OUR COVER STORY:
Meet Billy the Philly wonder dog, gunshot survivor and hero. It took our dedicated veterinary trauma team to come through for this brave dog. On a late night walk last January, Billy, a 5-year-old bull terrier, and his family were confronted by two armed men. When Billy sensed that his people were in danger he started barking. The gunmen opened fire, hitting Billy in the chest. With a police escort to clear the way, Billy was rushed to Ryan Hospital, where Emergency Service staff moved quickly to resuscitate and stabilize the courageous canine—he had lost about a third of his blood—while surgeons Rachel Williams and Lillian Aronson set out to save his life. The bullet that hit Billy tore through his heart, left lung, diaphragm, liver, stomach, and spleen before ripping out through his left side. He had to lose portions of some of those organs during surgery. But he survived that surgery and a second operation as well. Over 30 Ryan team members helped care for Billy during his hospital stay.

PICTURED ABOVE: A hero goes home. Leaving Ryan Hospital, Billy was pretty close to being his paw-shaking, tail-wagging, happy self, enjoying the love from the humans who saved him.

Your generosity at work: Penn Vet’s Good Samaritan Fund, which provides lifesaving treatment for pets in need, helped pay for Billy’s expenses.

Billy awarded for bravery: Billy, whose story tugged at the heartstrings of animal lovers far and wide, was honored with the 2020 Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association’s Wodan Animal Hero Award.
Our Thanks to You

My genuine thanks to you for your loyal support of Penn Vet. As we move through this period of unprecedented challenge and change, and as we reflect upon Penn Vet’s role in our world, we think about you, our supporters, who make the work we do possible.

Our mission – to train the next generation of veterinary leaders who will advance health care outcomes and access, ensure global health, bolster sustainable agriculture, and create and support new interdisciplinary career paths – matters now more than ever.

We are truly grateful for your partnership in advancing this mission. Collectively, you have given more than $14 million over the last year – this represents an incredible investment in Penn Vet, and we are pleased to share with you the impact of your philanthropy in this annual donor report.

With appreciation,

ANDREW M. HOFFMAN, DVM, DVSC, DACVIM
The Gilbert S. Kahn Dean of Veterinary Medicine

#PennVetStrong

2020 ALUMNI GIVING AT A GLANCE

$912,648 TOTAL ALUMNI COMMITMENT

614 Number of Alumni Donors

802 Number of Gifts

$803,762 Total Alumni Commitment to Scholarship

PENN VET CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

We cherish those who choose to give annually to Penn Vet in a generous way. Our community grows stronger each time you give, fueling the Power of Penn Vet. In honor of you, our loyal donors, we bestow this recognition based on your years of giving:

ANIMAL LOVERS SOCIETY
Donors who’ve made their first gift this year

1884 SILVER CIRCLE
Donors who’ve given for 3 or more years

1884 GOLD CIRCLE
Donors who’ve given for 5 or more years
Penn Vet is extremely grateful for a leadership gift of $5 million from Gail P. Riepe, CW’68, and Jim Riepe, W’65, WG’67, HON’10, to build a new clinical skills center on the New Bolton campus. “In making this gift, we want to support students and provide the very best experience for them. The work of preparing tomorrow’s veterinarians is so incredibly important,” explained Gail Riepe. “Investment in students pays such wonderful dividends when Penn graduates bring their knowledge and skills to veterinary practices near and far.”

STAYING AHEAD THE CURVE AT NEW BOLTON CENTER
As COVID-19 continues to challenge our community, New Bolton Center is staying ahead of the curve. We now offer free Telehealth options for both our referring veterinarians and our clients. Telehealth saves time, reduces the need for animal and personnel movement, and provides veterinarians with the flexibility to treat their patients while following best practices on social distancing.

Photo by Jim Graham
John Baxter Taylor Jr.  
V’1908

**The first African American to win an Olympic Gold Medal in the 1908 London Summer Olympic Games**

“More as the man (than the athlete) that John Taylor made his mark. Quite unostentatious, genial and kindly, the fleet-footed, far-famed athlete was beloved wherever known... As a beacon of his race, his example of achievement in athletics, scholarship and manhood will never cease, if indeed it is not destined to form with that of Booker T. Washington.”

Harry Porter  
Acting President, 1908 American Olympic Team

WE TELL HIS STORY

In 1908 John Baxter Taylor Jr. became the second African American to graduate from Penn Vet. He was one of the first members of Sigma Pi Phi, the first professional Greek letter organization for African Americans founded in Philadelphia in 1904. He was a star athlete, with a passion for running, and was well-known and admired throughout the African American community for his accomplishments, having earned 45 cups and 70 medals in his prolific career. He became a legend as the first African American to win an Olympic Gold Medal when he helped the US medley relay team to their victory on July 25, 1908, at the London Summer Games. Tragically, he died five months later from typhoid pneumonia. He was just 25.

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Susan Barbe Winker V’77**
George E. Zimmerman, V’76 & Patricia Zimmerman**

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Thomas S. Trotter, V’52
Alexandra Wetherell, V’90**

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February

**SUNDAY**
1  Black History Month  Groundhog Day
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**TUESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**

**SATURDAY**

Penn Vet Honors John Baxter Taylor Jr. V’1908

A scholarship bearing this champion’s name was established in 1993 by an estate gift from James Maxwell Moran. The John Baxter Taylor Dean’s Scholarship funds a minority student’s education, and over 20 students have received this scholarship since its inception. In 2020 in response to Black Lives Matter, a new scholarship created by a generous alum continues his legacy. The John Baxter Taylor VMD Scholarship will allow an African American student to pursue their dream of becoming a veterinarian.
A LIVINGLY DANCING FILLY

Sparrow, a Morgan horse, was the first foal born in the 2020 season. She was admitted through the Emergency Service and was born prematurely via emergency C-section. After receiving round-the-clock skilled nursing at New Bolton Center’s neonatal intensive care unit, Sparrow survived and has become a lively dancing filly.

Samuel J. Geller, V85
Barton L. Gleddell, V69**
Joseph C. Gleason, V68
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Leslie A. Goldsmith, V80 &
Constance Perine-Goldsmith**
Julianne E. Goodridge, V96 &
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William H. Hall, V66**
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Mattie J. Hendricks, V79**
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Hazel M. Holman, V79**
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\* 4 years of consecutive giving
\** 5+ years of consecutive giving
\★ First-time donor in FY19

FINANCIAL AID WEEKEND

April 2-4

50% of summer camp scholarships awarded

ELAINE O'LEARY MORTON

THEALUMNI ASSOCIATION’57

FINANCIAL AID WEEKEND

March 22, 2020
TRUE BLUES GET CARDIAC CARE

Mink and Titus Cloud, half-brothers, are true Russian Blues. Both have heart murmurs — a condition that is not uncommon in cats — but Mink was diagnosed with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy by the Ryan Hospital Cardiology team. As a result, Mink is a regular visitor in Cardiology, and Cardio nurse Lila Sierra, CVT, gives him a warm welcome each time he comes in for a checkup. Dr. Mark Oyama, one of the nation's top veterinary cardiologists, oversees his care.

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Easter
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National Pet Day
Ramadan begins

18 19 20 21 22 23 24

Earth Day
World Veterinary Day

25 26 27 28 29 30

Barbara’s Birthday

* 3 years of consecutive giving
** 5 years of consecutive giving
† First-time donor in FY19
" Alumni Pet Memorial Program donor

Photo by Carole Cloud
### ALL IN THE FAMILY

Expect a deeply personal relationship with your veterinarian when New Bolton Center’s Field Service comes to call. Bringing with them state-of-the-art technology that can be taken into the field, Field Service veterinarians arrive with a fully equipped truck, expert knowledge, and compassion for their patients. We see over 20,000 patients per year, including this happy family, bringing with us the best of New Bolton Center’s primary and emergency care.

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### OUR LOYAL ALUMNI

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### IMPACTING A STUDENT’S LIFE

Pat Mapps, V’96 followed a non-traditional path to her career in veterinary medicine. After a successful career in business, she decided to pursue her childhood dream of becoming a veterinarian. Pat embraced the midlife challenge of a demanding four-year program with her strong convictions and passion for life. She recognized that while her vet education was paid for from that first career, many students end up with an enormous debt load. She and partner Jeff Randall chose to create a scholarship that would impact a student now, rather than through an estate gift. The Patricia J. Mapps, V’96 and Lorin J. Randall Endowed Scholarship will recruit an exceptional student who will also be able to pursue their dream with less financial burden.

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- **April**: Lyme Disease Prevention Month
- **June**: Cinco de Mayo
- Mother’s Day
- Ramadan ends
- Alumni Weekend
- Armed Forces Day
- Commencement
- National Endangered Species Day
- Memorial Day

*3+ years of consecutive giving
**5+ years of consecutive giving
†First-time donor in FY19
*Alumni Pet Memorial Program donor
REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE IS THE FUTURE OF FARMING

This group of heifers is performing important soil restoration and regeneration using intensive grazing practices. Each day the cows are moved around the field, slowly eating grasses and cover crops, while their manure provides nutrients and essential microbiota to the soil. New Bolton Center’s Farm of the Future will be a model for progressive animal-centric agricultural practices and a center for education and research.
OUR LOYAL ALUMNI

GIFTS OF $499 OR LESS CONT’D.

Jessica S. Collins, V’76
Pierre A. Conti, V’60 & Beverly Conti**
Cynthia C. Coppola, V’79**
Nancy W. Craig, V’77**
Latacha Crawford, V’11
Gia Anitra Corvis, V’11**
Jennifer T. Crawford, V’98
John M. Cullen, V’73**
Susan M. Dalry, V’81
Leigh Davis, V’16
Pandora L. Davis, V’99
Bettya Reaver DaMuro, V’30**
Richard P. Deciktor, V’88
Ruth Marie Deroucin, V’75 &
Anthony X. DeSiccia**
Michael J. DelMaro, V’78**
Edytheann Defaehna, V’94
Adam G. Demsh, V’93 & Andrea Demsh**
Larry A. Detter, V’69**
Suzanne Desilva, V’14
Molly Harrington Dominguez, V’17
Edward A. Donaldson, V’77
Christopher S. Donnell, V’69
Hope Felicia Douglass, V’11
Shelley M. Dubin, V’88
Sandra M. Dudek, V’82
Charles Huderer Duffy, V’68**
Jaries Deter Duffina, V’89**
Edwin W. Dull, V’61**
J. Lawrence Dunn, V’73
Vernon R. Dunn, V’75**
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Debra S. Dunne, V’63
Michelle E. Dunne, V’66
Michael A. Edelman, V’78 &
Dale J. Schmuck**
Doreen Joyce Eger, V’91
Sophie Eger, V’18
Barbara Eisen, V’77
Debra S. Eisenstein, V’30 &
Eric M. Eisenstein**
Cynthia Naas Eldridge, V’97**
Michelle E. Eldson, V’79**
Blue R. Elish, V’72**
Tara Enwert, V’10
Joshua E. Erdman, V’90 &
Judith Erdman**
Kirk N. Gelatt, V’65 &
Katherine S. Gardner, V’04
Paul C. Gambardella, V’72 &
Angela Fusello, V’12
Michael N. Fugaro, V’97
Jennifer L. Fry, V’98
Bethany Fruman, V’13
Martha Franklin, V’98
Daniel V. Flynn, V’58
Dawn C. Fitzhugh, V’00
Dana D. Fite, V’00
Aubrey Kathryn Fitch, V’03
Amanda E. Fine, V’97
Bonny-Lynn Clark & Phyllis S. Feeney**
Ronald W. Feindt, V’74**
Jessie Fejes, V’14
Steven Fernandez, V’11
Michael J. Ferrigno, V’72 &
Bonny-Lynn Clark**
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Dawn C. Fitzhugh, V’00
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Virginia Eaton Flynn, V’57**
Mary Frame, V’17
Martha Frankin, V’98
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Janice Peterson Gelatt**
Elise Geldon, V’97**
Robert F. Gelfach, V’82
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Jan V. Ginsky, V’79
John M. Glabowski, V’79**
Joseph K. Godzik, V’61
Christa Guelzi, V’73
Carrie E. Goldkamp, V’03*
Lisa H. Goldman, V’03*
Scott J. Goldman, V’03*
Sheila M. Gomez, V’95
Dawn G. Goodman, V’69
Ryan Gorman, V’03
Albert K. Gottfried, V’10
Robert F. Gowen, V’83
Sarah K. Graboys, V’83
Carol Ann Gray, V’76
Gerald M. Greco, V’89**

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** Alumni Pet Memorial Program donor

A BOXER WITH BOUNDLESS ENERGY
Louie has been coming to Ryan-Hospital since he was a puppy for his well checks, including all his vaccinations. When this energetic boxer was playing basketball with his family, he jumped so high he bumped his head on the net! A quick trip to Ryan confirmed all was well and Louie continues to happily play every day.

Your gift provides a lifetime of preventative care: The Friends of Ryan Fund ensures that our patients receive primary care in a world renowned academic veterinary hospital that offers compassionate expertise and immediate access to a wide range of specialty services.

Photos by the Velez Family
THE GO-TO PLACE FOR PETS WITH PALATE DEFECTS

Auggie was born with a hole in the roof of his mouth, which severely affected his ability to breathe or eat properly. Our veterinarians came up with an innovative repair: by taking cartilage from Auggie's ear and transplanting it into his mouth, our surgeons skillfully covered the defect between his nasal canal and mouth. To everyone's delight, Auggie's mouth healed without any problems. Auggie is now a fully grown kitty who loves to play!

"Auggie's case shows us that there are no limits in what is achievable when you have a team of skilled and dedicated people working together," says Dr. Alex Reiter, Auggie's surgeon.

Our loyal alumni

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David Griswold, V’79 & Kelly Jean Griswold, V’79
Susan M. Gula, V’96 & Zehra Gundogar, V’77
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Photo by John Donges
A NATIONAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER FOR DETECTION DOGS

Inspired by the Search & Rescue Dogs that responded following the attacks on 9/11, the Penn Vet Working Dog Center opened on September 11, 2012, and serves as a national research and development center for detection dogs. Pictured here is PVWDC Graduate Rigo, an explosive detection and tracking dog. Rigo is partnered with Officer Edward Vincent, a School Resource Officer in the Robbinsville, NJ PD School District. Rigo is named in honor of John Rigo, a businessman who lost his life in the attacks of 9/11.

Photo by Sabinashoots for the Penn Vet Working Dog Center
Underwritten by Merck Animal Health

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SNiffING FOR A BREAKTHROUGH IN COVID19 TESTING

With up to 300 million smell receptors – compared to six million in humans – dogs are uniquely positioned to aid in disease detection. Thanks to a generous gift provided by Vernon and Shirley Hill, Penn Vet’s COVID-19 Research Innovation Fund is augmenting Penn Vet’s rapidly expanding research and response program to fight the novel coronavirus. While sustaining the PVWDC’s pioneering study to explore the ability of dogs to detect COVID-19, the Research Fund will also support vital COVID research conducted by Dr. Ronald Harty and Dr. Andrew Vaughan.

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A HEART FULL OF LOVE

Mookie was an energetic shitzu who loved chasing trains, going for long walks, and running after frisbees. He was diagnosed with mitral valve disease at age nine. Full of unconditional love, he lived another seven happy years with careful monitoring and medication. His family is determined to help other dogs with MVD and has created a fund to honor their friendly and outgoing companion.

THE MOOKIE MVD FUND

The Mookie MVD Fund provides support to the Cardiology Service at Ryan Hospital, which is engaged to understand and treat mitral valve disease. Our comprehensive research seeks to understand the biomechanics of the disease, improve treatment via medication and diet modification, and develop new echocardiographic techniques to better diagnose and assess severity of MVD in dogs. Penn Vet is the birthplace of specialized veterinary cardiology and is proud to be leading the way toward finally solving the great problem of MVD.
Melanomas, a type of cancerous tumor, are common in gray horses. Paramount Importance, a beautiful Holsteiner, had a large melanoma growing in the deep musculature of his neck near his spine. Using New Bolton Center’s robotic CT to determine its precise size and location, Drs. Dean Richardson and David Levine surgically removed the growth. Following surgery, a series of four therapeutic vaccinations will help keep him cancer free.
Teddy came to Ryan Hospital with severe burns after being rescued from a house fire. He was admitted through Emergency Service, for oxygen therapy and then transferred to the ICU and surgery for treatment of his wounds. Surgery made the important decision to debride his wounds sooner rather than later – making all the difference in his recovery. The ICU played a huge role in his lung recovery, placing him in the oxygen cage for a few days and keeping him comfortable with pain and wound management.

A big thanks to Penn Vet Board of Overseer Richard Lichter, founder of the Richard Lichter Charity for Dogs, for fully supporting Teddy’s care.

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Now more than ever, we need to stand together as a Penn Vet family.
Take care, be well, and stay safe.

TOGETHER
THE FIRST VIRTUAL COMMENCEMENT

V’2020’s Commencement ceremony was designed to be a meaningful and celebratory send-off so graduates could enjoy their day of pomp, despite the unusual circumstances. Held virtually for the First-time in order to comply with social distancing measures, the ceremony recognized 125 of Penn Vet’s newest veterinarians. The adaptability and resilience shown in their final semester at Penn Vet are the same qualities they will use to lead in our profession. Congratulations, Class of V’2020!

DEI ALUMNI AFFINITY GROUP

Last year, Penn Vet created a new affinity group for underrepresented minority (URM) alumni. The goal of the group is to create a network of alumni and students to build a community, develop support systems, and provide opportunities to create connections. The group also hopes to engage more alumni volunteers that reflect Penn Vet’s diverse alumni population, while also identifying leaders who are able to share a wide range of experiences and knowledge as veterinary professionals. If you are interested in learning more or would like to get involved, please contact Shannon Groves, Director of Alumni Relations: grovessh@vet.upenn.edu

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The Penn Vet Alumni Board encompasses a group of dedicated alumni who have demonstrated a strong understanding and commitment to fostering alumni involvement at Penn Vet. The board aims to represent a broad diversity of class years, professional associations, and geography for the purpose of engagement, ambassadorship, and mentoring.

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To celebrate their 50th Reunion the Class of 70 came together to make a generous gift to the School: a full-size bovine dystocia model. This state-of-the-art technology enhances an exceptional learning experience for the veterinary leaders of tomorrow. This model allows current students to experience various real-life situations through simulation, and through practice, become confident in their skills. Thank you, Class of V’70!

FY20 PET MEMORIAL CLINIC DONORS

Many thanks to our veterinary clinics who participate in the Penn Vet Pet Memorial Card Program. These Penn Vet alumni made meaningful contributions to Ryan Hospital in memory of their patients. Sending a memorial card through this program shows compassion and helps their clients who are grieving over the loss of a beloved member of their family.

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Athens Animal Hospital
Bloomsburg Veterinary Hospital
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Corner Animal Hospital
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