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**1989**

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## **Class of 1989**

**Abbott, Linda D.**

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**Albertson, Jason S.**

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**Bagladi, Mary S. (Swanson)**

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**Barton, William J.**

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**Baumgartner, William J.**

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**Benstent, Laura L. (Clarke)**

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**Binns, Martha J.**

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**Birdsong, Rick V.**

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**Blythe, Steven D.**

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**Boysen, Gene M.**

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**Brawley, Kimber C.**

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**Breshears, Russell W.**

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**Budreau, Daniel L.**

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**Caplis, Therese M. (Hagewood)**

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**Carazo-Gilot, Carlos M.**

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**Casaletto, Mary S. (Painter)**

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**Culver, Don A.**

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**Cummins, Sarah E. (Wasmer)**

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**Dana, Robert G.**

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**Dioguardi, Jeri L.**

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**Eberle, Renee M.**

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**Edwards, Martha E.**

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**Fairbank, Rocky A.**

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## **Class of 1989 continued**

**Fenton, Beth E.**

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**Fickbohm, Barry L.**

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**Fink, Jon D.**

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**Fischer, Daniel J.**

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**Freel, Michael W.**

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**Fry, Jennifer L.**

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**Glaum, Deborah K.**

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**Gordon-Ledoux, Lori E.**

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**Grant, William A. II**

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**Griffin, Robert A., Jr.**

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**Guzman, Roberto E.**

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**Harper, Judith K. (Norton)**

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**Healy, Heidi A.**

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**Henry, Lora J. (Holeman)**

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**Hesse, Christopher J.**

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**Hinten, Steven R.**

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**Holeman, William B.**

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**Holthaus, Debra A. (Mayes)**

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**Hullman, Doug B.**

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**Johnson, Kammy R.**

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**Jones, Barbara A. (Kolde)**

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**Kamer, Joseph P.**

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**Kaufman, Galen D.**

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**Kliewer, Andrew L.**

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**Kliewer, Susan M.**

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**Knittel, Steven K.**

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**Koch, J. Michael**

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**Krause, Alan J.**

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**Lesslie, Kevin M.**

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**Lockwood, H. Neal**

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**Makepeace, Laura M. (Gilliom)**

\*December 19, 2021

**Martinez, Rachel D.**

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**Meeks, Clarissa A.**

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**Mickelsen, Scott L.**

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**Mickey, Douglas A.**

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**Mog, Steve R.**

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**Nelson, James P.**

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**Nelson, Susan C.**

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**Nichols, Peter M.**

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**Niederee, William R.**

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**Northrop, Janis K. (Gilkison)**

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**Norton, Randall A.**

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**Olivera, Daniel A.**

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**Post, Deanna R.**

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**Raduzycki, Robert M.**

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**Rammell, Rex F.**

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**Scherr, Rick G.**

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**Schmar, Thomas A.**

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**Schroeder, D. Kriss**

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**Shaffer, Kenneth L.**

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**Shermer, Holly A. (Jenson)**

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**Smith, Randall A.**

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**Smylie, M. Dean**

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**Stenstrom, Mark L.**

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**Sturgeon, Jane A. (Rehorn)**

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**Taylor, Jerry W.**

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**Thompson, Gina L. (McMillen)**

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**Torrington, Erik H. III**

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**Unflat, John G.**

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**Waldy, Michael T.**

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**Wayman, Jeffry F.**

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**Wilber, JoLynne (Raymond)**

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**Willis, Bradley H.**

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**Wisnewski, Curt N.**

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**Woodworth, Nada J.**

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**Wooten, Thomas L. C.**

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**Ziegler, Patricia L.**

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**Zimmet, Mary K. (Brownlee)**

\* May 19, 2006

# Linda Denise Abbott

**Company:** Ibis Animal Hospital, Inc.

**Children:** Summer Abbott (Age 5)

**Career News:**

I finally opened my own clinic in 2008! I also work with many rescue groups.

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

**Professional Memberships:**

AVMA, PBVS, FVMA

**Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Honored for rescue work by Big Dog Ranch. I also received an award for painting my yellow Labrador like a zebra in a local pet parade!

# Jason S Albertson

**Company:**      Wellspring Animal Hospital

**Spouse:**          Heather L (Oneale) Albertson

**Children:**        Benjamin Levi (06/24/1996)  
                 Daniel William (06/01/1998)  
                 Joshua Michael (11/29/2000)  
                 David Neale (12/30/2002)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Associate veterinarian, Carrollton West Pet Hospital, Carrollton, Texas, 1994-1996; Associate veterinarian, All Pet Complex, Boise, Idaho, 1996-1998; Bogue Animal Hospital, 1998-2015; Owner, Wellspring Animal Hospital, 2015-present.

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

## **Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA, Wichita VMA

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Co-authored two textbooks, 1990.

# Mary Sue Bagladi-Swanson

**Company:** Kansas State University Veterinary VHC

**Spouse:** Rory Lee Swanson

**Children:** Anne Marie (06/04/2002)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Dermatology Residency, Cornell University, 1993-1995; Clinician, Iowa State University, 1995-1996; Private practice (dermatology), 1997-1998; Clinical Professor (dermatology), KSU, January 1998-present.

## **Career News:**

KSU VHC Clinician/Clinical Instructor - Part time (3/4 time), Member of the ACVD Research Grant Committee

## **Education:**

BS, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan 1981

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas 1989

Dermatology Residency, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, 1993-1995

## **Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA, AAVD, ACVD

## **Board Certifications:**

ACVD

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Kansas State University Distinguished Service Award - 2003.

KSU Pet Tribute Professorship - 2018.

## **Family News:**

Enjoying our teenage daughter! A few new pets. Still remodelling!

## **Advice to Students:**

Love your career and appreciate the "non-career" part of your life.

## **Class Comments:**

I have always talking to classmates over the years and "catching up." I hope those connections continue for years to come.

# William J Barton

**Company:** Idaho State Dept of Agriculture

**Children:** Taylor J. (03/23/1993)  
Natalie (05/08/1996)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Co-Owner, Donnelly Veterinary Hospital, mixed practice, 1989-2005; Idaho State Department of Agriculture, Veterinary Medical Officer/Animal Health Bureau Chief, 2006-2007.

## **Career News:**

Became an Idaho State Veterinarian on March 1, 2008 and currently hold that position.

## **Education:**

BS, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho, 1985

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostician training, Plum Island, New York, 2006

## **Professional Memberships:**

IDVMA, AVMA, NASAHO, USAHA, NIAA

## **Offices Held:**

Board Member, Payette River Cattlemen's Association, 7 years; President, Payette River Cattlemen's Association, 1997-1998; Board Member, IVMA Executive Board, 1 year.

## **Family News:**

Kids are growing up. Taylor is a better golfer than his dad. Natalie is a volleyball star.

## **Advice to Students:**

Keep it all in perspective. Consider a career in Regulatory Vet. Medicine.

## **Class Comments:**

I still have more hair than Kevin Lesslie.



# William Jay Baumgartner

**Company:** New Ulm Regional Veterinary Clinic

**Spouse:** Julia Ann (Youngdoff) Baumgartner

**Children:** Cody (10/18/1992)  
Will (02/10/1994)  
Jesse (12/06/1996)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Began my career as an associate in a 3-person mixed animal practice in New Ulm; later I became a 1/3 owner of this practice, along with 2 related agri-businesses. After retirement of 1 of my partners, my remaining partner and I merged our clinic into a larger veterinary practice located in New Ulm, Nicollet, and Mankato, Minnesota. This practice has 14 veterinarians.

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

## **Professional Memberships:**

MNVMA, AVMA, KVMA

## **Offices Held:**

President/Vice President, Minnesota Valley VMA, 1995-1996.

# Martha Jean Binns

**Company:** NEK Veterinary Services

**Spouse:** Calvin Eugene Binns

**Children:** Cassie (02/28/1993)

**Education:** Valerie (04/10/1994)  
Garrett (04/16/1998)

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

**Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA

**Class Comments:**

I hope to see everyone in June!

# **Rick V Birdsong**

**Company:** Robins Vet Clinic

**Spouse:** Cindy M (Ready) Birdsong

**Children:** Amanda Birdsong (06/22/83)

**Education:** Cody Birdsong (04/02/89)  
Cole Birdsong (02/28/91)

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

**Professional Memberships:**

COVMA

**Offices Held:**

District Representative, COVMA, 1994-1996; Large Animal Commission Board, COVMA, 1997-present.

# Steven Douglas Blythe

**Company:** Busy B Animal Clinic

**Spouse:** Cindy Blythe

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

# Gene Martin Boysen

**Company:** Boysen Animal Hospital

**Spouse:** Terri Lynne (Pedersen) Boysen

**Children:** Eric (06/29/1993)

**Education:** Emily (11/25/1996)

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1987

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

**Professional Memberships:**

AVMA

# Kimber Chiaki Brawley

**Company:** VCA Lynnwood Veterinary Center

**Spouse:** Michele A. Brawley

**Children:** Phoebe Emiko Brawley (07/22/1998)

## **Career News:**

After 8 years in a private small and exotics practice South of Seattle, I returned to the VCA practice in Lynnwood, Washington, where I had worked from 2006-2008.

## **Education:**

BS Magna Cum Laude, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, 1974

MS Wildlife Biology, University of Montana, Missoula, Montana, 1977

DVM, Cum Laude, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

## **Professional Memberships:**

WSVMA, AVMA, AEMV

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Co-author, Wildlife Monograph, 1981.

## **Family News:**

Michele continues to manage a neurology research laboratory at Harborview Medical Center, University of Washington. Our daughter is currently attending Stony Brook University in New York.

## **Advice to Students:**

Develop and maintain a diversity of interests outside of veterinary medicine. Above all, be flexible and versatile. Avoid Texas, and be wary when working with private rescue groups.

## **Class Comments:**

Hello from the land of eternal rain!

# Russell Wayne Breshears

**Company:** Pony Express Veterinary Clinic PA

**Spouse:** Regina Christine (Satterfield) Breshears  
**Children:** Kassie and Kallie Breshears - 4/29/1996 (identical twins)  
**Career News:** Karly and Krista Breshears - 7/28/00 (identical twins)  
Kaytee Breshears - 11/30/09

Hired an associate in June 2016 -- Dr. Tony Hawkins who does mixed animal and takes 2/3 of Emergency Calls.

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

**Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA

**Family News:**

Kassie- one of our oldest twins graduated as an RN and is an ICU Nurse in Topeka, KS. Kallie is currently in nursing school and plans to work with maternity & neonatal upon graduating. Krista and Karly graduated from high school and started college in August. Karly attends Kansas State with a double major in Elementary Education and theatre. Krista attends Friends University in Wichita and is majoring in Zoo Science where she plans to work in Turtle Rescue and Rehab. Kaytee is 9 years old and in 3rd grade--she loves basketball and helping mom and dad at the vet clinic. Regina and I continue to love traveling to warm places with Key West--Marathon, Florida being our favorite. We enjoyed a dream vacation as a family last summer -- spending 2 weeks in Hawaii with out 5 daughters seeing the black sand beach, green sand beach, learning to surf, swimming with sea turtles, and seeing the volcano while it was active. Amazing memories we will always cherish and we thank God for blessing our family so abundantly.

# Daniel L Budreau

**Company:** Budreau Vet Clinic

**Spouse:** Julie Anne (Cobb) Budreau

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989



# Therese M Caplis-Hagewood

**Company:** Morrison Animal Hospital

**Spouse:** Byron Caplis-Hagewood

**Education:**  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

# Carlos Carazo-Gilot

**Company:** Department of Health, Government of Puerto Rico

**Spouse:** Maria del Carmen (Ruiz Velasquez)

**Children:** Carlos Medardo Carazo Ruiz, (07/17/1990)  
Ismael Ivan Carazo Ruiz, (05/29/1993)  
Gabriel Enrique Carazo Ruiz, (11/10/1996)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

I started working at a Veterinary position for the Department of Agriculture of Puerto Rico, on July 1989. I was assigned as a field Veterinarian attached to the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at Dorado. I started a small sized, small animal practice in my home town of Trujillo Alto, Puerto Rico. This practice has been giving service to the community of Trujillo Alto since 1990 to present time. I served as the Director of the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory for a short time. At the time the Veterinary Lab had money assigned by the Government of Puerto Rico for a remodeling project. I had a part in the design and auction of the project. During the following years that I worked with the Department of Agriculture, I had the satisfaction of overseeing this project to a good start. I served as the State Veterinarian for the PR Department of Agriculture, from March 1991, till January 1993. I was in charge of the state-part of the PR Tick Eradication Program, at the time, a joint Federal/State, all-island, ambitious program. While at this Office, Puerto Rico was Certified Brucellosis free. I worked with nine excellent veterinarians in disease surveillance, and regulatory work. In October, 1994, in partnership with another veterinarian, we bought a Small Animal Emergency Clinic. This was one of only two emergency clinics working in the metropolitan area of San Juan. We sold this practice after five years of working odd hours. In September 2002, after Dr. Juan Armstrong (KSU graduate-1964) retired from his position as State Veterinarian for the Department of Health, I applied for the position and was appointed. I work as the Director of the Zoonosis Division and State Health Veterinarian. I am currently working part time at my Clinic in Trujillo Alto, while working from eight to four with the Government of Puerto Rico. I was appointed as Auxiliary Secretary of Health in charge of Environmental Services (2012-2016).

## **Career News:**

- Served for 4 years as the Auxiliary Secretary of Health in charge of Environmental Services (PR Department of Health) (2012-2016).
- Now back at my position as Director of the Zoonosis Division (2002-present).

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

## **Professional Memberships:**

Colegio Medicos Veterinarios de Puerto Rico, USDA, APHIS, VS accreditation

## **Offices Held:**

Puerto Rico Department of Agriculture, July 1989- January 1993; Ag Veterinary Laboratory & Ag State Veterinarian. Puerto Rico Department of Health, September 2002- present; Director Zoonosis Division, Dept. of Health.

**Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Various Achievement Awards

**Family News:**

My threeboys are studying; the two oldest are pursing post BS degress and the youngest on his last BS year.

**Advice to Students:**

Develop your social skills. We are in the best profession; you will never get tired of exploring the different facets of Vet Medicine.

**Class Comments:**

At the time we were together I had the notion that those years were academically tough; how I remember those years with yearning; since really we had only one responsibility (after graduation I rapidly aquired many). It was a once in a lifetime experience. I was good.

# Laura Lynn Clarke

**Company:** Animal Hospital at the Shores

**Spouse:** Stuart Clarke

**Children:** Michael (09/25/1995)  
Elizabeth (08/07/1997)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Currently working on board certification for veterinary dentistry via alternate route pathway.

## **Education:**

BS, Illinois State, ????, 1984

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

## **Professional Memberships:**

AVMA, ACVD

# **Don Allen Culver**

**Company:** US Army

**Spouse:** Laurie Culver

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

# Robert Guy Dana

**Company:** Eubank Animal Clinic

**Spouse:** Heidi Dana

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

# Jeri L Dioguardi

**Company:** Foothills Animal Hospital

**Work Address:** 11769 S. Frontage Rd.  
Yuma, AZ 85367

Email: jeri@Foothillsanimalhospital.com

**Home Address:** 7542 N Calle Cordobesa  
Tucson, AZ 85704

Phone: (928) 342-7096

Email: gehringer44@msn.com

**Spouse:** Donald B Gehringer

**Children:** Dorothy Jean (07/23/1996)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Don and I started practice together July, 1997. We built a new clinic that opened July, 1998.

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

## **Professional Memberships:**

AZVMA

# Renee Marie Eberle

**Company:** Retired - Conerstone Animal Hospital

**Spouse:** Joe W Eberle

**Children:** Benjamin (01-16-1980)

**Career News:** Tyler (01-10-1983)  
Jeffrey (08-24-1992)

Andover Veterinary Clinic Small Animal Practice, special interests surgery, exotics.

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989 Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas, 1980-84

**Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA, AAHA, WVMA



# Martha E Edwards

**Company:** Island Hammock Pet Hospital

**Spouse:** John Kocol

**Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Medical Director, VCA Upper Keys Animal Hospital.

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

**Professional Memberships:**

FLVMA, AVMA

# Rocky Allyn Fairbank

**Company:** Western Veterinary Clinic

**Spouse:** Kimberly Jo (Butcher) Fairbank

**Children:** Trenton (07/30/1987)  
Brooke (01/16/1990)  
Stewart (03/12/1994)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Practiced as an associate veterinarian in a two doctor mixed practice until 1997. In the spring of 1997, I became self-employed doing bovine consultation work, which consists of feedlot, cow-calf, and dairy clientele. In 2004 I purchased the practice I previously worked for and now operate Western Veterinary Clinic, LLC as a solo practitioner doing mixed animal practice.

## **Career News:**

Certified by the International Veterinary Chiropractic Association (IVCA) in 2007.

## **Education:**

AS, Colby Community College, Colby, Kansas, 1980  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas 1989

## **Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA, AAEP, AABP, AVC, AST.

# Beth Elaine Fenton

**Company:** Colby Community College

**Children:** Wesley Alan (06/07/1987), Megan Renee (11/12/1991).

**Career News:**

Have been teaching on campus and online at Colby Community College.

**Education:**

BS in Nursing, Washburn University, 1981

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas 1989

**Professional Memberships:**

VMA, AVMA, NCVMA

**Offices Held:**

President Greenville, SC Vet Med Assn.

**Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Member, PTA, President, 2002-2003.

**Family News:**

Wesley engaged to be married in November, 2019.

Megan graduated from SCSU with a degree in Business Administration; Supply Chain Management. Married two years ago.

# Barry Lynn Fickbohm

**Company:** Hills Pet Nutrition, Inc.

**Spouse:** Marcella Jean (Osborn) Fickbohm

**Children:** Jocelynn Fickbohm (08/27/1988)

**Education:** Ethan Fickbohm (04/16/1991)

BS, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, South Dakota, 1984

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989 PhD, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1999

# Jon David Fink

**Company:** Animal Center West Omaha

**Spouse:** Tami Fink

**Children:** Jennifer Neuberger (23)

**Education:** Amy Neuberger (21)

Emily Fink (13)

Jon Fink (8)

Ben Fink (8)

Seth Fink (8)

BS, University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska, 1985

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

**Professional Memberships:**

NEVMA, AVMA, NVMA

# **Daniel Joseph Fischer**

**Company:** Farmer/DVM

**Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Large Animal Internship, Great Plains Veterinary Educational Center, MARC, Clay Center, NE, 1990.

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

**Professional Memberships:**

NEVMA, AAEP

# Michael Wayne Freel

**Spouse:** Mary Freel

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

# Jennifer Lynne Fry

**Company:** Cornerstone Animal Hospital

## **Career News:**

Recently built/opened (August 2008) a new veterinary hospital in East Wichita.

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

## **Professional Memberships:**

AVMA, AAFP, VECCS



# Janis Kay Gilkison

**Company:** Englewood Animal Hospital

**Spouse:** James McCleary

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

**Professional Memberships:**

FLVMA

**Family News:**

Jim (husband) passed away July 2007.

# Deborah Kay Glaum

**Company:** Ridgeview Animal Hospital

**Spouse:** Tony Linn Glaum

**Children:** Jennifer Glaum Clark - 03/04/1999

Jacob Martin Glaum - 05/20/2003

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Started my own clinic in 1995.

## **Career News:**

19 years working at Ridgeview Animal Hospital in Olathe, KS. Working with dog and cat rescues in the area.

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989 MPH (emphasis on Infectious and Zoonotic Diseases) from KSU in 2015

## **Professional Memberships:**

AVMA

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

- Engage with school groups with tours and talks about careers in veterinary medicine and public health.
- Provide support for several humane societies and rescue organizations.
- Taught science for homeschool co-op.
- Advisor for MS Science Olympiad.
- Active member of our church holding different positions in church council and women's organization.

## **Family News:**

Our daughter Jennifer graduated from KSU in 2022 with a BS in Agronomy and is working as a research assistant for Corteva in Wamego, KS. She was married in December 2023 to Joseph Clark of Silverlake, KS, who graduated from KSU. Our son Jacob is enrolled at Washburn Tech in Topeka studying CAD drafting.

## **Advice to Students:**

Enjoy life outside of veterinary medicine. Treasure your time with your family. Treat your clients as family and their pets as your own pet. Community service is important to build bonds with neighbors and serve the community, even if people are not your clients. You never know which of your actions or words will have an impact on others. Kindness matters. Community service is important to build bonds with neighbors and serve the community, even if people are not your clients.

# Lori E. L. Gordon

**Company:** Veterinary Surgical Care, Inc.

**Spouse:** John E. Ledoux

**Children:** Jason Ledoux 10-16-2000  
Ben Ledoux 8-14-2002

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

### POST-GRADUATE EDUCATION

July 1993 Certificate of Residency in Small Animal Surgery, The Animal Medical Center, New York, NY  
May 1990 Certificate of Internship in Small Animal Medicine and Surgery, North Carolina State University

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2012 ? Present Medical Director, Wolf Hollow, North American Wolf Foundation, Ipswich, MA  
March 2013 ? Present Veterinary support to the Iditarod Sled Dog Race, Anchorage, Alaska  
May 1998 - Present Owner, Veterinary Surgical Care, Inc., 4 Rose Lane, Atkinson, New Hampshire  
August 1994?October 1998 Associate Staff Veterinarian, Andover Animal Hospital, Andover, MA  
August 1993?July 1994 Associate Surgical Staff Veterinarian, The Animal Medical Center, New York, NY

### PUBLICATIONS

Gordon, LE, Ho B. Injuries and illnesses among human remains detection-certified search-and-recovery dogs deployed to northern California in response to the Camp Fire wildfire of November 2018. J Am Vet Med Assoc 2020;256:322-332.  
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Gordon, LE. Injuries and illnesses among FEMA-certified search-and-recovery and search-and-rescue dogs deployed to Oso, Washington following the March 22, 2014, SR-530 landslide. J Am Vet Med Assoc 2015;247:901-908.  
Gordon, LE. Injuries and illnesses among urban search-and-rescue dogs deployed to Haiti following the January 12, 2010, earthquake. J Am Vet Med Assoc 2012;240:396-403.  
Gordon LE, Thacher C, Kapatkin A. High-Rise Syndrome in Dogs:81 Cases (1985-1991). J Am Vet Med Assoc 1993;202:118-122.  
Gordon LE, Thacher C, Matthiesen DT, Joseph RJ. Results of Craniotomy for the Treatment of Cerebral Meningiomas in 42 Cats. Vet Surg 1994;23:94-100.

### FIRST RESPONDER TEAM MEMBERSHIPS

January 2002 to Present MA TF-1 US&R Team Veterinary Specialist, Canine Search Specialist  
January 2007 ? Present National Veterinary Response Team 1 (NVRT-1), Veterinary Medical  
September 1999 to Jan 2008 Veterinary Medical Assistance Team 1 (VMAT-1), Veterinary Medical

### DEPLOYMENTS

Aug 29-Sept 8, 2021 Hurricane Ida, New Orleans area, Louisiana; MA TF1 US&R Veterinary Officer  
October 14-19, 2018 Hurricane Michael, Mexico Beach, Florida; Red IST Veterinary Specialist  
Sept 11-27, 2018 Hurricane Florence, NC; MA TF1 US&R Veterinary; Officer; Red IST Vet Spec

Sept 21-30, 2017 Hurricane Maria, Puerto Rico; IST Veterinary Specialist  
Sept 7-15, 2017 Hurricane Irma, Puerto Rico; IST Veterinary Specialist  
October 8-16, 2016 Hurricane Matthew, North Carolina; IST Veterinary Specialist  
April 4-23, 2014 Mudslide SR-530 Oso, Washington; IST Blue Veterinary Officer

Oct 29-Nov 3, 2012 Hurricane Sandy, Veterinary Medical Officer MA TF-1 USAR  
Aug 27-Sept 1, 2011 Hurricane Irene, Veterinarian with the MA TF-1 US&R,  
February 7-8, 2010 Middleton, Connecticut Power Plant Explosion  
September 2008 Hurricanes Hannah, Gustav, Ike. Veterinarian with the MA TF-1 US&R  
December 29, 2007 Gloucester MA Fire, Veterinarian with the MA TF-1 US&R,  
November 22, 2006 Chemical Plant Explosion, Veterinarian with the MA TF-1 US&R, Danvers, MA;  
July 27-29, 2004 Democratic National Convention, Tech Info Spec MA TF-1; MEMA, MA  
Sept 12-17, 2001 World Trade Center, NYC, NY; VMAT-1 Veterinary Medical Officer

### **Career News:**

In March of 2020 I was coming off the trail in Alaska, where I had been for two weeks caring for sled dogs along the 900-mile Iditarod Race. Connectivity can be sparse, and being without news, politics, and worldwide events is very freeing and quite peaceful. Upon landing in Anchorage, flying back from Unalakleet along the Bering Sea, my first impression was that I had stepped into a Zombie Apocalypse. There was no traffic, no people out shopping or walking their dogs, no businesses were open, the hotel restaurant and bar were closed, food delivery only, confined to our rooms, and everyone was wearing some version of mask. This was my introduction to Covid, the pandemic, and a life behind closed doors. Work as a traveling surgeon was sparse, income was poor. The one bright spot ? no traffic. Volunteer work at Wolf Hollow, lecturing for FEMA, in-person meetings ? all suspended. Eventually, of course, life evolved as vaccinations and acquired immunity spread. Today, with a few changes, work and events have returned to a new normal.

Being the owner and the only employee in my business, I have no compunction or need to succumb to a corporate take-over. Although corporate-owned veterinary practices have been around since the late 1990s, it feels like an exponential increase these past 5 years (10% general practices, 40-50% referral practices according to the AVMA). Several of the hospitals that employ my surgical service have recently sold to a corporation. I am aware there are advantages and disadvantages to these changes. From my perspective, the first year seems to be the only honeymoon period they enjoy. After that I watch as time and time again prices go up, commission bonuses go down, and the bottom line becomes the top priority.

I am very grateful for my career, allowing me to be a part of making lives better for companion animals, search canines, their owners, and wildlife (especially wolves) better.

### **Education:**

1993: Certificate of Residency in Small Animal Surgery, The Animal Medical Center, New York, NY  
1990: Certificate of Internship in Small Animal Medicine and Surgery, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC  
1989: Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degree, Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine, Manhattan, KS  
1981: Bachelor of Science Degree, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH  
Bachelor of Science 1981 University of New Hampshire  
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine 1989 Kansas State College of Veterinary medicine Bachelor of Science 1981 University of New Hampshire  
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine 1989 Kansas State College of Veterinary medicine

### **Professional Memberships:**

NHVMA, AVMA, International Sled Dog VMA

### **Offices Held:**

1988-1989: Treasurer, SCAAEP, KSU  
1986-1987: Treasurer, SCAVMA, KSU Student Chapter AVMA - treasurer February 1988 - January 1989:  
Treasurer Student Chapter American Association of Equine Practitioners, Kansas State University

December 1986-November 1987: Treasurer Student Chapter American Veterinary Medical Association, Kansas State University  
Student Chapter AVMA - treasurer

**Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Two honors were bestowed upon me my senior year in April 1989: Budge Melba Cornwell Scholarship for Proficiency in Small Animal Care and the Kansas State Medical Association Honors for Contribution to Student Chapter Veterinary Medical Association (SCVMA). Twenty-five years later, this happened.

On April 12, 2022 Massachusetts Governor Baker signed into law Chapter 23 of the Acts of 2022: Nero's Law. As a standing order, Emergency Medical Services are required to assess, treat, and transport operational canines injured in the line of duty. The goal was then to certify 22,000 MA first responders in basic life support (BLS) for canines. I, along with certified veterinary technicians (CVTs) and my Human Remains Detection (HRD) canine Davner, helped do so for a few hundred from 2022 to 2024. Davner, now 14 years old and with 8 certifications in HRD, has been helping me teach human medical personnel how to assess and treat working canines since she was 6 months old. Then, to my utter surprise, I was nominated for a Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA) Merit Award for the work done in teaching and certifying first responders for Nero's Law, and the MVMA the Executive Board approved. Being recognized for doing something I love makes this all the more meaningful.

**Family News:**

Jason graduated with honors from Connecticut College, New London, CT in May 2023. Not knowing what career path he wants, Jason was encouraged to explore many subjects, and graduated with a degree in the Humanities. During summers and school vacations Jason worked in a veterinary clinic. It seems his work experience had quite the influence, and is now in a post-baccalaureate program at Tufts University to get the science courses needed to apply to veterinary school.

Ben graduates with honors in May 2024 from Connecticut College, New London, CT with a degree in Computer Science, Arts and Technology. He has been accepted for a Master's Degree in Computer Science at 4 Chicago, Illinois colleges and will decide which one very soon. Incidentally, his girlfriend is in Chicago getting her PhD in Astrophysics?what a coincidence!

Sadly, my dad passed away 2 and a half years ago. He was 89, a very respectable age. He was an amazing role model of hard work and perseverance. He lived a good life, even though the only other male in the house was our dog, among a wife and 4 daughters. Hence, the man cave was always a part of the house, no matter where we lived.

**Advice to Students:**

Life is a balance between work and play. If you can find that balance, neither of these aspects in your life will suffer for the other. Find your passion within the veterinary profession so that you look forward to the day, not backwards.

Also, remember to look at your patient, not just the tests and imaging.

**Class Comments:**

Have a disaster plan, have a go-bag packed and ready, and include all the animals in your plans. You never know when disaster may strike. This could save yours and many other lives. I have 2 quotes by others, who have expressed life so much better than I could.

What you do makes a difference. You have to decide what kind of difference you want to make. Jane Goodall.

Fight for the things you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you. Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

# William Aman Grant

**Company:** Community Veterinary Hospital, Inc.

**Spouse:** Dayna (Wiedenkiller) Grant  
**Children:** William A. Grant III (02/04/1994)  
**Career News:** Elizabeth Victoria Grant (06/14/1995)

Enjoying more travel!

**Education:**

BS, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, 1982  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

**Professional Memberships:**

CAVMA, AVMA, AAHA, SCVMA, insurance.

**Offices Held:**

President, Org County, Southern California VMC, 1994; Chairman Council, Southern California VMC, 1995-1996; Chairman, Insurance Committee, President, California VMC, 1995-present; Treasurer, Southern California VMC, presently; President, Boys and Girls Club.

**Honors/Civic Involvement:**

2001 man of the year in the city of Garden Grove; Professor of the Year, Clinics, Western University.

**Family News:**

Son in medical school. Daughter in veterinary school.

**Advice to Students:**

Enjoy the ride!

**Class Comments:**

Thanks for the great memories!

# Robert Arthur Griffin

**Company:** The Animal Clinic

**Spouse:** Terri Lynne (Taylor) Griffin  
**Children:** Megan Kristine (07/02/1986)  
**Education:** Jessica Lynne (08/08/1989)  
Taylor Marie (12/07/1992)

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS, 1989

**Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA, AABP, KLA

# Roberto Enrique Guzman

**Spouse:** Ivette Guzman  
**Children:** Roberto Javier (06/10/1995)  
**Education:** Emmanuel (08/06/1997)

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989  
PhD, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois, 2001

## **Professional Memberships:**

VMA, American College of Veterinary Pathologists

## **Board Certifications:**

ACVP



# Heidi Ann Healy

**Company:** Burlingame Road Animal Hospital

**Spouse:** Randy D. Bradford

**Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Small Animal Practice, Omaha, Nebraska for seven years, practicing in Topeka since fall of '96.

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

**Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA, Topeka VMA

**Offices Held:**

President, Topeka VMA

**Class Comments:**

Looking forward to seeing you all at the reunion.

# Christopher Jerome Hesse

**Company:** College Hill Animal Hospital

**Spouse:** Catherine Louise Pupkoff-Hesse

**Children:** Bethany  
Nolan  
Jacob  
Wayne  
Elaine

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Internship at WLA Vet Medical Group.

## **Career News:**

Practiced in California until July 1998. I opened my present practice in May 2000 and I'm loving it.

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

## **Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA, OCVMA, SCVMA, WVMA

## **Offices Held:**

President, Vice-President, and Secretary, OCVMA; President, WVMA.

## **Family News:**

Living in constant realm of controlled chaos.

## **Advice to Students:**

Enjoy your time in school. Have fun in your work. Seek advance training.

# Steven Richard Hinten

**Company:** United States Air Force

**Spouse:** Patricia Lee (Graybeal) Hinten

**Children:** Michael (07/19/1987)  
Christopher (07/19/1987)  
April (10/05/1992)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

After completing an Internship in Small Animal and Surgery at the University of Missouri Veterinary Teaching Hospital, I worked in their intensive care unit for several months. I joined the Air Force in 1991 and became an Environmental Health Officer (name later changed to Public Health Officer). This past February I reached 18 years in service. I am currently on my 8th assignment and have had a variety of interesting and wonderful experiences.

## **Career News:**

After completing a fellowship with CDC in 2002, I spent 3 years at Fort Detrick, MD, working as a Medical Intelligence Analyst for the Armed Forces Medical Intelligence Center. I was the Senior Analyst of a 3-person team responsible for covering infectious disease epidemiology issues for the continent of Africa. In 2005 I transferred to England where I was in charge of one of the largest Public Health Flights in the Air Force. After 3 years there I was assigned to be the Commander of the 15th Medical Operations Squadron at Hickam AFB in Hawaii, where I oversee the delivery of medical care for the base population.

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

Master of Public Health, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, Massachusetts, 1997

Epidemic Intelligence Service Fellowship, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, Arboviral Diseases Branch, Fort Collins, Colorado, 2002

## **Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA, Air Force Association

## **Board Certifications:**

ACVPM

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Distinguished Graduate Award/Environmental Health Officer Course, 1991; Company Grade Officer of the Year, 380th Medical Group; 1992; Recycling Program Coordinator, Plattsburgh AFB, NY, 1992; Air Force Assistance Fund Drive Project Officer, Plattsburgh AFB, NY, 1992; Combined Federal Campaign Fund Drive Project Officer, Hickam AFB, HI, 1993; Unit Voting Assistance Officer, Hickam AFB, HI - 1994-96; Awarded the US Army Expert Field Medical Badge - 1994; Company Officer of the Year, 15th Air Base Wing, 1994, Pacific Air Forces Public Health Officer of the Year, 1994; Secretary of Health & Human Services Distinguished Service Award, 2001/2002; Field Grade Officer of the Year, 48th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, 2006; Field Grade Officer of the Year, 48th Medical Group, 2007; Cub Scout/Boy Scout Leader in several locations, 1993-2005.

## **Family News:**

We moved from Maryland to England, where we lived for 3 years, and now we are stationed in Hawaii for the second time in my career. Our twin sons graduated from high school in 2005 (both with honors), and both achieved Eagle Scout rank in Boy Scouts. Mike is close to graduating from college with a degree in biology and is applying to medical school. Chris, after attending college for a year and then working for a while enlisted in the Air Force to become an Avionics Technician. Our youngest, April, is now in high school and has been active in band, Junior

ROTC, and Girl Scouts.

**Advice to Students:**

The sky is the limit, but stay true to yourself and your family.

**Class Comments:**

Hi everybody. I hope this finds you all well and enjoying life. It is hard to believe it has been 20 years since we graduated, although a lot has happened in that time. Best wishes to those that are able to attend this year's reunion. Hopefully I will get to see you all sometime in the not too distant future. Take care.

# Lora J Holeman

**Company:** Marmaton Valley Vet Clinic

**Spouse:** William Burtch Holeman

**Children:** Justin Daniel (06/25/1993)  
William Austin (05/31/2000)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Have practiced mixed animal since 1989. Do equine reproduction as a specialty.

## **Education:**

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1987  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

## **Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA

# William Burtch Holeman

**Company:** Marmaton Valley Veterinary Clinic

**Spouse:** Lora J. (Henry) Holeman

**Children:** Justin Daniel (06/25/1993)  
William Austin (05/31/2000)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Started our own clinic in 1994. Began as 80% Food Animal Practice - now 75% small animal and equine.

## **Career News:**

After my second back surgery in December 2003, I returned to private practice and ranching. This worked until August of 2005 when I again ruptured a disk and had C5-C6 fused. I made the decision then to leave private practice and I was accepted with the USDA-FSIS. I went to work in a high speed fat cattle slaughter plant in Cactus, TX. Lora stayed home to run the office and ranch. After the first year, I had hopes of transferring back to Kansas, but instead I applied and was accepted for a promotion to Frontline Supervisor with the agency, also in the Texas panhandle. That is my current position, based out of Amarillo, TX. I keep an apartment in Texas and come home for long weekends, holidays, and time off on occasion.

## **Education:**

AA, Ft. Scott Community College, Ft. Scott, Kansas, 1983  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Marmaton Watershed District Board Member

## **Family News:**

Lora and my oldest son, Justin, continue to be more involved with quarter horses and Cutting in particular. They are both very committed to their horses and travel to shows quite a bit on weekends.

## **Advice to Students:**

When I joined the agency, I was given very specific instructions. If you want to succeed, you need only do three things. You must come to work, do your job and stay out of trouble. If you can do those three things you will be successful at what you want to do.

## **Class Comments:**

Now, I can remember laughing at Dr. Hartke our first year when he said those of us who wanted strictly large animal jobs would be seriously injured, or at the least, arthritic by age 40 and have an orthopedic surgeon for our personal physician. I believed it would never happen, and have now proved him right on both accounts.

# Doug Brian Hullman

**Company:** Hullman Veterinary Hospital

**Spouse:** Debbie Hullman

**Children:** Erica Layne Hullman (10/11/1989)  
Danielle Alyssa Hullman (04/24/1992)  
Macy Abigail Hullman (06/14/2001)  
Kinsey Mikayla Hullman (09/30/2003)

**Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Practiced, Klamath Falls, Oregon, 1989-1991; Practiced, Springfield, Missouri, 1991-1992; Practice, Klamath Falls, Oregon, 1992-present.

**Career News:**

Small animal practice

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

**Professional Memberships:**

ORVMA, AVMA, Klamath & Lake County Vet Med Association.

**Offices Held:**

President, Klamath & Lake County VMA, 1994-1997; President, Animal Emergency Service, Klamath County, 1997-2000.

**Honors/Civic Involvement:**

United Way Board Member (1 year); Member, Klamath County Police Dog Service.

**Advice to Students:**

Study hard!!

**Class Comments:**

I am proud to be part of the Class of 1989!!

# Jane Jeffries

**Company:** Kansas Asphalt Inc.

**Spouse:** Chuck Jeffries

**Education:**  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989



# Holly Jensen

**Company:** Burwell Veterinary Hospital

**Spouse:** Wade Jensen

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

**Professional Memberships:**

VMA

# **Kammy Ravae Johnson**

**Work Address:** Public Health

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

# Joseph P Kamer

**Company:** Veterinary Medical & Surgical Hospital of Topeka

**Spouse:** Morgan E (Dietz) Kamer

**Children:** Joshua (04/08/01)  
Luke (01/30/208)  
Maddie (01/30/2008)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Southwest Animal Hospital, Las Vegas, Nevada, 1989-1990; Burlingame Road Animal Hospital, Topeka, Kansas, 1990-1993; Brookwood Animal Hospital, Topeka, Kansas, 1993-1994; Veterinary Medical & Surgical Hospital of Topeka, Topeka, Kansas, 1994-present.

## **Career News:**

I bought out my partner's shares of the practice 4 years ago. I have a great Associate, Dr Jennifer Magee (KSU 2005). The practice is entering its 10th year of accreditation with AAHA. We are preparing for expansion with continued focus on high quality surgery and medicine. We currently are doing laparoscopic ovariohysterectomy, TPLO and cementless total hip replacements.

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

## **Professional Memberships:**

AVMA, AAHA, TVMA

## **Offices Held:**

President, Topeka Veterinary Medical Association, 1992-1993.

## **Advice to Students:**

Focus on your education, party as much as possible without losing focus, and make the best friends you will have for the rest of your life.

## **Class Comments:**

Can't wait to see you guys!!

# Galen David Kaufman

**Company:** Startz Veterinar Clinic

**Children:** Camille (9/2000)

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

PhD, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1993.

**Professional Memberships:**

AAAS, SFN, Association for Research in Otolaryngology.

**Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Member, Houston Soaring Association, Fizzy Fruit Founder.

# Andrew Lee Kliewer

**Company:** Heartland Animal Hospital

**Spouse:** Susan Marie (Pascarella) Kliewer

**Children:** Jacob Henry

**Education:** Austin Michael  
Marie Elizabeth

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

**Professional Memberships:**

NEVMA, AVMA, NAVM

# Susan Marie Kliewer

**Company:** Heartland Animal Hospital

**Spouse:** Andrew Lee Kliewer

**Children:** Jacob Henry

**Education:** Austin Michael  
Marie Elizabeth

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

**Professional Memberships:**

NEVMA, AVMA

# Steven Kent Knittel

**Company:** Paradise Animal Hospital

**Spouse:** Terha (Cochran) Knittel

**Children:** Joseph (08/16/1991)  
Kathryn (05/25/1995)  
Collin (07/04/1998)  
Sera (11/08/1999)  
Kyle (01/16/2003)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

I was employed as an associate veterinarian in a mixed animal practice for 5 ½ years in DuQuin, Illinois. I then purchased a new practice in Jefferson City, Tennessee. After 2 ½ years, an opportunity to purchase a practice in Augusta, Georgia, came up and I combined my assets into this practice where I am currently practicing.

## **Career News:**

I have been practicing as a sole small animal practitioner in Augusta, GA.

## **Education:**

South Dakota State University, Brookings, South Dakota, 1982-1985  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

## **Professional Memberships:**

GAVMA, AVMA

## **Family News:**

We have adopted a child from Ukraine (Kyle) and 3 children from Russia (Joseph, Kathryn, and Collin).

## **Advice to Students:**

Don't get caught up in the fine details right now, and try to look at the big picture.

## **Class Comments:**

I hope your lives have been as blessed as mine with a prosperous career and a loving family.

# James Michael Koch

**Company:** Koch Stigge Veterinary Clinic

**Spouse:** Brenda (Lett) Koch

**Children:** James Hunter (08/31/1998)  
Zachary Liam (03-10-2001)

**Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Owner of a four man mixed animal practice. Embryo transfer/ultrasound.

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

**Professional Memberships:**

MOVMA, AVMA, AABP, Kansas VMA



# Alan Jon Krause

**Company:** Faithful Companion Veterinary Services, Inc

**Spouse:** Brenda L (Kreger) Krause  
**Children:** Hannah (1993) Heather (1996) Katrina (1998) Isabelle (2003) Levi (2006) Justus (2008) and Liberty (2011); 1 Grandchild Evelyne Sapp born December 2018, born to daughter Katrina and John Sapp.

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Alan J. Krause, DVM  
4191 SE 117th Place  
Belleview, FL 34420  
(352) 342-7220  
docforpets@live.com

Summary and Objective: I have had a variety of experience in large as well as small practices as associate, partner, manager, relief veterinarian and practice owner, in both private and corporate settings. My aim has been to invest the wealth all of these experiences into a position in which I can excel in my abilities, provide for the present and future security of my family, and honor my Lord Jesus Christ, while serving and caring for people through the needs of their pets.

1987 Bachelor of Science, Animal Science  
Kansas State University, College of Agriculture

1989 Doctor of Veterinary Medicine  
Kansas State University, College of Veterinary Medicine

1989-1996 Yadkin Park Animal Hospital, Southern Pines, NC  
Associate then Partner

1996-2001 VetSmart (now d/b/a Banfield) Pet Hospitals (located inside PETsMART stores)  
N. Florida Market Counselor (Market development, management, recruiting, training);  
Kansas City Market Counselor;  
Olathe, KS Chief of Staff (Clinical practice)

2001-2003 Relief Work at numerous practices in the Kansas City area, Kansas and Missouri

2001-2004 Faithful Companion Pet Hospital  
Founder/Owner/Operator  
Overland Park, KS

2004-2013 Paddock Park Animal Care Center, Ocala, FL; Partner Veterinarian

Focus on Veterinary Dentistry, client relations and computerized medical records. Also completed Good Clinical Practice (GCP) and Study Investigator Training for a partnered Contract Research Organization for clinical drug trials.

2014                      Pet Vet Care Centers, d/b/a Paddock Park Animal Care Center  
Associate Veterinarian

2014-2017              Faithful Companion Veterinary Services, Inc. My wife and I formed this corporation through which I did relief work and it became the entity that purchased Florida Veterinary Hospital & Center; 904 Avenida Central, Lady Lake, FL 32159

April 2017 - Present    Owner/Operator of Faithful Companion Veterinary Services, Inc, d/b/a Florida Veterinary Hospital & Dental Center

#### References

- Dr. Mickey Painter, Town and Country Animal Hospital, Frontenac, KS (620) 231-5340
- Dr. John Cavalcanti, VMD, MBA; Director of Medicine and Canine Operations, Guide Dogs for the Blind, San Rafael, CA, (415) 499-4096
- Dr. Ron Greshake, Vet-I-Care Animal Hospital/Mandarin Pet Emergency Hospital, Jacksonville, FL (904)268-0399
- Dr. Raymond Force, Pastor, Crossroads Bible Church, Hitting Home Ministries/Life Coaching/Author; Ft. McCoy, FL; (352) 342-5668

#### Personal

- Happily married to Brenda Krause 33 years
- Seven Children: Hannah, Heather, Katrina, Isabelle, Levi, Justus & Liberty
- Interests: Homeschooling, Family and Church Activities, Christian Veterinary Mission Local Ministry Group Host (<http://www.cvmusa.org/professionals/local-ministry-groups/>); motorcycling, shooting, camping, (...and whatever else my kids are into!)

#### Career News:

The last 5 years of my career have seen changes and developments I'd have never imagined, many of which have been challenging, but overall rewarding. The rise of corporate veterinary medicine, while having given me some great experience in management, also changed the course of my career resulting in the unforeseen selling of a practice at which I was a partner, which caused me to seek another practice ownership opportunity in which I finally feel like I'm where I want to be and can finally say I think is a final career move.

#### Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

#### Professional Memberships:

AVMA

#### Honors/Civic Involvement:

Trustee-Vice President, St. James Lutheran Church, present.

#### Family News:

Family life has been filled with many blessings, ups and downs, and some challenges with some health concerns, but overall a joy to watch our children grow and meet our first grand-child!

#### Advice to Students:

Find a great mentor and say "Yes" to opportunities!

#### Class Comments:

I look forward to catching up with you all when can, meeting your families and sharing our stories!

# Kevin Mark Lesslie

**Company:** Lesslie Veterinary Clinic

**Spouse:** Mary (Helmick) Lesslie

**Children:** Daniel (09/15/1981)  
Anastasia (03/10/1992)  
Masha (09/13/1995)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

I own my practice, located in Leawood, KS. We are a small animal and exotic practice. Business is very good.

## **Education:**

BS, Kansas University, Lawrence, Kansas, 1974  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

## **Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA, AAHA

# Howard Neal Lockwood

**Company:** Texas Union Properties LLC

**Spouse:** Dina (Baker) Lockwood

**Children:** Michael (01/31/1990)  
Travis (07/16/1993)  
Cody (03/31/1996)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Retired from the U.S. Army Veterinary Corp. Employed by U.S. Department of Agriculture for the past 8 years. Received my Real Estate license and started our own property management business. Purchased rental properties and flip houses.

## **Career News:**

Started a family foundation whose goal is to provide educational assistance to agriculture at Fort Hays State University.

## **Education:**

BS, Ft. Hays State University, Hays, Kansas 1983  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989  
MS, Public Health, University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 1996

## **Professional Memberships:**

AVMA, Chicago Base American Association Laboratory Animal Science (CBAALAS)

## **Board Certifications:**

American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Boy Scouts of America Order of the Arrow

## **Family News:**

Managed to get all 3 sons out of college.

# **Rachel Diana Martinez Theken**

**Children:**       Forrest (01/12/2002)  
                      Preston (03/08/2004)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Full time associate at northern Virginia practice until January, 2000; Full time veterinary relief work from Jan. 2000 through mid 2001; Part time veterinary relief work plus full time mom since Jan. 2002.

## **Career News:**

I remain licensed to practice in Kansas, Ohio, Virginia, and Maryland. I do occasional consult and/or volunteer work.

## **Education:**

BS, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma, 1984  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

## **Professional Memberships:**

AVMA, KSU CVM, VMAA

## **Family News:**

My kids have become high schoolers.

## **Class Comments:**

Look me up if you're passing through NE Ohio.

# Debra Ann Mayes

**Company:** Red Barn Veterinary

**Spouse:** Larry Mayes

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

**Professional Memberships:**

MOVMA

# Gina L McMillen

**Company:** University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center

**Spouse:** Matt A McMillen

**Children:** Alex McMillen (05/97)  
Nate McMillen (05/00)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Research/Product Development Scientist, Syntrovet, Inc., Lenexa, Kansas, 1995-1997; Clinical Trials Coordinator, Heska Corporation, Ft. Collins, Colorado, 1997-1999; Chief Operating Officer, JK Autoimmunity, Inc., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 1999-present.

## **Career News:**

Director, Intellectual Property Management Office, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Oklahoma City, OK (2008-present).

Veterinary Medical Director, Ekips Technologies, Inc., Norman OK. (2004-2008)

Chief Operating Officer, JK Autoimmunity, Inc., Oklahoma City, OK. (1999-2004).

Clinical Trials Coordinator, Heska Corporation, Ft. Collins, CO. (1997-1999).

Research / Product Development Scientist, Syntrovet, Inc., Lenexa, KS (1995-1997)

## **Education:**

BS Agriculture, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1987

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989 PhD Microbiology from Kansas State University, 1995.

## **Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA

# Clarissa A. Meeks

**Company:** The Village Veterinary Clinic & Pet Supply, LLC

**Spouse:** Clyde E Meeks

**Children:** Sierra Tess Meeks (09/13/1990)  
Jacob Connor Meeks (10/19/1992)

**Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

C.V.A. from IVAS in 1995

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

**Professional Memberships:**

COVMA, VBMA



# Scott Lyman Mickelsen

**Company:** Hills Pet Nutrition

**Spouse:** Stephanie Kaye (Barton) Mickelsen

**Children:** Riley Susan Mickelsen 1994  
Jack Ross Mickelsen 2000

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Associate Veterinarian, Fairway Animal Hospital, Kansas City, 1989-1994; Post-Doctoral Fellow, Comparative Pathology, University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, Dallas, Texas, 1994-1997; Manager, Veterinary Services at Hill's Pet Nutrition Science and Technology Center, Topeka, Kansas, 1997-present.

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

Post-Doctoral Fellowship at University of Texas Southwestern Medical School at Dallas, 1994-1997

## **Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA, AAHA, AALAS

## **Board Certifications:**

ACLAM

# **Douglas Alan Mickey**

**Company:** Harlan Animal Hospital

**Spouse:** Shelly Mickey

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

# Steven Robert Mog

**Company:** Federal Government

**Spouse:** Annika Mog

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

# James Peter Nelson

**Company:** Prairie Village Pet Hospital

**Work Address:** 7815 Terrey Pine Ct  
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**Children:** Peter (03/15/1994)  
India (01/24/1998)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

I have worked at Prairie Village Hospital since graduation in 1989. I purchased the practice in 2005. I have been active in the MVMA(State Veterinary Association). I was the Chairman of the State Fair Surgery Suite for 10 years, Promotional affairs for 2 years and currently the Practice Committee. I have been active with my church and community. I was involved with the Park and Recreation and a Councilman for the City of Excelsior in the 90's. I still try ride my bike to work when the weather permits and Alpine ski race at Buck Hill, the local ski area, once a week in January and February.

## **Career News:**

I'm enjoying independent practice in a community with significant corporate acquisitions and Minnesota's first non profit veterinary practice. I have a very loyal staff that provides award winning service. We are renovating our reception area and exam rooms this year (2019), and will be celebrating our 35th Anniversary this summer.

## **Education:**

BS, Microbiology/Biochemistry, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado, 1980  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

## **Professional Memberships:**

MNVMA, AVMA, OTHER, Kansas

## **Offices Held:**

MVMA Chairman(s) State Fair Surgery Suite, Promotional Affairs, Practice Committee.

City Councilman and member of Park and Recreation Board for the City of Excelsior, Minnesota

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Phi Zeta Award, 1987; Gamma Sigma Delta Award, 1987; Vice-President, Jaycees, Eden Prairie, Minnesota, 1990-1991; Chairman of State Fair Small Animal Surgery Suite 1994-2002, Excelsior City Council Member, 1997-1998, Excelsior Park and Recreation 1999-2003; Team State Champion, Twin Cities Ski Challenge, 2002, 2007, 2008; Deacon, Excelsior Congregational Church; MVMA Promotional Video Chairman, Present.

## **Family News:**

My son, Peter, completed his BS in Economics and will graduate in 2020 with a combined MBA/Law degree from the University of San Diego.

My daughter, India, will graduate in 2020 from Dartmouth College with a bachelors degree in economics and environmental studies.

I'm still single, but have a committed girlfriend since 2017 who recently moved into a house two doors down. If things work out, we will have to choose which house to make into our house.

## **Advice to Students:**

Don't let fears from the past validate excuses in the future. Take action with the amazing skill sets you have NOW!

**Class Comments:**

Hoping you're all happy and healthy and look forward to seeing you at future reunions.

# Susan Cay Nelson

**Company:** Kansas State University CVM

**Spouse:** Kim (Hank) Nelson

**Children:** Carter Nelson: 10/15/1997

**Education:** Katie Nelson: 12/15/2000

Hastings College, BA Biology

**Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA, OTHER, American Society of Veterinary Behaviorists, American Heartworm Society, American Association Veterinary Clinicians

**Honors/Civic Involvement:**

-2020 Pritchard Service and Outreach Award, July 2020

-Jr. Faculty Mentoring Award, 2018

-Recognized at KWASE Women of Distinction Ceremony, Fall 2017

-Pet Trust Professorship 2006

-Manhattan Area People's Choice Veterinarian of the Year 2001

# Peter Matthew Nichols

**Company:** Washington Vet.Med. Clinic/Germantown Hills Animal Hospital

**Spouse:** Kelli Naomi Nichols

**Children:** Austin Nichols 4/92 KSU alumni  
Grant Nichols 7/97 KSU Senior Mech. Engineering/Army ROTC  
Abby Nichols 11/04, 8th grader

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Practice owner Washington Vet. Med. Clinic and Germantown Hills Animal Hospital, Peoria Zoo- veterinary emeritus

## **Career News:**

Practice owner and Hospital Director of Nichols Veterinary Services Inc. Retired from zoo practice at Peoria Zoo in 2015. Joined Veterinary Management Group 37 in 2018

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989  
Executive Veterinary Program, University of Illinois, 2005  
University of IL Management Certificate in the Executive Veterinary Program 2000

## **Professional Memberships:**

ILVMA, AVMA, AAHA

## **Offices Held:**

Tazewell County Veterinary Association- Pres.  
Mississippi Veterinary Association- Pres.  
Illinois State Veterinary Association  
American Association of Zoo Veterinarians  
Veterinary Management Group- 37

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Rotary Metamora/Germantown Hills- Pres. Paul Harris Fellow

## **Family News:**

Austin graduated KSU 2015 Journalism and Mass Comm.  
Grant Senior KSU- Mech. Engineering/Army ROTC  
Abby 8th grade

## **Advice to Students:**

Take a class in business and practice management  
Frank Workshop Series- CSU

## **Class Comments:**

I still enjoy veterinary medicine after 30 years of practice

# William Richard Niederee

**Company:** Countryside Veterinary Associates

**Spouse:** Robin D. (Thompson) Niederee

**Children:** Katlyn (11/06/1987)  
Allison (05/03/1992)  
Sarah (11/08/1996)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Purchased Countryside Veterinary Associates, Great Bend, Kansas, September 1, 1994; purchased Ark Valley Veterinary Hospital, Great Bend, Kansas, October 1, 2006.

## **Education:**

BS Agriculture, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1987  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

## **Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA, AABP, Academy of Veterinary Consultants

## **Offices Held:**

KVMA Nomination Committee, 2000-present

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Member, Chamber of Commerce, Great Bend, 1992-present; Member, Rotary Club, Great Bend, 1992-present; Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, 2008-present; 1st Kansas Bank Board of Directors, Great Bend, Kansas, 2005-present. Golden Belt Humane Society Board of Directors 2012;Present. Chamber of Commerce, Great Bend 2016-present. 2016 Business of the year.

## **Family News:**

Kaitlyn- Married Jon Rosborough of Arizona and works for Twitter in DC  
Allison- Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) University of St. Mary's  
Sarah- BS, Agriculture, Kansas State University

## **Advice to Students:**

Study hard, cherish those years in Manhattan, it's worth all the hard work when you're in private practice.



# Judith K Norton

**Company:** Walnut Fork Vet Service

**Spouse:** Randall Albert Norton

**Children:** James (11/01/1985)

**Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Veterinarian, Seattle, Washington, 1990; Veterinarian, Overland Park, Kansas; Veterinarian, Utica, Kansas, 1992 and opened first clinic in 1995; Opened second clinic in 1998.

**Career News:**

Sold second clinic in 2003.

**Education:**

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1987

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

**Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA

**Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Active in church, animal assisted therapy and Dodge City Kennel Club.

# Randall A Norton

**Company:** Heritage Veterinary Service

**Spouse:** Judith Kay (Harper) Norton

**Children:** James 11/1/1985

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

'Board of Trustees, Grisell Memorial Hospital 1991-2010 President, Board of Trustees 2005-2010 Western District Trustee, KVMA 1996-1997 KSU CVM Admissions Interview Committee 2006-present Kansas VMLRP Task Force 2010-present VMLRP National Panel Reviewer, Washington, DC 2011-2013 KSU CVM 1st, 2nd, & 3rd year student mentorships, 2009-present KSU CVM 4th year student Primary Care Externships, 2012-present Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners, 2011-present

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

## **Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA, AABP, AVC

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

KSU Beef Cattle Institute Beef Cattle Veterinarian of the Year, 2010 & 2016

# **Daniel Antonio Olivera**

**Company:**     USDA

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas 1989

# Mary Sue Painter

**Company:** Town & Country Animal Hospital

**Spouse:** Micky Ryan Painter

**Children:** Katie Sue (12/19/2000)

**Career News:** Abigail Louise (10/14/2003)

Micky and I have worked together as small animal practice owners for nearly 25 years now, and still love this profession. I have served on the KBVE and the RACE committee and enjoy encouraging students to pursue veterinary medicine.

**Education:**

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1987

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

**Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA

**Family News:**

We currently have a high school Senior and Freshman. Our senior is planning to be a Wildcat next year.

**Advice to Students:**

Study hard but enjoy the ride.

**Class Comments:**

Hope you all are well!

# Deanna Rae Post

**Company:** Bolton Animal Hospital

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

# Robert Mark Raduzycki

**Company:** Red Bridge Animal Clinic

**Spouse:** Bonnie L (Ahlvers) Raduzycki

**Children:** Kristen (10/28/1988)

**Education:** Eric (12/28/1993)

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1984

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

**Professional Memberships:**

MOVMA, AVMA, AAHA, AVDS

# Rex Floyd Rammell

**Spouse:** Lynda Rammell

**Children:** Amanda (05/22/1985)  
Jacob (11/27/1987)  
Alexis (08/06/1990)  
Jessica (04/24/1993)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

I am practicing veterinary medicine in the Upper Snake River Region of eastern Idaho. I ran for the United States Senate in 2008, and plan to run again in 2010.

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989  
MS, Utah State, Logan, Utah, 2002

# JoLynne W Raymond

**Company:** USAMRIID

**Children:** Brendan - July 5, 2007

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Base Veterinarian, Hickam Air Force Base and Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station, Honolulu, Hawaii, 1992-1995; Resident, Department of Veterinary Pathology, AFIP, Washington, DC, 1995-1998; Chief, Research and Diagnostic Services Branch, Department of Veterinary Pathology, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP), Washington, DC, 1998-2000; United States Army Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, 2000-present

## **Career News:**

Worked as a biodefense research pathologist supporting research into the pathogenesis of bio warfare agents and the development of therapeutics and vaccines.

## **Education:**

BS Animal Science, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1985  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

## **Professional Memberships:**

AVMA, ACVP, C.L. Davis Foundation

## **Board Certifications:**

ACVP

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Many military awards included induction into the Order of Military Medical Merit and award of the U.S. Army Surgeon Generals Proficiency Designator in Comparative Pathology.

## **Family News:**

Newly single

## **Advice to Students:**

Don't be afraid to explore areas outside of traditional clinical practice. Keep your options open!

## **Class Comments:**

Although vet school was challenging, I will always have very fond memories of the time we spent together. I hope life has treated you well.



# **Rick Gene Scherr**

**Company:** Big Sky Animal Medical Center

**Spouse:** Doreen F Scherr

**Children:** Christopher (11/20/1989)  
Jessica (05/02/1992)

**Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Opened own practice, Big Sky Animal Medical Center, Inc.

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

**Professional Memberships:**

MTVMA, AVMA

**Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Equine Surgery & Medicine Proficiency Award, KSU, 1989.

# Thomas Anton Schmar

**Company:** Home Pet Care ~ Veterinary Housecalls

**Spouse:** Ronda Jo Schmar

**Children:** Emily E. (04/02/1991)  
Eric T. (06/16/1994)  
Monica Amman (12/2/90)  
Joshua Noske (4/24/95)  
Nicole Mitchell (12/15/98)  
Josephine Mitchell (10/5/05).

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Host/Producer, Nationwide Radio Talk Show "Pet Connections with Dr. Tom Schmar;" 1996-1999; Executive Vice President, Board of Directors, Another Chance Inc., 1992-2003. Fill in occasionally at Animal Emergency Treatment Center, Topeka, KS.

## **Education:**

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1987  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

## **Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA, Topeka VMA, NRA

## **Offices Held:**

Treasurer, President, Topeka VMA.

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Member, Knights of Columbus, Topeka, Kansas, 1991-present.

## **Family News:**

Married, moved home and practice, started running long distance 4 years ago and have finished 4 half marathons and innumerable 5 & 10K's.

## **Class Comments:**

I want to wish you all happiness and good health.

# Daniel Kriss Schroeder

**Spouse:** Lisa Schroeder

**Children:** Kristi (09/1986)  
Nikole (03/1988)  
Luke (12/1990)  
Josh (12/1993)  
Chelsy (07/1995)  
Brett (12/1996)  
Julie (04/1998)  
Laura (07/1999)  
Kurt (02/2001)  
Danielle (10/2002)  
Justin (07/2004)  
Lexie (08/2006)  
Eric (09/2007)

**Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Farmer in northwest Kansas.

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

# Kenneth Leroy Shaffer

**Company:** Ken Shaffer

**Spouse:** Laurel Smith (Smith) Shaffer

**Children:** Alissa (05-1983)

**Career News:** Amy (08-1991)

Solo, mixed practice.

**Education:**

BS, Colorado State University, ????, 1979

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

**Professional Memberships:**

SDVMA, AVMA, AABP

# Randall Alan Smith

**Company:** Apple Lane Animal Hospital

**Spouse:** Pamela J (Stienike) Smith

**Children:** Madeline (02/23/1996)  
Natalie (11/30/1998)  
Meredith (07/26/2000)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

I started working at Apple Lane Animal Hospital in Hutchinson Kansas in 1990.

## **Career News:**

I started working at Apple Lane Animal Hospital in Hutchinson Kansas in 1990.

## **Education:**

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1985

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

## **Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA

# Michael Dean Smylie

**Company:** Advanced Animal Care, LLC

**Spouse:** Dean Ann (Rowen) Smylie

**Children:** Carolyn Louise (Smylie) Kellam 05/30/1994  
Hannah Rae Smylie 11/13/1996  
Jacob Michael Smylie 12/24/1999

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

I have been practicing mixed animal medicine in my hometown of Douglas, Wyoming for 28 years. I am certified through Securos for extra capsular cruciate repair. I am certified through KYON in Total Hip Replacement, Patellar Groove Replacement, TTA2 for cruciate repair, and plating. I am certified for PennHip Radiographs.

## **Career News:**

In April 2017, I seperated from the family practice and opened a brand new state of the art clinic in Douglas. It was designed to accommodate our clients and patients with the latest technology available. Although we are still a mixed animal practice I see mostly small animal (80%) with about 10% bovine, 5% horses and 5% pigs, sheep, etc.

## **Education:**

BS, Colorado State Univeresity, Fort Collins, Colorado, 1985  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS, 1989

## **Professional Memberships:**

AVMA, AABP, OTHER, WyVMA, AASRP, Society for Theriogenology

## **Advice to Students:**

Oldest daughter Carolyn was married in 2017 and now lives in Colorado. She works for The Navigators a non-profit campus ministry at CU-Boulder and Colorado School of Mines. Hannah is in her freshman year at KSU - College of Veterinary Medicine continuing the tradition. Jacob is a freshman at the University of Wyoming studying ag/pre-vet.

# Mark Larkin Stenstrom

**Company:** Animal Care Clinic

**Spouse:** Debra (Geenens) Stenstrom

**Children:** Jeremy (07/06/1979)  
Megan (02/23/1999)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Mountain View Animal Hospital, Phoenix, Arizona, 1989-1990; Country Hill Animal Clinic, Lenexa, Kansas, 1990-1994; Animal Health Clinic, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 1994-1999; Animal Care Clinic, Junction City, Kansas, 1999-present.

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

## **Professional Memberships:**

AVMA

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Junction City Chamber of Commerce; Old Trooper Regiment; Missouri State Water Patrol Service Citation, 2002; Member, Junction City Rotary Club, Board of Director, Vice President, 2003-2004, President, 2008-2009; Secretary/Treasurer, Junction City Booster Club 2003, Vice President, 2004, President, 2005; Geary County Sheriffs Dept Reserve Deputy, 2006-present; Junction City/Geary County Animal Shelter Board of Directors, 2006-present; Association of the United States Army; Member of Xavier Catholic Church; JC Friend of Animals Member; JC Family YMCA Board of Directors, 2005-present; NRA Benefactor Member; DU Sponsor; RMEF Sponsor; Quail Forever Sponsor; Friends of NRA Sponsor.

# **Jerry William Taylor**

**Company:** Tri-County Veterinary Clinci

**Spouse:** Sherry Ann Taylor

**Children:** James William Taylor

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Have been in private practice since graduating.

## **Education:**

BSA, ?? What college, city, state and year??

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

## **Professional Memberships:**

MOVMA, AVMA, ECVMA



# Erik H Topping

**Spouse:** Jennifer J (Bennett) Topping  
**Children:** Kristen (05/10/1994)  
Erik IV (05/13/1996)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Since graduating, I have served in the US Army Veterinary Corps in various capacities at several locations around the world. Over the past 30 years my family and I have had assignments in San Antonio, TX (3 assignments); the Republic of Korea; Washington DC (3 assignments); Colorado Springs, CO; Iraq; Germany; and Dallas, TX. I received my Masters of Public Health from the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center in 1994 and earned a Masters in Strategic Studies from the US Army War College in July of 2009. My final position on active duty was Chief, US Army Veterinary Corps. I am now semi-retired and hold the position of Senior Vice President, American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine.

## **Career News:**

'My family and I left San Antonio the summer of 2014 and moved to Dallas, TX where I was assigned as the Director of Food Safety at the Army-Air Force Exchange Service. Upon being promoted to Brigadier General and selected as the 26th Chief of the US ARmy Veterinary Corps, we moved to the National Capitol area in January 2016. In addition to the Corps Chief role, I served as the Deputy Commanding General for Regional Health Command-Atlantic which had oversight of Army health care, dental, veterinary, and public health facilities east of the Mississippi River. In June 2018, I was reassigned and have served as both the Corps Chief and the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, US Army Medical Command. On July 1 2019, I will retire from the US Army with 30 years of active duty service. Jennifer and I reside in Boerne, Texas and are excited for whatever comes next.

## **Education:**

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1987  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989  
MPH, University of Oklahoma Health Science Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 1994  
Masters in Strategic Studies from the US Army War College in July of 2009

## **Professional Memberships:**

AVMA

## **Board Certifications:**

ACVPM

## **Family News:**

My daughter graduated from the University of Oklahoma and hold a position in the communications department with a company in San Antonio, Texas. My son graduated from Texas Tech in May 2018 and immediately began a MBA program there. He will graduate with his Masters in May 2019.

# John Gunther Unflat

**Company:** Unflat Veterinary Services, PA

**Spouse:** Lynn (Allison) Unflat

**Children:** Allison (14)  
Alexandra (11)  
Ava (6)

**Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Owner, Garden Park Pet Clinic, Cypress, CA, 1995-2005.

**Career News:**

Moved to Austin, TX in 2006. Doing relief work now.

**Education:**

BS, Penn State, University Park, Pennsylvania, 1983

MS, Penn State, University Park, Pennsylvania, 1985

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

**Professional Memberships:**

CAVMA, AVMA, SCVMA, TVMA

**Offices Held:**

Prior president of Orange Co. Chapter SCVMA.

**Family News:**

I have been blessed with a beautiful, loving wife, and three daughters that make my life complete. We are enjoying all that Austin, TX has to offer.

**Advice to Students:**

As the late Dr. Frey used to say, "Work hard, play hard!"

**Class Comments:**

Hope you are all doing great! The last 20 years have flown by!

# Michael Troy Waldy

**Company:** Ruskin Animal Hospital

**Spouse:** Margaret Waldy

**Children:** David

**Education:** Sarah

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

**Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA, DCVMA, AVMA, KSVMA

**Offices Held:**

Vice President, DCVMA, 1992-1993; president, DCVMA, 1993-1994.

# **Sarah Cummins Wasmer**

**Spouse:** Michael Wasmer

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas 1989

# Jeff Foster Wayman

**Company:** Cass County Animal Hospital

**Spouse:** Kelly (Londrie) Wayman

**Children:** Matthew Cooper Wayman (12/15/1991)  
Andrew Scott Wayman (12/18/1995)

**Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

I have owned a solo small animal practice in Belton, Missouri, since 1991. I am currently serving as president of the Belton-Raymore Rotary Club.

**Education:**

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1987  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

**Professional Memberships:**

MOVMA, AVMA

**Honors/Civic Involvement:**

President, Belton-Raymore Rotary Club, 2003-2004. Involved in coaching youth athletics, 1993-present.

# Bradley Harold Willis

**Company:** QPS (formerly Quest Pharmaceutical Services)

**Spouse:** Elena Yurievna (Ilyashenko) Willis

**Children:** Daria (08/13/2002)  
Daniel (06/03/2004)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

United States Army Veterinary Corps, Duty at Barksdale Air Force Base, Bossier City, Louisiana;  
Captain/Officer-in-charge, Veterinary Treatment Facility & Kennels, Barksdale AFB, Bossier City, LA; England AFB, Alexandria, LA; Belle Chasse NAS, New Orleans, LA & New Orleans NSA, New Orleans, LA, June 1989-September 2002; Research Associate, Departments of Orthopaedics, Emergency Medicine and Molecular & Cellular Physiology, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, Shreveport, Louisiana, March 1993-August 2002; Clinical Laboratory Animal Veterinary Consultant, FabGennix, International, Inc., Shreveport, Louisiana, May 2002-September 2002; Supervisor, Animal Resources Facility, QPS-Quest Pharmaceutical Services, L.L.C., Newark, Delaware, August 2002-March 2006; Manager, Animal Research & Facility, QPS-Quest Pharmaceutical Services, L.L.C., Newark, Delaware, April 2006-Present.

## **Career News:**

In August of 2002, I started working for QPS (formerly Quest Pharmaceutical Services). QPS is a global GLP-compliant contract laboratory (CRO or Contract Research Organization) supporting drug discovery and development. We have been providing high quality services to pharmaceutical and biotechnology clients worldwide since 1995. I was brought in with the start up of their ADME (Absorption, Distribution, Metabolism, and Excretion) and Autoradiography (WBA or Whole Body Autoradiography) Departments, primarily because of my background in working with laboratory animals and in working at an AAALAC accredited facility. Quest asked me to achieve two goals: get them AAALAC Accredited and put in place an Assurance with the NIH's Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW). I pride myself in achieving both goals in under a year.

Although our facility is relatively new and not as large as some contract labs may feature, we have received stellar comments from our reviewers. In fact, our AAALAC International site visitors called us, One of the finest small business programs, they had seen, and stated the QPS program and facility were "Outstanding for a new program." They further commented that QPS had systems in place that programs much larger and much older [with a longer accreditation history] did not have established. The facility offers a number of GLP compliant contract services including studies relating to:

- Quantitative and qualitative whole body tissue distribution
- Predictions of human radioactive dosimetry for clinical radiolabeled mass balance
- Qualitative microautoradiography coupled with quantitative autoradioluminography
- Single and multiple dose pharmacokinetics
- Mass balance

Our facility staff has an average of 15 years experience in the laboratory animal field and prides themselves in being efficient in fulfilling the QPS promise of providing meticulous quality, performance driven by an adherence to client timelines, and impeccable client service.

Since my arrival, QPS (as their name became in February of 2008) has continued to grow opening QPS Taiwan, a bioanalysis facility located in Taipei, Taiwan in 2006. We then purchased an early phase clinical research organization: Bio-Kinetic Clinical Applications, headquartered in Springfield, MO. And we have opened regional business development offices on the East Coast, the West Coast, and the Midwest.

Our clientele includes all the major pharmacological firms as well as smaller pharma groups, universities, the NIH and even the Department of Defense. We have a tremendous team of scientist including the leading WBA group in North America. We pride ourselves in extending rapid, quality services to our clientele and our growth rate (the fastest growing CRO in the U.S., two years running) proves that we do not disappoint.

**Education:**

BSA, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas, 1985  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

**Professional Memberships:**

ARVMA, AALAS

**Family News:**

Lena and I were married in September of 2000. Lena is from Southern Russia (think near Georgia) in the Caucasus Mountains. We met online and e-mailed more than 15000 times in our "dating relationship". Who woulda thought I'd have been to Russia six times now and traveled all over that part of the world with my new family??? We welcomed Daria in 2002. She was born on August 13th and two weeks later I started a new job with QPS. Then three weeks after that we packed up the house, the baby, and the cat and moved to Delaware. Since then, we welcomed Daniel in 2004; built a new house and moved in 2005 and have been very busy with work, kids, school (Lena is getting her master's in Teaching English as a Second Language at the University of Delaware; Daria was allowed to skip a grade and is a second grader and Daniel is in Pre-K 4), and are very active in our church as well. We spend our time running to soccer, ballet, basketball, church activities, school activities, etc., etc. It's a blast being a busy husband, dad and veterinarian in an up-and-coming company!

**Class Comments:**

Hope everyone is doing very well. If you're of a mind, drop my a line sometime to let me know how things are going.

# Curt N Wisnewski

**Company:** Kenai Veterinary Hospital

**Spouse:** Shawnee M (Call) Wisnewski

**Children:** Kyle (10/21/1990)

**Education:** Phillip (04/09/1993)  
Justin (12/17/1995)  
Jacob (04/10/2002)  
Kate (07/24/2006)  
Dakota (07/24/2006)

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989



# Nada Jean Woodworth

**Company:** US Department of Agriculture

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Captain, US Army Veterinary Corps, 1989-1992; Supervisory Veterinary Medical Officer, USDA/FSIS, 1993-Present; Member, Kansas Army National Guard, rank of Lt. Col, 1994-2006; Member, MO Air National Guard, 139th MDG Public Health Officer, at rank of Lt. Col, 2006-present.

## **Career News:**

I am still working for Food Safety Inspection Service of USDA and look forward to retiring within 5 years or less! I will have 30 years federal service in 2020. Then I will garden, fish, and horseback ride even more!

## **Education:**

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1980 AS, Colby Community College, Colby, Kansas, 1984  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

## **Professional Memberships:**

NAFV, MONGA, AQHA

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Member of First Christian Church, Emporia, Kansas; Women's Program Advisor for FSIS, Lawrence, Kansas District, EEO Committee; Veterinary Recruitor for FSIS, Lawrence, Kansas District.

## **Family News:**

I married my sweetheart in 2014. We built our new dream home on our 35 acres and moved in April 2018. I lost my brother in 2010 and that was tough, miss him everyday. Retired from the Missouri Air National Guard in 2011 at rank of Lt Col. Looking forward to my retirement from USDA/FSIS in the next few years.

## **Advice to Students:**

Keep learning all your life as knowledge is a powerful thing. Always strive everyday to do your very best and never forget to laugh, love, and enjoy life to its fullest!

## **Class Comments:**

I hope my classmates are enjoying life to the fullest and my home is always open if any of you are in the Cameron, MO area. Stop by and have a beer or a cup of coffee and chat awhile!

# Thomas Lloyd Crofton Wooten

**Home Address:** 4911 S. Palmer Avenue  
Springfield, MO 65804-7482

Phone: (417) 886-2022

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

# Patricia Lynne Ziegler

**Company:** Parkcrest Vet Clinic

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

First job was a mixed practice in Hamilton, Illinois. Currently working for Parkcrest Veterinary Hospital in Springfield, Missouri.

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989

## **Professional Memberships:**

AVMA

## In Memoriam

### Laura Makepeace DVM

Laura Makepeace, 57 died of breast cancer on Dec. 19, 2021, in Hood River, Ore. After earning her Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State University, she ultimately moved to Hood River. There, at Tucker Road Animal Hospital, she spent the rest of her life focusing on her goal of helping to heal the pets that were companions to their owners. Laura Makepeace was born in Albuquerque, N.M., on Jan. 4, 1964. Her parents are Mary M. McCoy Makepeace and Jack G. Makepeace. Laura grew up in Lawrence, Kan., with her mother. She attended elementary through high school there, and then enrolled in Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kan. She completed an undergraduate degree in biology, and she earned a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine in 1989. Laura moved to Portland, Ore., in 1989. There she met Thomas Gilliom, DVM, and they married on Feb. 19, 1991. They subsequently had two daughters, Leah Cascade Gilliom, and Natalie Jessie Gilliom. Laura is survived by her daughter Leah Rojas, PharmD, Leah's husband Eric, and her grandson Eric Thomas Jr.; her daughter Natalie Gilliom; and her former husband Thomas Gilliom, DVM. She is also survived by her mother, Mary M. McCoy, PhD, of Lawrence, Kan.; her aunt, Marion Wright, and her cousin, Sarah Cox, both of Seattle, Wash.; her aunt, Kathy Kiser, Kansas City, Mo., and cousins John, Eric, and Holly Kiser. She is predeceased by her close friend Amy Sudlow; her father, Jack G. Makepeace, of El Paso, Texas.; her paternal grandparents, Gibbs and Katharyn Makepeace; her maternal grandparents, Pulitzer Prize-winning political reporter Alvin S. McCoy and Marion G. McCoy. A memorial celebration in Hood River will be held for Laura at a later date. Please watch for an announcement on the Anderson's Tribute Center website and the Columbia Gorge News. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Laura's name to The Next Door, Hood River, or The Nature Conservancy. Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson's Tribute Center (Funerals • Receptions • Cremations), 1401 Belmont Ave., Hood River.

### Mary Zimmet DVM

In loving memory