abreast of all the latest breaking news in her field. For example, in one lecture she gives early in the semester, the class examines the health department's current list of the top ten undesirables. She then asks students, "Why is this list important? What is the impact?" Which begs the question: "What is your impact going to be?" Dr. Lee makes her students aware their work as veterinarians has great potential for global impact in many areas of public health.

Dr. Lee is a veritable idea machine when it comes to research and grant writing. She frequently meets with graduate students to solve logistical problems, to write manuscripts, and to come up with ideas for writing research grants. "You always have to keep a hook in the water," she says.

Like many other faculty members at the College of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Lee is left with little time for herself. However, in typical Margie Lee fashion, she makes the most out of what time she has. A few weekends ago she attended a motorcycle rally in North Carolina where she zoomed down the winding mountain roads of the Tail of the Dragon on her Ducati racing bike. Clearly, Dr. Lee is not "average" under any circumstance or in any venue. She is dynamic, energetic and innovative in all she does, which makes her a true asset to the College of Veterinary Medicine and the University of Georgia.



Tally is the sweetest, most mellow dog we have ever met. We live on Lake Lanier, and like most Golden Retrievers, she absolutely loves the water. She spends hours walking the lakeshore, staring into the water, and studying the fish. When we are out on the boat and stop for a swim, she gets on a float and does her fish studying from the float—which attracts fish, so there is plenty for her to see.

For six months in 2007, Tally visited the UGA CVM on a weekly basis to undergo chemotherapy for multiple inoperable mast cell tumors on her legs. Your students and doctors always commented on how sweet she is. She has fully recovered now and is doing great! Thanks for helping our puppy! (Photographer: Tracy Hoeltke)

DVM Consecutive Giving, cont.

Class of 1956

11.11% participation

Total raised: \$400.00

Dr. Harry H. Price Jr. (2)
 Dr. David Hagood Spearman (8)
 Dr. Henry Alan Virts (10)

Class of 1957

16.13% participation

Total raised: \$1,350.00

Dr. John Metcalf Bowen (26)
 Dr. Claude William Carraway Jr. (5)
 Dr. Robert Sidney Mouser
 Dr. Walter Thomas Stinson (6)
 Dr. Walter Linner Widdowson (7)

Class of 1958

43.18% participation

Total raised: \$51,250.00

Dr. John Edgar Awalt
 Dr. Robert Henry Batchelor (2)
 Dr. Diedrich O. Beusse Jr.
 Dr. Charles N. Dobbins Jr.
 Dr. Alice Mewborn Dreesen (7)
 Dr. James Emmett Ducey
 Dr. Thomas Henry Eleazer (8)
 Dr. Sidney Alton Ewing (4)
 Dr. Thomas C. Gowen Jr. (2)
 Dr. Bobby J. Herlovich
 Dr. Herbert Van Lundy (3)
 Dr. Grady A. McElmurray Jr. (3)
 Dr. Patrick Monroe Morgan
 Dr. David Hance Parker (2)
 Dr. E. Maxwell Sink (16)
 Dr. John Morgan Springs Jr. (11)
 Dr. Billye Redmon Vickers (3)
 Dr. Harry E. Walburg Jr. (4)
 Dr. Theodore G. Westmoreland (8)

Class of 1959

26.83% participation

Total raised: \$8,970.00

Dr. John Plunket Bohanan
 Dr. James Bennett Bostic
 Dr. James Robert Duncan (5)
 Dr. John B. Holland (6)
 Dr. Frederick A. Ingle
 Dr. James Malcolm Kling (8)
 Dr. William George Lord (4)
 Dr. Donald Woody McMillian Sr.
 Dr. William H. Pryor Jr. (24)
 Dr. Edwin Tanner Still (29)
 Dr. Garrett W. Thornton Jr. (5)

Class of 1960

21.74% participation

Total raised: \$3,000.00

Dr. David Walter Dreesen (7)
 Dr. David Robert Fulton (5)
 Dr. Jay Willard Gilpin
 Dr. John Ira Gray Jr. (4)
 Dr. Charles E. Hamner Jr. (5)
 Dr. John Martin Herrmann (4)
 Dr. C. Ben Lowery (5)
 Dr. William Wesley McPherson (5)
 Dr. Larry Maynard Richman
 Dr. Jack Riley Whittaker (14)

Class of 1961

25.58% participation

Total raised: \$15,375.00

Dr. James Derrell Clark
 Dr. Walter Carlisle Cottingham (8)
 Dr. Robert Harris Durham
 Dr. W. David Fletcher (3)
 Dr. Glynn Henry Frank (11)
 Dr. James David Peebles
 Dr. James R. Pick (2)
 Dr. Edward L. Roberson (6)
 Dr. David Jerome Steinbauer
 Dr. Billy Nance Weeks
 Dr. Neil Alan Williams Sr.

Class of 1962

25.00% participation

Total raised: \$3,205.00

Anonymous
 Dr. Henry Edmond Bohn (2)
 Dr. Bobbie Joe Butler (12)
 Dr. Robert James Eckroade (2)
 Dr. Dagmar E. Frank (11)
 Dr. Clinton Max Holloway (5)
 Dr. Norval W. King Jr. (3)
 Dr. James Wiley Palmer Jr. (4)
 Dr. Richard Donald Tally
 Dr. Donald Warren Waldrip (5)

Class of 1963

29.63% participation

Total raised: \$8,150.00

Dr. John Edson Hayes
 Dr. Jerry Holmes Johnson
 Dr. Thomas A. McNeill (4)
 Dr. Henry Dwight Mercer
 Dr. Edward Hickman Phillips
 Dr. Victor Lee Puckett
 Dr. James Walter Ramsay (4)
 Dr. Daniel Byron Verdin Jr.

Class of 1964

26.32% participation

Total raised: \$3,400.00

Dr. Henry Allen Brubaker (3)
 Dr. Max Brugh Jr. (2)
 Dr. Marvin Randall Clayton

Dr. Horace Ray Dunahoo
Dr. Dan Harold Fincher (6)
Dr. Oscar Jasper Fletcher (2)
Dr. George Alfred Gardiner
Dr. Lowell Thomas Sangster (9)
Dr. Joseph William Sharp (20)
Dr. David Cosby Tribby

Class of 1965

16.33% participation
Total raised: \$6,431.40
Dr. Bradford Elijah Buell (4)
Dr. William John Johnston (14)
Dr. Cynthia E. Jordan (4)
Dr. Richard Harold Long (3)
Dr. William N. Reeves (12)
Dr. Billy Carroll Sanders (4)
Dr. Maurice Tripp Sweat (3)
Dr. Frederick N. Thompson Jr. (5)

Class of 1966

30.23% participation
Total raised: \$23,557.13
Dr. Grayson Brown (17)
Dr. Billy Dean Connolly (3)
Dr. Larry Randall Corry (11)
Dr. James Bruce Gates Jr. (10)
Dr. J. C. Hines (29)
Dr. Joseph Thomas Horman (5)
Dr. William Hunter (10)
Dr. James Howard Jackson (5)
Dr. William G. McCart (19)
Dr. William Lee McGee (3)
Dr. Charles G. McLeod Jr. (4)
Dr. John Girardeau Murray III (5)
Dr. William Earl Parkin

Class of 1967

27.27% participation
Total raised: \$5,950.84
Dr. Chester W. Anderson (3)
Dr. John McArtan Booker (4)
Dr. Richard H. Bruner (2)
Dr. Ralph Buford Garrett III (2)
Dr. Samuel Watson Horner III (21)
Dr. Ronald Joseph Komich (10)
Dr. J. Robert Mauldin (3)
Dr. Donald Curtis Mills (2)
Dr. Donald Glick Simmons (9)
Dr. John Cecil Sundstrom (20)
Dr. William David Thompson (29)
Dr. James Burpee Wilkes (17)

Class of 1968

22.73% participation
Total raised: \$7,522.71
Dr. Danny Thomas Allen (5)
Dr. Calvin Elwood Anthony (2)

Dr. Ralph Leo Buckel Jr. (13)
Dr. Charles William Graham (23)
Dr. Earl Hinton Janney Jr. (23)
Dr. James Mercer Johnson Jr.
Dr. Michael James Lynch (11)
Dr. Mary E. Mainster (9)
Dr. Craig Alan Stonesifer
Dr. Lewis Andrew Townsend (3)

Class of 1969

19.61% participation
Total raised: \$34,333.50
Dr. Milton April (10)
Dr. Charles Gary Bullard (15)
Dr. James Roland Clanton Jr. (5)
Dr. Edwin Gilliard Copelan Jr. (2)
Dr. Gary Donald Knipling (3)
Dr. Mary Ellrich Lynch (11)
Dr. Patrick P. McCallum Jr. (4)
Dr. William Benjamin Nessmith
Dr. Edward Gans Senker (2)
Dr. James Cowan Waggoner (9)

Class of 1970

21.05% participation
Total raised: \$4,060.00
Dr. James Franklin Barwick (2)
Dr. William A. A. Boyd
Dr. Lucy Clark Bruckner (5)
Dr. Steve Conboy (6)
Dr. Edsel Dennis Davis (15)
Dr. Richard Lacy Dixon
Dr. Frank Kendall Eiler (6)
Dr. Jerry Alvin Hinn
Dr. Roy Wood Lindsey
Dr. James Thomas Mullikin (2)
Dr. Arthur Serwitz
Dr. Jesse Albert Webster (9)

Class of 1971

19.64% participation
Total raised: \$11,125.00
Dr. Needham B. Bateman III (11)
Dr. Benjamin M. Brown (2)
Dr. Robert Orr Dickinson III (3)
Dr. Bobby Joe Harden
Dr. Glenn Wayne Jones (4)
Dr. Charles Dewitt Lee
Dr. William Chess Mitchell Jr.
Dr. Harvey Arnold Phillips
Dr. Gary Allen Pope (8)
Dr. James S. Walker
Dr. James Robert Woods (6)

Class of 1972

10.91% participation
Total raised: \$3,297.50
Dr. David I. Byers (5)

Dr. Graham Odell Dalton Jr. (2)
Dr. Robert Bruce Hollett (13)
Dr. Ray Jordan Randall (3)
Dr. Charles Davies Richards (14)
Dr. Michael Edward Wiggers

Class of 1973

23.21% participation
Total raised: \$4,435.66
Dr. Roy Edsel Brogdon Jr. (18)
Dr. Jeffrey Thomas Davis (9)
Dr. Garry Alan Hall (3)
Dr. Joseph Eugene Hill (14)
Dr. Patrick Lloyd Hitchcock (3)
Dr. Ralph Edward Hitt (6)
Dr. Merrill P. Irvin (8)
Dr. Thomas Louis Jezek
Dr. Rhodnick Booker Lowe (2)
Dr. Douglas Maidlow MacCoy
Dr. William Rowland Maslin III
Dr. Norman Alexander Mills Jr.
Dr. Thomas Stanley Roehr (3)

Class of 1974

17.74% participation
Total raised: \$4,635.00
Dr. Edward B. Breitschwerdt (10)
Dr. William Paul Cleland Jr.
Dr. Carlton Nicholas Elam Jr.
Dr. Clyde Warner Jordan (5)
Dr. James Russell McClearn
Dr. Carolyn Carison McLarty (2)
Dr. Reed Thomas Rollo Jr. (5)
Dr. William C. Slocumb III (12)
Dr. James Milford Thurber (8)
Dr. Thomas Henry Wall
Dr. Richard Stewart Walsh III (5)

Class of 1975

17.46% participation
Total raised: \$13,963.43
Dr. Jerry Lynn Case (14)
Dr. Robert Tayloe Dennis
Dr. Thomas Joseph Divers
Dr. Henry Aaron Hart III (4)
Dr. David William Highsmith (3)
Dr. James Maynard Holcombe (7)
Dr. Richard Lynn Price (4)
Dr. George William Rauton III (6)
Dr. Kristin Lynn Schmitz
Dr. John Andrew Smith (19)
Dr. Steven Carl Wells (2)

Class of 1976

27.42% participation
Total raised: \$16,188.98
Dr. Ivan Thomas Barineau (5)
Dr. Dwight Allen Bellinger (5)



◀ *Googs, a five-year old beagle mix, was adopted from a rescue group that found him wandering the rural roads of southwestern Virginia. He quickly became a faithful companion and a great hiking dog, often walking the trails with us without a leash. Despite all his sniffing, he likes to stick close to his owners rather than follow his nose. That is not to say you won't hear him baying if he smells or sees deer en route. And, of course, he has trouble resisting rolling in the really stinky stuff. However, you will often hear us say, "Googs is a really good guy . . . for a beagle." (Photographer: Holly Brown)*

Theriogenologist Provides an International Influence

By Sue Myers Smith



SUE MYERS SMITH

Dr. Jakob Scherzer's veterinary career has taken him all over the world, from his native Austria to Athens, Ga., with many other stops in between. Through his years in large animal private practice, he discovered many potential areas for research in bovine and equine reproduction (theriogenology). He was interested in joining the faculty at UGA because he recognized that he would have support for what he wanted to achieve.

"Athens suited me," says Dr. Scherzer, now an assistant professor of theriogenology. "The collegiality among the faculty in the large animal medicine department attracted me, and they really wanted me to come here. There is no equivalent 'assistant professor' position at Central European universities. They have a more traditional career path to follow, so it makes it difficult to enter academia at a mid-career level after you have been away for a span of time."

But not so with American universities, where 13 years of private practice experience is highly valued when teaching veterinary students, many of whom will enter private practice after graduation. So he moved his wife, Sibylle, and four children from Austria to Athens. He had worked in the U.S. previously, assisting mixed-animal practice veterinarians in Indiana.

Dr. Scherzer is currently studying the effect of trace elements on the success of embryo transfers in cattle, research that has potential application to infertility problems in other animals, even humans. The element selenium is of particular interest, and may have a positive effect on the implantation of the embryo.

The embryo transfer procedure allows superior breeding stock to reproduce more offspring using multiple lower-quality livestock as surrogate mothers for embryos from the high-quality livestock. The procedure also is used in horse breeding, but actually is more common in cattle production. Cattle are capable of "superovulation," meaning cows can produce more than one egg when ovulating and multiple embryos can be recovered.

Embryos from cattle also may be preserved through freezing, a process known as cryopreservation, while horse embryos do not freeze well. With funding from a 2007 UGA Research Foundation faculty research grant, Dr. Scherzer studied equine cryopreservation methods, producing several journal articles and abstracts about new procedures that increased the viability of frozen embryos.

Selected to participate in the two-year Lilly Teaching Fellowship program in 2006, Dr. Scherzer chose to work on a rich media project — a three-dimensional computer model of cow obstetrics, similar to Dr. Jim Moore's Glass Horse. The goal of the model was to better explain obstetrics to students, and it was first used in classes this fall. He says he enjoyed the Lilly Teaching Fellows program because it brought him into contact with faculty from all over campus.

"I had a clear idea of why I wanted to be in the program, and it was a good chance to improve my teaching skills," says Dr. Scherzer.

Dr. Scherzer developed elective courses in veterinary obstetrics and artificial insemination in large animals, and also teaches a ruminant reproduction course and the theriogenology clinical rotation for senior-year students. He has taught seminars for laypersons, and presented his research and taught continuing education courses for other veterinarians at conferences all around the world.

Aside from his teaching and research responsibilities, he spends about a third of his work time on management of theriogenology cases presented to the large animal ambulatory service and teaching hospital.

When not working, Dr. Scherzer likes to spend time with his family, whether it's on the sidelines watching his four children play soccer or exploring local state parks, particularly in the Southern Appalachians. His family also travels back home to Austria once a year.



I am Apollo, and like my namesake of the Greek God, I am bold and beautiful with a distinctive profile! To look at me now, you would never know I started life as a painfully skinny stray with such a severe upper respiratory tract infection that I required a temporary esophageal feeding tube to survive. Now I run the household with a kind, but firm, paw—no tubes needed—and am adored by all who know me, especially my mom. (Photographer: Lynn Reece)

DVM Consecutive Giving, cont.

Dr. Janis L. Cleland
 Dr. Richard Lawrence Cotton
 Dr. Thomas Dale Edmonds (5)
 Dr. Nancy Hughston (19)
 Dr. Dolores J. Kunze (9)
 *Dr. William Jordan Lazenby (3)
 Dr. Joseph Arthur May
 Dr. Henry Earle McDaniel Jr. (2)
 Doris Marie Miller-Liebl, DVM, PHD (26)
 Dr. Nancy Lee Newman
 Dr. Thomas Richard Nickerson (3)
 Dr. Susan Winston Prasse (26)
 Dr. David Jackson Waldrep (4)
 Dr. Frank M. Williams (18)
 Dr. David Arthur Wilson (4)

Class of 1977

19.72% participation
Total raised: \$11,139.98
 Dr. Albert Allen Finley (17)
 Dr. Karen Bernhards Gold (5)
 Dr. James Knox Hilliard Jr. (4)
 Dr. David George Langford (21)
 Dr. Alfred Robert Liebl (26)
 Dr. Byron Stephen Lynn (5)
 Dr. Ellen Roberta Miller
 Dr. Jill Hollingsworth Reed (2)
 Dr. Scott Richter (18)
 Dr. Dwain Lamar Smith (10)
 Dr. Philip Baldwin Smith
 Dr. Marilyn Elaine Stiff (5)
 Dr. Justin Harvey Straus (2)
 Dr. Roger Jay Troutman (8)

Class of 1978

37.04% participation
Total raised: \$44,300.81
 Dr. Grayson Ralph Bowers Jr. (2)
 Dr. James Daniel Brogdon
 Dr. Charles Alan Burdette (2)
 Dr. George Michael Daniel
 Dr. Lee Arnold Darch (6)
 Dr. George Dodamead Davis III (2)
 Dr. Karl Kay Dockery Jr. (4)
 Dr. Michael Paul Good (2)
 Dr. Karen L. Jacobsen
 Dr. Thomas Charles Jones (4)
 Dr. Lynda M. Trzaska Leffler
 Dr. Barbara Ivy Lidstone
 Dr. Dorothy Prescott Mininger
 Dr. Wayne Morris
 Dr. Mary Rose Paradis
 Dr. Boyd Parr
 Dr. David Michael Pinson
 Dr. Curtis Ware Probst
 Dr. Peter Fordham Radue

Dr. William Thomas Riddle (6)
 Dr. David Kerry Selleck
 Dr. Laura Gay Wiles Senk
 Dr. John Newman Sexton (9)
 Dr. Earl Thomas Sheppard (4)
 Dr. Phyllis H. Sparling (14)
 Dr. Dale Howard Sprenkel (18)
 Dr. Corinne Raphael Sweeney (6)
 Dr. James Edward Thomas (11)
 Dr. Michael Morton Veitch (21)
 Dr. Charles Scott Woody (3)

Class of 1979

24.69% participation
Total raised: \$28,881.00
 Dr. Andrew Paul Berman (2)
 Dr. Joanne R. Blum
 Dr. Harris Bradford Craig Jr. (2)
 Dr. Fred Bailey Gent II (10)
 Dr. Walter Boyd Gregg Jr. (13)
 Dr. Robert Adair Griffith III (2)
 Dr. Roderick Joel Hardee
 Dr. Alton Timothy Leard
 Dr. Michael S. Leib
 Dr. Ross Douglas McKinlay (3)
 Dr. Janis Ruth Messenheimer-Hatch
 Dr. Billy Charles Myers (6)
 Dr. Victoria Elaine Newell (3)
 Dr. Kinsey Lee Phillips
 Dr. Robert M. Sheegog Jr. (2)
 Dr. Michael Elliott Sink (5)
 Dr. John Michael Strickland (2)
 Dr. Craig S. Yeomans
 Dr. Patricia Nell Young-Herrington (16)
 Dr. Michael Justin Zager (5)

Class of 1980

22.22% participation
Total raised: \$23,856.00
 Dr. Anne Armstrong Bevilacqua
 Dr. Paul Francis Bevilacqua
 Dr. Kenneth L. Currie (4)
 Dr. Joe Lee Gaston (5)
 Dr. John Robert Glisson (6)
 Dr. Jeffrey Norman Head (4)
 Dr. John E. Hodges
 Dr. Nita Louise Irby
 Dr. Earl Scott Mader (4)
 Dr. David Turner Marshall (5)
 Dr. Janice Sosnowski Nichol (7)
 Dr. Patricia Lane Petelle (14)
 Dr. Albert Wyman Platt III (11)
 Dr. Michael Joseph Topper (5)
 Dr. Rita Anne Weeks (4)
 Dr. Duane Arthur Woodburn (9)
 Dr. Norma Smith Woodburn (9)
 Dr. Larry Douglas Younger

Class of 1981

26.58% participation

Total raised: \$19,915.00

Dr. Wayne Ian Anderson (19)
Dr. William Herman Avra
Dr. Thomas G. Fansher (18)
Dr. Cynthia Josephine Fordyce (9)
Dr. Earl Michael Gaughan
Dr. Laura Lawson Hanson
Dr. Richard Edmund Henshaw (9)
Dr. Robert Roland Lafferty (9)
Dr. Steven Michael Marlay
Dr. Anne Elizabeth McCabe
Dr. Kevin Michael McGinn
Dr. Mark Douglas Moshier (22)
Dr. Thomas George Nemetz (7)
Dr. Brenda Jean Parsons
Dr. Tony Alan Puglisi (21)
Dr. Mark Daniel Sease (2)
Dr. R. Mark Simpson
Dr. Emily Meriwether Smith (19)
Dr. Cynthia P. Smith-Rhea (18)
Dr. Pamela George Stone (4)
Dr. John Everingham Wadley Jr.

Class of 1982

17.5% participation

Total raised: \$8,375.04

Dr. Jeffrey Lawrence Brown (5)
Dr. Harry Lee Cunningham III (5)
Dr. Stephen D. Fisch (11)
Dr. Anne Gavin (2)
Dr. Harold McSwain Mauldin Jr. (3)
Dr. Kathy Gene O'Neal
Dr. Mel Richardson
Dr. Cherlyn Sherwood Roberts (5)
Dr. Katherine Anne Shaughnessy (2)
Dr. Walter Cecil Smith
Dr. Janet Lynn Turner (3)
Dr. K. Derek Wessinger (4)
Dr. Gary Cecil White
Dr. William Michael Younker (5)

Class of 1983

31.4% participation

Total raised: \$47,776.34

Dr. Belvin Burkhead Beck III (5)
Dr. Terry Clekis (3)
Dr. James Thomas Coker (2)
Dr. Randy Sardonias Custer (2)
Dr. Alita Makowski Daniell
Dr. Regina Marie Downey (3)
Dr. Sara Forsyth Gerlach
Dr. Russell Reid Hanson Jr. (4)
Dr. Antoinette Drain Jernigan
Dr. Cecil Lacy Johnson III (21)
Dr. Robert Ray Kennedy Jr.

Dr. David Bird Kicklighter (17)
Dr. Melissa Anne Kling-Newberry (12)
Dr. Roxanne K. Levinson (6)
Dr. David Mann (21)
Dr. Thomas Reid McArthur
Dr. Catherine Louise McClelland (5)
Dr. Scott Alan Miller
Dr. Timothy Leon Montgomery (4)
Dr. Joel Dermot Murphy
Dr. R. Flynn Nance (19)
Dr. Debbie Ann Pinson (11)
Dr. Valerie Estes Ragan
Dr. Patricia A. Brunton Scharko (3)
Dr. Thomas Andrew Smith (21)
Dr. Greg Stewart
Dr. Stephen Paul Wiseman

Class of 1984

26.14% participation

Total raised: \$27,935.83

Dr. Gari-Anne Austin (5)
Dr. David Rex Bowen (5)
Dr. E. Y. Braught (5)
Dr. Charles Timothy Broussard
Dr. Gary Steven Brown
Dr. Marcia Ann Carothers-Rukavina
Dr. George Cuellar (5)
Dr. Emily Felker
Dr. Deborah Ann Frank
Dr. Steven Eugene Glenn
Dr. Eric Charles Hudson (5)
Dr. Charles Elliot London (2)
Dr. Ginger Durham Macaulay (11)
Dr. Nina Nahamies Marano (5)
Dr. Keith Emerson Miller (2)
Dr. Lee Minish Myers (6)
Dr. Susan Aldridge Nance (19)
Dr. Karen Kay Bowen Padgett (7)
Dr. Steven Mardis Pifer (5)
Dr. Richard Alan Rabek
Dr. Reginald Allen Ridenhour (10)
Dr. Beverley Morse Slonina (6)
Dr. Nell Dopson Tillis (5)

Class of 1985

22.35% participation

Total raised: \$11,471.50

Dr. Donna Gale Adams (5)
Dr. Amy Borenstein Ayers (14)
Dr. Anne Flynn Briley
Dr. Judy Carol Bumbarger
Dr. Matthew Grant Callahan (6)
Dr. Nancy McMurrin Churchill (2)
Dr. Carla Griswell Courtney (4)
Dr. Michelle Jude DeHaven (14)
Dr. Karen J. Ellis (5)
Dr. Larry Dale Gerlach

Dr. Bryan Wesley Hendrix (2)
Dr. Thomas Asbury Hutto Jr. (8)
Dr. Phil Dean Lukert Jr. (15)
Dr. Jeffrey Lamont Mundell
Dr. Linda Hamilton Schilkowsky (2)
Dr. Benjamin Baldwin Smith
Dr. Sidney Smith Tison IV (7)
Dr. Shelly Lynn Vaden
Dr. Thomas Field VanMeter II (11)

Class of 1986

19.23% participation

Total raised: \$4,938.40

Dr. Angela Shurling Bushway (5)
Dr. Curtis Lamar Crawford (18)
Dr. Tyler Holton Huhman (4)
Dr. Lois Hunkele (4)
Dr. Robert Shannon Jennings (5)
Dr. Julia Lee Partin (15)
Dr. Samuel Jonathan Reichman
Dr. Ira Gregg Roth (2)
Dr. David Lee Ruble (2)
Dr. Gaye Rochelle Preis Ruble (2)
Dr. Wayne Patrick Rush (11)
Dr. Robert Todd Sanders (2)
Dr. Sandra Jones Stewart (4)
Dr. R. Randall Thompson (3)
Dr. Leslie L. West-Bugg (8)

Class of 1987

23.08% participation

Total raised: \$15,051.50

Dr. Victoria Allison Bannerman (2)
Dr. Gregory Franklin Bowers
Dr. Louise Kellam Burpee (12)
Dr. Shari KupperSmith Cobb (2)
Dr. Kelly Pipkin Doucette (5)
Dr. Kathy Ann Earnest-Koons (5)
Dr. Teresa Kay Essig (5)
Dr. Gregory Taylor Lloyd (3)
Dr. Diana Jean Lucre (6)
Dr. John Edward McCarty (21)
Dr. Jennifer Page McClung
Dr. Donald Woody McMillian Jr. (3)
Dr. Jimmy Charles Nash (12)
Dr. Jeffrey Donald Nordin
Dr. Pamela Gaye Parnell (3)
Dr. Linda Devlin Piffer (4)
Dr. Amy Jean Plankenhorn (8)
Dr. David Scott Roberts (3)

Class of 1988

41.77% participation

Total raised: \$19,229.28

Dr. Sherri Teresa Almand (18)
Dr. Ralph Marcy Askren (18)
Dr. Eve M. Badger (8)

* deceased donor



◀ I found Dakota in an animal shelter with no hair and a broken leg, awaiting euthanasia for aggression. I took him to the College of Veterinary Medicine where his leg was stabilized. A congenital deformity of his knee still prevents him from bending his right hind leg, but that doesn't slow him down. Now that I have graduated from the College of Veterinary Medicine, he rides shotgun with me on all my farm calls. Even though we now live in Florida, we return to UGA every six months to visit the cardiologists and orthopedists that we trust. (Photographer: Kelly Erin Clabaugh, DVM '04)

Leading by Example

Dr. Larry Corry knows the importance of giving back

By Sue Myers Smith

Dr. Larry Corry (DVM '66), John Younker (Dr. Corry's grand-nephew and first-year veterinary student), and nephew Dr. Mike Younker (DVM '82) ▶



SUE MYERS SMITH

Getting involved and giving back are more than just catchphrases for alumnus **Larry Corry** (DVM '66), a long-time donor to the College and president-elect of the American Veterinary Medical Association, one of the world's largest associations of veterinarians.

Each year for more than a quarter-century, Corry has given to the College, with the amount increasing in relation to his income. Several years ago, former Dean Keith Prasse appointed Corry and fellow alumnus Dr. Gary Bullard as alumni chairmen for fundraising. In response, Drs. Corry and Bullard both made five-year pledges of \$50,000 to the Teaching Hospital Building Fund, hoping it would motivate others to give generously.

"We felt we had to lead by example," says Corry. "We know that most people we approach should be able to give, and we tell them that there's not enough space in the Teaching Hospital to carry out the teaching program that we would like our College to have. A new Teaching Hospital will offer better equipment, better teaching opportunities, and attract and retain great faculty."

Corry believes that donations from fellow alumni will show the legislature that veterinarians believe in the need and support the project. He also says that the sooner we get the new hospital built, the less expensive it will be.

"My understanding is when this project first started, the estimate for the cost of the new teaching hospital was \$60 million," Corry says. "Now, without adding space or different equipment, the estimate is closer to \$100 million. With state budgets getting tighter, it's going to be more difficult every year, so we need to move on this as quickly as possible."

Dr. Corry says he began giving back to the College because "it just seemed like the right thing to do. If it were not for the College, I would not be where I am today."

Admitted to veterinary school after just two years of undergraduate study, Dr. Corry graduated from the School of Veterinary Medicine in 1966. He joined the AVMA that same year. He served two years as a commissioned officer in the veterinary corps and moonlighted as a relief veterinarian, building his clinical skills. In 1968, he moved to Decatur and joined a small animal practice as an associate veterinarian. Since that time, he has built four veterinary clinics and has been on the building committees of three emergency clinics in the Atlanta area.

Being involved in the AVMA seemed to Dr. Corry like the right thing to do as well. More than 20 years ago, he became an alternate delegate and later a delegate to the AVMA House of Delegates, serving a total of 15 years. He also served on the AVMA's political action committee policy board and legislative advisory committee. After his run as a delegate, he was elected to the executive board as director for District 4, comprised of Georgia, Florida and Puerto Rico, serving as chair of the executive board his sixth year.

In his three-year term as president-elect, president, and immediate past president, Dr. Corry is likely to be away from home and his practice more days than he is there, but he welcomes the opportunity to travel the world and meet new people.

"All veterinarians are the same, no matter where you're from," he says. "All of them are just as nice as they can be."

When asked for advice for new veterinarians, he says 40-plus years of experience have taught him important lessons. "If you're thinking about going into private practice, try to get experience before you do your own thing," says Dr. Corry. "Wherever you are, get involved in your community – civic clubs, churches, and schools. Also, remember where your education came from that allowed you to have such a great career, and start giving back to the school early."



Emmie loves her older brother, Prescott. But Prescott has lived just fine for the past three years or so without a little sister, thank you very much. Nevertheless, she continues unabated in her attempts at wooing him into big-brotherhood. (Photographer: Melissa Buchanan)

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◀ *Scooter was an exceptional cat. He could jump from the ground straight up onto an unsuspecting shoulder, sometimes as high as six feet. Scooter died October 18, 2006, but he still lives on in the hearts of those who loved him. His family would like to thank Dr. Nera-vanda, student April Chambers, and everyone at the College of Veterinary Medicine who tried so desperately to save him. We all hope that the research that was done during his illness will someday help another cat live longer and help further the education of doctors and students at the hospital. (Photographer: Kat Farlowe)*

Seeing the Big Picture

**Infectious diseases expert
links public health and
humanitarian responsibility**

By Tracy Giese



SUE MYERS SMITH

Many would describe **Mary Hondalus**, assistant professor of infectious diseases, as a revered research scientist who shies away from the limelight. Behind her humility, however, is a deep passion for humanity and animals that drives her to find cures and vaccines for the diseases she studies.

Hondalus worked at a small animal and equine practice after graduating from veterinary school at Michigan State University in 1984, but soon discovered that she wanted to do more than clinical work.

“The most interesting cases were sent to the university,” she says, “and I wanted to know more about them. I wanted to be a part of finding the answers to the types of cases we sent.”

Hondalus completed a large animal internal medicine residency at Tufts University and obtained a Ph.D. in microbiology and immunology at Temple University’s School of Medicine. Her work as a postdoctoral fellow with Dr. Barry Bloom, a world-renowned research scientist in tuberculosis at Harvard University’s School of Public Health, helped her become one of the finest basic scientists in the nation.

“Dr. Hondalus possesses an impressive general knowledge base in the areas of molecular genetics, biochemistry and bacterial pathogenesis,” says Dr. Fred Quinn, head of the infectious diseases department at the College. “The effort and self-sacrifice required to teach and perform research at her level is astounding.”

In four years at UGA, Hondalus has concentrated her research on *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (slow-growing bacteria that cause tuberculosis in people) and *Rhodococcus equi* (bacteria that live in dry, dusty soil and cause pneumonia in foals). These organisms are related genetically, cause pneumonia, and affect animals and humans. As the only veterinarian in the country studying both pathogens in one lab, she has developed the research tools—the ability to make *rhodococcus equi* attenuated

mutants—for other university labs in the U.S. and abroad.

“Dr. Hondalus’ productivity as a researcher has set her as a role model for young DVM scientists. Of equal importance, Dr. Hondalus has a gift for teaching, drawing from her vast knowledge base to present the most complex topics clearly and concisely to both colleagues and students with apparent ease,” says Dr. Quinn.

“What I like most about working here is the opportunity to train other scientists, make progress in the laboratory, and teach and interact with the students,” she says.

This passion for teaching earned Hondalus a spot on the prestigious list of outstanding teaching scholars as a 2007–2008 Lilly Fellow. The Lilly Fellow program has allowed her to engage with other faculty members across campus. Along with colleagues in the colleges of pharmacy and public health, Hondalus led a group of 15 students (including five veterinary students) on a 2007 trip to Vietnam to study their public health system.

“This was the first time in Asia for most of these students, some of whom had never been out of the state of Georgia,” says Hondalus. “We exposed veterinary students to issues of public health that they wouldn’t normally think about. After this trip, many students came back expressing an interest in pursuing a career in public health.”

The Lilly Fellows program helped her form relationships with colleagues outside the College of Veterinary Medicine, igniting her desire to make a difference locally and abroad with a focus on public health.

“We often forget how privileged we are compared to the rest of world,” she says. “Even in Athens there is a high level of poverty. The disparity of opportunity bothers me a great deal.”

Hondalus would like to take another group back to Vietnam in the near future. “I feel an obligation to use my skills and training as an educator and scientist to contribute to the larger community.”



Begonia, the pug, shows her new little sister who's the boss by pinning Lucy, the yellow lab, to the floor. The two began wrestling with each other as soon as we brought Lucy home. Begonia definitely enjoyed being the "big dawg" in the house, but she didn't hold that status very long. Now when the two play, Lucy towers over Begonia and can run away from her big sister.

The two get along very well, and they even sleep side by side. Although her little sister is now grown up, Begonia runs fast for a pug, and we all (including Lucy) let her believe she is a big dog! Begonia was recently diagnosed with hip dysplasia at UGA, but many thanks to good weight management, plenty of long walks, and an occasional anti-inflammatory pill, she hasn't slowed down at all. (Photographer: Jeff Stortz, DVM '04)

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Veterinarian on Call for UGA

Alum supports future veterinarians in South Carolina

By Susan E. Womick

◀ Dr. Walter and Beth Cottingham

Although most of the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine's class of 1961 has retired, **Dr. Walter Cottingham**, 76, still retains his general practice in Kingstree, South Carolina. The only limitation age has placed on him, he says, is his ability to work with large animals.

Age has certainly not limited his generosity—Dr. Cottingham and his wife Beth recently created an endowed scholarship for students of the College of Veterinary Medicine. His own educational experiences inspired him to lend financial assistance to students attempting to foot the bill for their own education.

"I had a hard time financially. My father died when I was 5, so I worked my own way through college. What education I got is my own, so I thought I would help some deserving students," he says.

Dr. Cottingham has always considered South Carolina home. He was raised in the small community of Trio in Williamsburg County, earned his undergraduate degree in animal

science from Clemson University, and now resides and practices in Kingstree. Therefore, as a stipulation in awarding the scholarship, the student must be a resident of South Carolina.

While academic merit will be taken into consideration in determining which students are chosen, Dr. Cottingham says the decision will be primarily based on financial need.

The scholarship also will recognize students with a community service background and those who have shown proficiency in veterinary medicine by working well with others, providing the best medical care to animals, and showing true compassion not only for the animal, but also the owners.

Through his donations, Dr. Cottingham will help UGA students develop the same passion and dedication to veterinary medicine that he has contributed to the field for most of his life.

"UGA Vet Med helped me to make the living I'm earning now," he says. "I wanted to give something back to it."

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“This program will help us recruit students from rural Georgia. In addition, the loan forgiveness available through the National Veterinary Medical Services Act will help these students repay educational debt while returning to their rural communities to practice in underserved areas like rural practice and food safety,” explains Dean Sheila Allen. “The two programs together will help meet the need for practitioners in rural Georgia.”

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Memorial giving

Making a gift in memory or honor of a pet is a special way to remember a loved one

By Tracy Giese

◀ Sadie Nalley

Sadie was a 13-year-old mixed breed, “a \$65 pound puppy,” as **Jim Nalley** (BBA '66) recalls of her. “But she was a great dog.”

To Nalley, the third generation (of four) of the Nalley automotive dealerships in Atlanta, Sadie was more than just a pet. She was family.

“My wife Reney and our whole family are lifelong dog lovers. There are eight dogs among our three sons and their families.”

Sadie was a patient being treated for cancer at the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital. Though she fought a hard battle, the Nalley’s beloved dog died of cancer in 2004.

“The vet school just took great care of Sadie. She had a series of radiation treatments, and while she was there, everyone was very caring, very loving, and so nice to her.”

While Sadie was at the Teaching Hospital, she encountered many residents and interns—veterinarians pursuing advanced study in areas in which they are seeking board certification after having completed their DVM degrees.

“We are very thankful for having had such a caring medical team to treat our Sadie. The students were just great with her.”

For this reason the Nalley family has given a \$250,000 donation in memory of Sadie to establish the Nalley Graduate Fellowship in Small Animal Studies. It is their hope to support clinical residents who will give the same quality of care to animals throughout their careers that Sadie received at UGA.

Memorial giving is becoming an ever-popular means of contributing to the College of Veterinary Medicine.

“This type of gift is a fitting tribute to a faithful companion because future generations of pets will benefit from the donor’s generosity,” says Kathy Bangle, director of development for the College of Veterinary Medicine. “A memorial gift can make the loss of an animal meaningful because it extends the value of their lives to help other animals and their owners.”

Not only are pet owners making memorial contributions to honor their pets, but so are the pets’ veterinarians. **Dr. Kevin Shuler** of Mt. Pleasant (SC) Animal Hospital, made a memorial gift in honor of Gunner, a 13-year-old springer spaniel that died earlier this year and belonged to **Mr. and Mrs. Steve Phillips** of Isle of Palms, SC.

“Gunner, along with 18-year-old Hannah (also a springer spaniel), had been taken care of by both Dr. Kevin Shuler and

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Nikita Sobh



Gunner Phillips

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his father, Dr. K.C. Shuler (DVM '68), their entire lives," says Phillips. "My wife Chris and I never had children, so our dogs were our life and went everywhere with us. The Shulers are more than just business owners to us, they are like family doctors. Kevin is a wonderful, sincere caregiver."

Mr. Phillips was so moved by Dr. Shuler's gift in his dog's name that he contributed \$25,000 to the New Teaching Hospital Building Fund through the Foundation for the Carolinas.

"That's the reason we donated to the school, because of Kevin. We're hoping to help the College of Veterinary Medicine build a new teaching hospital by naming an exam room."

Equally significant, a gift in honor of a living pet is becoming more common. **Lou Sobh**, another automotive dealership owner in Atlanta, and his wife Georgia are grateful to have had their dog Nikita treated at the Teaching Hospital. The 12-year-old Pomeranian has now been clear of cancer for three years.

"I've been impressed with the quality of the College, the service extended to people, and the care and compassion of the faculty."

While Sobh brought Nikita for chemotherapy treatments, he was struck by the needs of the Teaching Hospital.

"I feel like the College is a worthwhile cause, and the quality of the hospital should be supported. As it is now, a new facility is badly needed."

Lou and Georgia Sobh have given \$200,000 to the Teaching Hospital building fund to name the chemotherapy room in honor of Nikita.

"I feel it will give the opportunity to teach more students and have more people to take care of animals the way they should be taken care of. It is my hope that future animals can receive the same or better treatment as our Nikita," he says.

Making a memorial gift is simple. You may make a gift online at www.vet.uga.edu/giving and select the link "How to Honor a Pet," or contact Kathy Bangle, director of development, at (706) 542-1807 or kbangle@uga.edu.



UGA SPORTS COMMUNICATIONS

This year we said goodbye to the most well-known mascot in college football. "Uga V's Whatchagot Loran?" was sixth in the line of UGA mascots that the College of Veterinary Medicine has been treating for more than 50 years. Uga VI died of congestive heart failure on Friday, June 27, 2008, at the home of his owners, Sonny and Cecilia Seiler of Savannah, Ga.

All of Georgia's athletic teams enjoyed remarkable success during Uga VI's reign. A total of 19 of Georgia's 35 national championships were secured under Uga VI, and Bulldog athletic teams won 35 SEC Championships. In addition, Georgia recorded six top-10 finishes in the Director's Cup, the annual all-sports competition ranking the nation's top athletic programs.

His most recent visit to the College of Veterinary Medicine was more than a year ago when the ophthalmology team at the Teaching Hospital performed a successful corneal transplant on his left eye.

"Uga VI was a spirited dog and a proud symbol of our university," said veterinary faculty member Dr. Bruce Hollett who oversaw the care of the beloved mascot. "We are honored to have played a role in the specialized care of all six Uga's over the years and look forward to taking care of the future generations of these bulldogs."

Uga VI was buried in a marble vault in the Southwest corner of Sanford Stadium with his five predecessors on June 30. Uga VII was introduced to the Bulldog Nation at the first home football game against Georgia Southern on August 30. Thanks for a great ten years, Uga VI!



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The College of Veterinary Medicine's Poultry Diagnostic and Research Center, which recently celebrated its 50th anniversary, provides diagnostic and consultative services to the commercial poultry industry throughout the world. The master's program in avian medicine is the first and most well-known program of its kind for students who have a DVM degree or equivalent and complete 18 months of special training in the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of poultry diseases.

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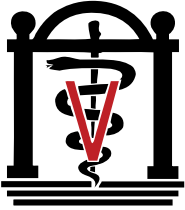
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