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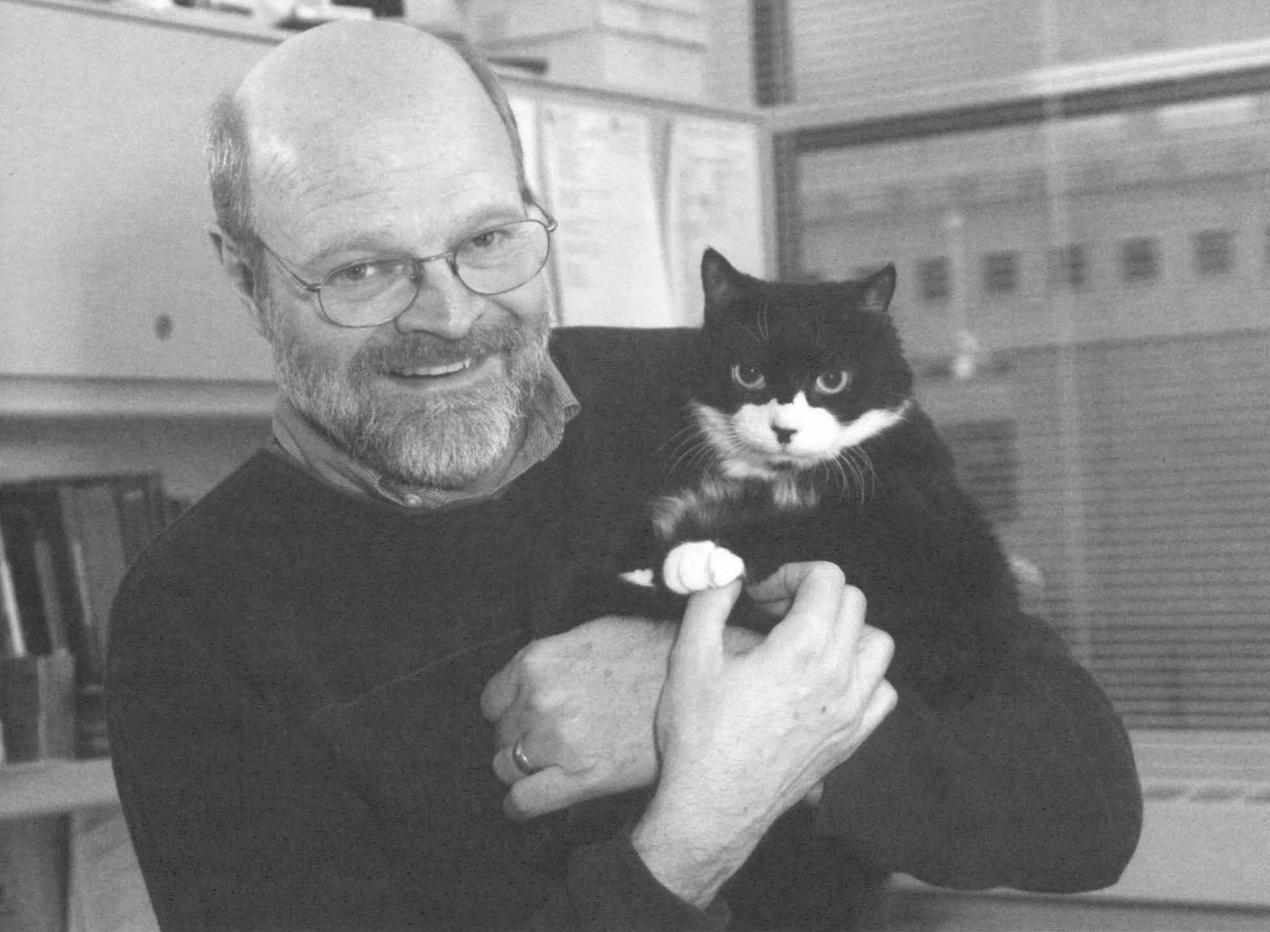
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The Cornell Feline Health Center's mission has remained clear for 30 years: to improve the health and well-being of cats everywhere. Although it sounds simple enough, accomplishing this mission requires creativity, persistence, and the support of those who love cats.

A pivotal way the center is fulfilling its mission is by conducting leading studies to improve feline health. *In addition to groundbreaking research, we are committed to much more.* Equipment purchases, scholarships, symposiums, and a host of other educational resources for veterinarians and cat owners all help fulfill the mission. We also remain deeply involved in national and global issues such as vaccine-associated sarcomas and appropriate vaccination and infectious disease testing, along with controversial issues like declawing and the management of feral and abandoned cats.

If it has to do with the well-being of cats, you can be assured that the Cornell Feline Health Center will be involved. My good feline friend and officemate, Dr. Mew (who claims he is the real director of the center), joins me in thanking you for your faithful support and for sharing our mission "to improve the health and well-being of cats everywhere."

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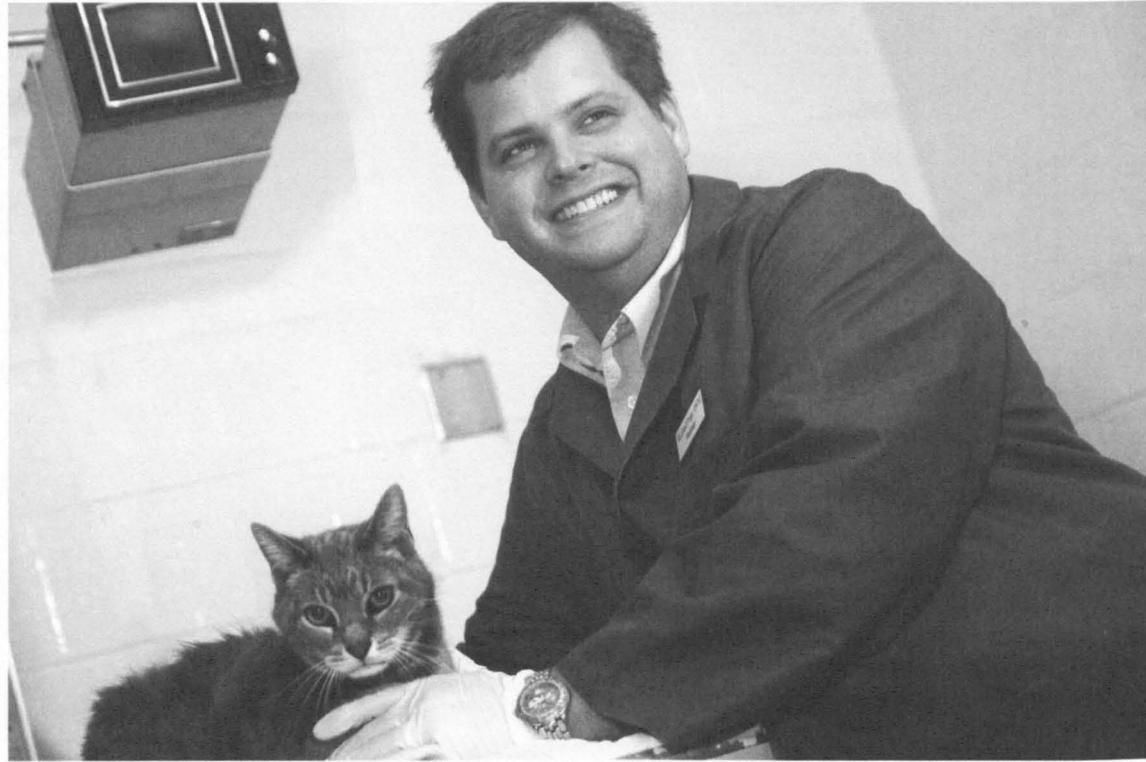
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**Improving Methods
for Diagnosing
Hyperthyroidism in Cats**

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This study is designed to enhance the ability to accurately diagnose hyperthyroidism and to provide guidance on the most appropriate treatment. Hyperthyroidism is the most commonly diagnosed hormone disorder in cats. This disease commonly affects older adult cats of any breed, whether spayed, neutered, or intact. Cats with hyperthyroidism typically act anxious or hyperexcitable, and lose weight in spite of normal



Dr. Richard Page

or even increased appetites. They often have poor hair coats, an unquenchable thirst, and excessive urination. They may vomit or have

diarrhea. Hyperthyroidism frequently leads to heart disease serious enough to cause abnormal heart beats, breathing difficulty, and even

death. Hyperthyroidism ultimately causes serious disease in many organs, and, left untreated, cats with the condition will not survive.

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Signs of disease in cats with hyperthyroidism are due to excessive amounts of thyroid hormone produced in abnormal tissue in both thyroid glands (about 73 percent of cases) or in only one. In most cases, the abnormal thyroid tissue is benign, but in approximately two percent of cases the tissue is a malignant cancer.

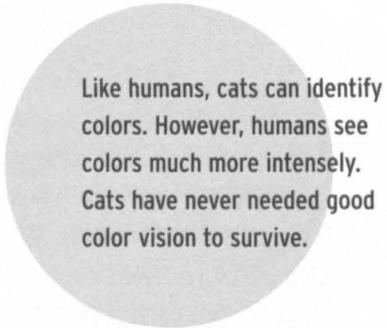
In cats suspected of having hyperthyroidism, a diagnosis most often is made by detecting elevated bloodstream levels of thyroxine, a hormone secreted by the thyroid glands. In many hyperthyroid cats, thyroid scintigraphy subsequently is performed to either confirm the disease or to clarify the exact location of the abnormal thyroid

tissue, the latter necessary for some forms of therapy. Thyroid scintigraphy uses sodium pertechnetate, a radioisotope that is used routinely as a diagnostic agent in both human and veterinary medicine. It takes approximately 10 minutes to perform and causes no pain or discomfort. After injection, sodium pertechnetate circulates throughout the body and is temporarily trapped in several tissues in the body, including the thyroid glands and salivary glands. Thyroid scintigraphy utilizes sophisticated computers and special cameras to visualize and compare the amount of sodium pertechnetate trapped by the thyroid glands with that taken up by the salivary glands,

allowing calculation of the thyroid:salivary ratio.

The specific aim of this study is to determine the sensitivity, specificity, positive predictive value, and negative predictive value of an elevated thyroid:salivary ratio during subcutaneous scintigraphy for diagnosing hyperthyroidism in cats suspected of having the disease.

Clients with cats suspected of having hyperthyroidism may voluntarily enroll their cats in the study to be conducted at the Cornell University Hospital for Animals.



Like humans, cats can identify colors. However, humans see colors much more intensely. Cats have never needed good color vision to survive.

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Metronidazole is an antimicrobial agent that is effective against a variety of disease-causing microbial organisms, including anaerobic bacteria, *Helicobacter*, and the protozoal organisms *Trichomonas* and *Giardia*. It is commonly used in cats to treat dental disease and other inflammatory diseases of the mouth, cholangiohepatitis, inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), *Helicobacter*-associated inflammation of the stomach, *Giardia* infections,



Dr. Kenneth Simpson

and anaerobic bacterial infections. Short-term treatment is utilized against bacterial and protozoal organisms, while long-term therapy (weeks to

months) with lower doses—believed to modulate the immune system in favorable ways—has been recommended for cats with IBD.

Despite metronidazole's common usage, there are no studies of its pharmacokinetics—that is, the manner by which the drug is physiologically

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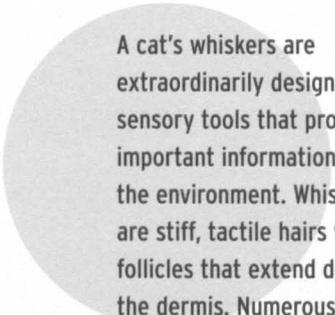
handled—in cats. The precise manners by which cats absorb, distribute, metabolize, and excrete metronidazole have been inadequately studied. Dosing and dosing intervals have been extrapolated from those used in dogs and people, despite idiosyncrasies of feline drug metabolism and a suspected longer half-life in cats versus dogs.

Metronidazole's mechanism of action involves the genesis of reactive intermediaries that disrupt bacterial and protozoal DNA. However, this mutagenic effect is not restricted to microorganisms; mutagenicity, carcinogenicity, and, teratogenicity have been documented in mammals as well. Recent studies in people indicate that metronidazole

causes a significant increase in DNA single-strand breaks in lymphocytes (types of white blood cells) in the bloodstream. The association of metronidazole with lymphoid cancer in laboratory mice, along with the observed DNA alterations in human peripheral lymphocytes, potentially has significant implications for cats. The information might be useful especially in treatment of those cats with IBD that are maintained on metronidazole for months to years. The potential for transformation of chronically inflamed tissue to cancer seems a fine line.

The objectives of this study are to determine the pharmacokinetics of metronidazole in cats—so that accurate dosages

and intervals can be formulated—and to determine if metronidazole or its metabolites cause DNA damage in feline lymphocytes. Given the frequent usage of metronidazole in cats and its potential toxicity, it is anticipated that the results of this study will have an immediate and substantial practical impact by establishing accurate dosing recommendations.



A cat's whiskers are extraordinarily designed sensory tools that provide important information about the environment. Whiskers are stiff, tactile hairs with follicles that extend deep into the dermis. Numerous nerve endings at the base of each follicle make the tactile hairs extremely sensitive to the slightest movement—even a gentle breeze.

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Vaccine-Associated Sarcomas

The Cornell Feline Health Center remains committed to helping resolve the problem of vaccine-associated sarcomas—soft tissue sarcomas occurring at vaccination sites. The goals of the **Vaccine-Associated Feline Sarcoma Task Force** are to facilitate investigation of the epidemiology, etiopathogenesis, treatment, and prevention of these malignancies, as well as to disseminate information to veterinarians and the cat-owning public. The veteri-

nary profession formed the VAFSTF to address these very serious but thankfully very rare cancers. Dr. Richards continues in his role as chair of its Education and Communication Subgroup. The Feline Health Center has financially supported the task force since its inception nearly eight years ago and has contributed \$80,000 to studies designed to discover the best ways to prevent and manage these aggressive tumors.

More information may be found on the Vaccine-Associated Feline Sarcoma Task Force web site:

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Dr. Margie McEntee, associate professor of clinical sciences at Cornell's College of Veterinary Medicine, shown with the digital linear accelerator, an advanced radiation therapy unit, in the Isidor I. and Sylvia M. Sprecher Institute for Comparative Cancer Research at Cornell University. The Feline Health Center has made a five-year commitment of \$125,000 to assist with the purchase of the accelerator, a sophisticated machine used to treat individual cats and—perhaps even more importantly—to learn how best to treat other cats with cancer, not just those fortunate enough to be patients here at Cornell.

The Dr. Louis J. Camuti Memorial Feline Consultation and Diagnostic Service is an invaluable educational resource named in honor of a special and beloved veterinarian. The service provides individualized

assistance to veterinarians and cat lovers alike, and is accessed by calling 1-800-KITTY-DR (1-800-548-8937). There is a fee for consultations. A growing endowment established in Dr. Camuti's name supports this service.

(left to right) Drs. Christine Bellezza, Carolyn McDaniel, and Paul Maza are veterinarians who provide assistance via the Camuti Memorial Feline Consultation and Diagnostic Service.



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The 16th Annual Fred Scott Feline Symposium drew veterinarians from all over the world because of its reputation as one of the premier feline continuing education programs. Every year, seminars and workshops offer veterinarians and professionals current information on a broad array of feline health issues. Titles of this year's presentations were:

- Feline gastroenterology
- Top 10 potential drug interactions

- Transdermal drugs
- Drug dose adjustment for treating resistant bacterial infections
- Considering the older cat
- Cognitive dysfunction syndrome
- Vaccine duration of immunity
- Feline mycobacterial disease
- Newly emerging infectious diseases
- Feline hematology dry lab
- Feline case studies in internal medicine and infectious disease
- Electronic resources for the practitioner

The yearly symposium is named in honor of Fred W. Scott, D.V.M., Ph.D., professor emeritus of virology in the Department of Microbiology



Feline Health Center Scholarship

Established in 1999 by the Memton Fund, the Feline Health Center Scholarship was created to provide assistance to deserving veterinary students who have a clear and demonstrated financial need, who have been judged by the faculty to be in good standing academically, and who demonstrate an interest in feline medicine. Preference is given to fourth-year veterinary students. One recipient was chosen this year.

Samantha Yeltatzie, Class of 2005

"Being a veterinarian is absolutely 100 percent what I want to be!"

Hometown: Rockport, Texas

Current companion animals: Baby, a vocal 13-year-old calico who thinks she's human; Tom, a 5-year-old laid-back cat; Willie, a 1½-year-old yellow Labrador retriever

First interest in being a veterinarian: Age 11, on receiving the condolence card from the veterinarian who had wonderfully cared for her cat before he died. She and the cat had been close companions since she was a curious one-year-old who crawled from her crib to open the house door for him. It was love at first sight. He was a stray, a black-and-white tuxedo cat—she named him Socks. She still has the card from the veterinarian.

Career plans: Feline or emergency veterinary practice

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and Immunology at Cornell's College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Scott served as director of the Cornell Feline Health Center from its inception in 1974 until his retirement in 1996. The symposium is sponsored by the Cornell Feline Health Center in cooperation with Cornell University

College of Veterinary Medicine and several corporate sponsors. The 17th annual symposium will be held at Cornell from July 29-31, 2005. For details, see www.vet.cornell.edu/extension/conedu

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Playing is serious business for felines. It improves a kitten's physical conditioning, timing, and coordination and teaches social skills that are important later in life.

Felines communicate three ways: through vocalization, body language, and visual and scent markings.



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Jessie D. and Denny W. Speidel Scholarship in Feline Medicine

This scholarship, established by Patricia S. Cope '50 in honor of her parents, provides assistance to deserving, qualified veterinary students with demonstrated financial need. Preference is given to third- or fourth-year students in good academic standing who show an interest in feline medicine and plan to pursue a career in the field. A related fund established by Ms. Cope supports the scholarship recipients by reimbursing the costs of their textbooks and supplies. Four recipients were chosen this year.

Amy Lynn, Class of 2006

"The Cornell veterinary faculty is superb—I have never met such a group of talented and caring individuals."

Hometown: Several. Born in Ohio, she has lived in New York, Connecticut, and North Carolina.

Current companion animals: Leonore, a 7-year-old mackerel tabby, the love of her life; Gershwin, a 6-year-old timid, orange tiger cat with 21 toes; Miette, a 6-year-old kitten with a big meow; Margot, a 6-year-old lap magnet

First interest in being a veterinarian: 1997, the year she got her first cat (Leonore). Since then, she has been totally hooked on cats. (Although the 2003-2004 president of the Cornell Feline Club, the student chapter of the American Association of Feline Practitioners, admits that she was originally a dog person!) Leonore made such a feline impression that she prompted a career change and Lynn's application to veterinary school.

Career plans: A small-animal medicine/surgery internship, then feline-only veterinary practice and feline-related shelter work

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Mary St. Martin, Class of 2005

"Nothing beats the hands-on application of knowledge of clinical rotations."

Hometown: Oxford Mills, Ontario, Canada (but she lived in New York City for two years before veterinary school)

Current companion animals: Yoda, a talkative, 5-year-old white domestic short-hair cat; Jeeves, a 4-year-old black domestic long-hair who currently is taking care of her father and her fiancé in New York City

First interest in being a veterinarian: Volunteer work with shelter cats at the ASPCA and local cat-rescue groups in New York City—she recalls always having been a cat person. The cases and patients she now finds most interesting and memorable are felines.

Career plans: Possible internship, then private general practice (including feline specialty) in New York City, with aspirations for house-call service and work with shelter medicine



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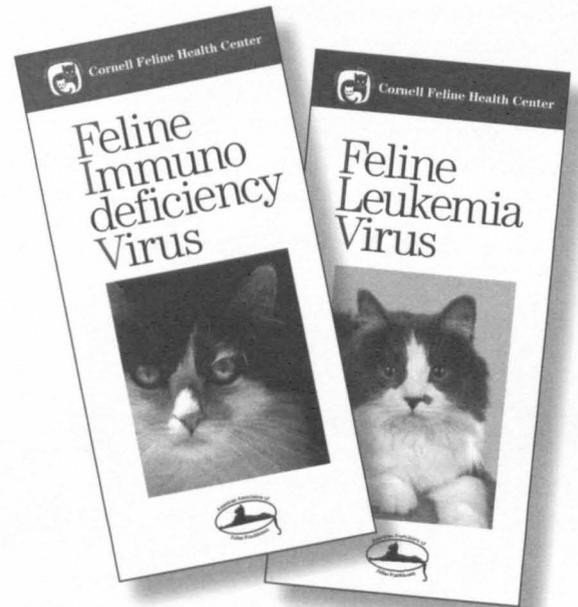
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Client education brochures,

which can be obtained from veterinarians, are developed by the Cornell Feline Health Center and the American Association of Feline Practitioners. Current titles include Choosing and Caring for Your New Cat, Feeding Your Cat, Feline Behavior Problems (House Soiling, Aggression, Destructive Behavior), Feline Vaccines: Benefits and Risks, The Special Needs of the Senior Cat, Vaccines and Sarcomas, Feline Infectious Peritonitis,

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The Feline Health Center's web page is a valuable information resource for cat people:

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Purring is a behavior that domestic cats share with wildcats such as pumas, cheetahs, and ocelots.

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Julie Storm, Class of 2006

"It takes a special person to work with cats, keep them happy, and not stress them too much."

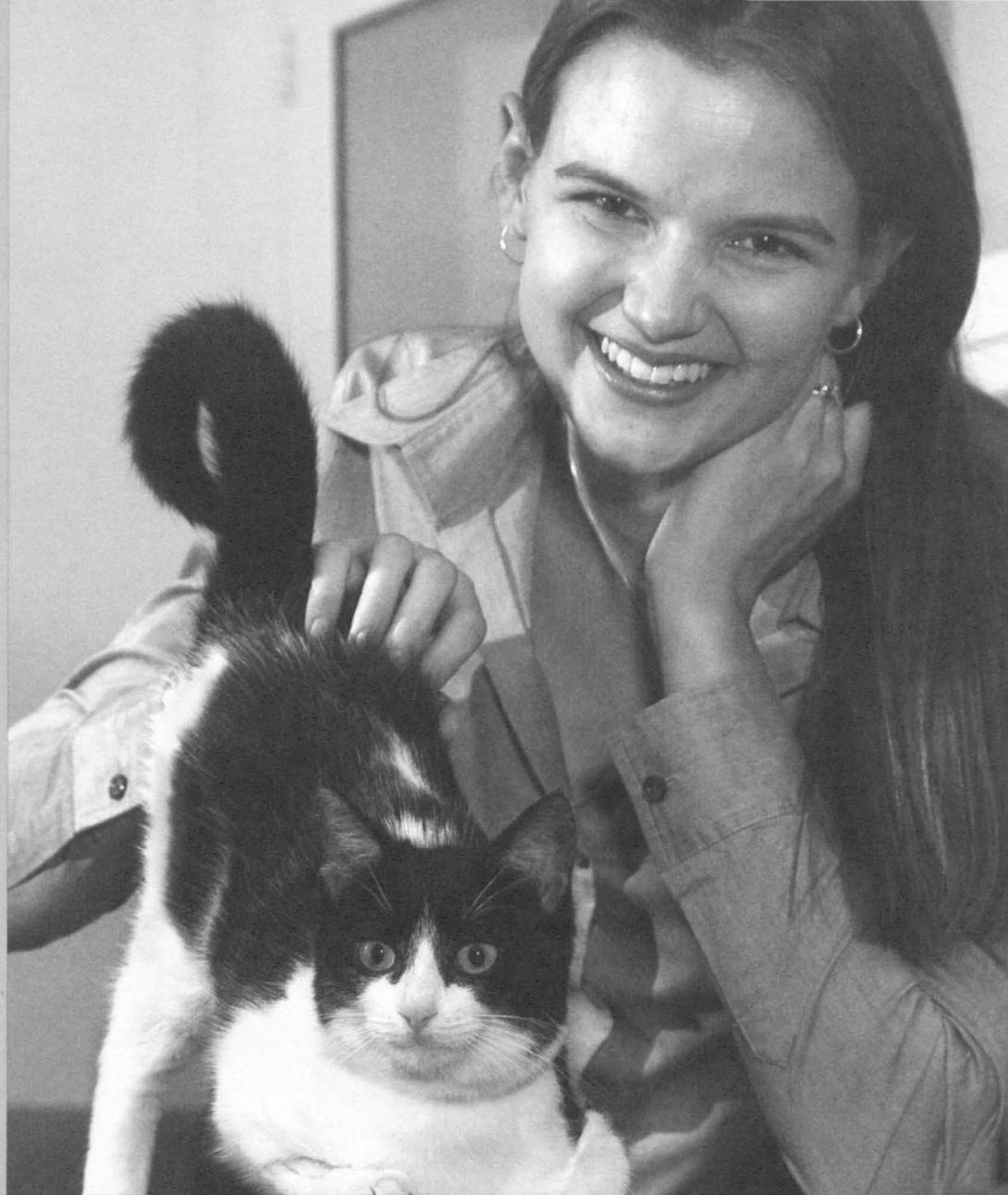
Hometown: Houston, Texas

Current companion animals: Mercury, a 4-year-old male short-hair silver tabby who, having grown up with women, is in touch with his feminine side; Sunshine, a 4-year-old yellow Labrador retriever who loves everybody, including Mercury; a tank of fish, including a black-striped silver angelfish who looks like Mercury's fish-double

First interest in being a veterinarian:

A childhood spent loving animals, especially kitties. And a summer job at her family veterinarian's practice, Memorial Cat Hospital in Houston—where she quickly discovered that all cats weren't as nice as hers. There she developed the skills to work with even the fractious ones and realized that she appreciates feline spunk. With this, she knew that she had what it takes to be a cat doctor.

Career plans: Internship, then feline practice and clinic ownership one day, including a trap-neuter-return program for feral cats



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The Cornell Book of Cats, now in its second edition, is heralded as "a virtual encyclopedia for cat owners,"

and "perhaps the best buy around for anyone living with a cat, and a definite must for inclusion in any cat library." The book, written in language understandable to cat owners, is the work of many authorities and is exhaustive in scope, covering feline medicine, surgery, nutrition, behavior, pediatrics, geriatrics, reproduction, and many other topics.

Cats spend up to 18 hours a day sleeping. The percentage of the day spent sleeping changes little from kittenhood through adulthood, but sleep periods tend to be shorter and more frequent in kittens.



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Elizabeth Wood, Class of 2005

"I'm very interested in client education and in using my knowledge of veterinary medicine to help the community at large."

Hometown: Salem, New York, a small town on the Vermont border

Current companion animals: Zoe, a 5-year-old—she's half Abyssinian and knows it: quite the prima donna, very intelligent, easily bored; Onyx, a 4-year-old adopted when she was found as a stray kitten in a horse barn; Toby, a 5-year-old beagle who is a retired research dog and loves cats; Dennis Hopper, a Netherland dwarf bunny who particularly loves Zoe—they have been known to cuddle and sleep together (don't tell the other cats!)

First interest in being a veterinarian:

Childhood. She has loved cats and all animals (and biology) as long as she can remember. As a child, she dressed her family's very patient kittens in doll clothes and carried them around the yard. As a sophomore in high school she had her first cat—the first that was her own responsibility. The cat died of renal failure at age 2 1/2. Losing her at such a young age inspired Wood to become a feline veterinarian.

Career plans: Feline or small-animal practice in Central New York, with eventual partnership or ownership of a feline practice

I had been told that the training procedure with cats was difficult. It's not. Mine had me trained in two days.

—Bill Dana



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Cash contributions provide necessary financial resources to help the Feline Health Center respond to the needs of cats. You may be able to increase the impact of your gift through a matching gift from your employer. Ask your employer for details on the company's matching-gift policy.

Planned Gifts

Unlike cash gifts, planned gifts provide financial resources for the Feline Health Center's future while allowing you to enjoy immediate tax benefits and/or income based on the investment type you choose. If you would like to discuss any of the options listed below, please contact Brad Carruth, Cornell Office of Trusts, Estates, and Gift Planning, 1 (800) 377-2177.

Bequests. You can help ensure better health for future generations of cats by naming the center as a beneficiary in your will. To accomplish this, use these words: "I give, devise, and bequeath [description of property] to Cornell University, an educational corporation situated in Ithaca, New York, for the exclusive benefit of the Cornell Feline Health Center within the New York State College of Veterinary Medicine."

Life Income Agreements. This option allows you to make the Feline Health Center the remainder beneficiary of a trust you create during your lifetime while retaining income for yourself and /or a second beneficiary. You receive an immediate tax deduction when you create your trust.

Trusts. By establishing a trust, donors either name the Feline Health Center as the trust beneficiary or place assets in a trust fund that will generate income for the center over a specified term.

Stocks. Through your gift of appreciated securities, stocks, or bonds to the Feline Health Center, you may avoid some or all of the capital gains tax by deducting their full current market value as a charitable contribution.

Dr. Louis J. Camuti Memorial Endowment Fund

Louis J. Camuti, a well-known doctor in the New York metropolitan area, was the first veterinarian in the United States to devote his entire practice to cats. For more than 60 years, Dr. Camuti made house calls for his feline patients. Following his death in 1981, friends sought to honor his memory through the creation of the Dr. Louis J. Camuti Memorial Endowment Fund. Together with a small consultation fee, this fund helps defray the Feline Health Center's costs of approximately \$100,000 a year to operate the Camuti Memorial Feline Consultation and Diagnostic Service. Cat lovers, breeders, and veterinarians worldwide use this service to obtain information on feline ailments and treatment options. Contributions to help maintain this fund are welcome.

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