Dear Alumni and Friends of the College:

This time last year, I was thrilled to tell you that we were weeks away from officially breaking ground on our Veterinary Medical Learning Center (VMLC).

This year’s update: We can actually see the structure beginning to rise up from the ground! Construction began on schedule, earlier this year, and despite the rainy summer, significant progress has been made. You, too, may monitor our progress by visiting our VMLC construction webcam at: www.vet.uga.edu/vmlc/webcam.php

We are still in need of funding to help us buy equipment to complete this project. Read more about our fundraising update in this year’s Annual Report to Donors, and please consider making a gift to help us meet our fundraising goal.

Several stories in this year’s Annual Report focus on people who have given to our VMLC campaign, including:

- A story about Nikita Sobh, who successfully fought off two bouts with cancer, thanks to the help of our UGA Veterinary Teaching Hospital's Oncology Service. Thanks to Nikita's owners, the new chemotherapy room in our VMLC will be named after Nikita.
- A story about our alumnus, Eugene Maddox (DVM '59), who not only was instrumental in helping us secure funding from the state to build our new facility, but who is also funding a horse stall in honor of his family.

In addition, we have two very touching stories to share with you:

- One, about a dedicated animal lover and friend of the College who didn’t recognize his own love of animals until his wife adopted a cat from a local shelter.
- The other, on our quest to endow a Fellowship to honor Bruce Hollett (DVM '72), a long-time faculty member at our College who died in April following a battle with pancreatic cancer. We miss Dr. Hollett dearly, and know you will remember him fondly with us as you read this piece.

I hope you will enjoy these and the other stories about our College.

As always, thank you so much for your support of our endeavors. We are inspired by your faith in us, and enjoy serving our stakeholders in all that we do.

Sincerely,

Sheila W. Allen

Sheila W. Allen
Dean
The total annual budget for the College in FY13 was $74.8 million, an increase of 5.78%. To meet our budget, we rely upon the income for services (VTH and Diagnostic Laboratories), state appropriation, federal sponsorship, tuition remanded to the CVM from the University, gifts and endowment income. Please see the table below for a complete breakdown on sources of revenue and expenditures for FY12 and FY13. The contributions from our donors continue to be vital in supporting all College programs and activities.

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The Curtis family (Andrew, DVM 2010, second from the right) shares their joys and memorials through the UGA CVM “Step by Step, Brick by Brick” program. Celebrating Andrew’s graduation, remembering beloved family pets, and thanking grandparents are all wonderful reasons to purchase a brick or horseshoe that supports the College of Veterinary Medicine! Funds raised through the “Step by Step, Brick by Brick” program are used toward the building of the Veterinary Medical Learning Center.

For more information contact the Office of Veterinary External Affairs:
706.542.1807 or give2vet@uga.edu
Alumni and Friends FY13 Giving

Thanks to your generosity, the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine raised $10,202,923 in gifts and pledges from alumni and friends in FY13 (compared to the FY12 total of $17,802,520). The College finished second in fundraising among all 17 schools and colleges within the University of Georgia.

The CVM’s alumni giving base continues to be among the strongest of all the University of Georgia’s schools and colleges. Within FY13, 16% of the CVM’s alumni made gifts to our College, which is down from the 18% participation rate from our alumni in FY12. Once again, we were exceeded by only the School of Law, which had a 25% alumni participation rate. The CVM’s goal is to have at least 25% of our alumni giving annually.

Gifts restricted to the CVM from all UGA alums (a total of 682 alums from all UGA schools and colleges) was $394,948 in FY13 (compared to $330,634 in FY12).

Class Campaign/Reunion Giving

The FY13 Class Campaign culminated at the Saturday evening reception during the 2013 Alumni Weekend, with a grand total of $138,876.11 in donations from our alumni reunion classes—31 percent more than last year’s total!

Gifts from the Class of 1983 (top photo) totaled $27,820 (24% participation rate), more than any other reunion class at the 50th Annual Alumni Weekend.

The Class of 1978 (middle photo) came in a very close second with their class gifts totaling $27,175 (27% participation rate).

The Class of 1988 (bottom photo) boasted a 36% participation rate, the highest of all the reunion classes. They also brought in the third-highest class donation at $17,860.

The class of 1963 hit the highest percentage-of-goal mark among the reunion classes, at 33% of their goal and $12,525 (28% participation rate). Thank you, UGA CVM alums!
When bulldog mascot owner Sonny Seiler met Dr. Bruce Hollett (DVM ’72) for the first time, he knew he’d met someone special. Seiler brought in Uga II for a routine check-up at the UGA Veterinary Teaching Hospital. He still speaks of the meeting fondly. “He extended his hand and introduced himself and got down on the floor with the dog on the waiting room floor. It was an instant bonding,” Seiler said. “We got to know Bruce Hollett and he gave me his telephone numbers. And from that point on, he called the dogs his boys. I was aware of the fact that he was very much a large animal vet, but he stayed right on top of anything new in the medical world that would affect an English bulldog.”

“The dogs just bonded with him,” Seiler added. “And I think that is unique because it carried on through the generations. He would tell us about great students and he would make sure that the students who worked with us were the very best students.”

Seiler would later name Uga VIII, or “Big Bad Bruce,” after Hollett, a gesture that meant the world to Hollett. “He was as proud as if we’d named a son for him,” said Seiler.

That same loyalty and dedication was true for everyone Hollett came in contact with, not just his most visible client. While at UGA, he served as a mentor to students, a supportive co-worker, and a dedicated veterinarian to clients with animals large and small.

Faculty, staff and students from the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine wore purple in honor of Dr. R. Bruce Hollett (center; purple shirt and tie, black pants) on Monday, April 1, 2013. Dr. Hollett was a 1972 graduate of the College. On the CVM faculty, he served as an associate professor of large animal medicine; he also served the College as director of the continuing education program, for 22 years, and as acting associate dean for public service and outreach from 2006-2008.
When he passed away in April 2013 after a hard-fought battle with cancer, the loss had a tremendous impact on his students, co-workers and clients.

“He has meant a great deal to the College for decades,” said CVM Dean Sheila Allen. “He came here partially because of his passion for his area of expertise (animal reproduction) and his passion for teaching. I think that’s the legacy he will leave with us. He was very collegial, and he was a terrific mentor for DVM and graduate students as well.”

In recognition of his many years of work at the College of Veterinary Medicine, and as a way to honor his legacy, the College has established The Hollett Fellowship Fund to support the education expenses of DVM and graduate students who have an interest in animal reproduction. An anonymous donor has pledged to match donations to the fund up to $50,000. With a $100,000 minimum needed to set up a fellowship, the College aims to garner $50,000 in donations over the next five years.

By fostering future veterinarians who have a passion for public service, the fellowship will surely honor Hollett’s name.

“He was very passionate about his public service mission,” said Allen. “He was a rare individual who could relate to cattle farmers as well as dog breeders. That takes a unique set of skills and he was very accomplished at both.”

Hollett was also valued by his students and his peers.

“He was very collegial, and made a great contribution to the well-being of the whole Department and College,” said Andrew Parks, head of the department of large animal medicine, in which Hollett was based. “He was a great and caring teacher, particularly with small groups of students; he was in his element with small groups of students out on the farm. At any Continuing Education meeting, he was always there with a warm smile and a friendly handshake to welcome guests.”

Hollett served as director of the CVM’s Continuing Education program for 22 years, noted Allen.

“He did a lot to welcome veterinarians back to Athens and he made sure that we stayed cutting-edge in our continuing education presentations,” said the dean.

Having a fellowship for students interested in animal reproduction will hopefully help others to follow in his footsteps.

“Having been a student here himself, he certainly appreciated the burden that educational debt has on graduates. I think Bruce would agree that it’s important to try to minimize students’ educational debt,” said Allen.

Sonny Seiler, owner of the UGA mascot bulldogs, named Uga VIII “Big Bad Bruce,” in honor of Dr. Hollett, who provided veterinary care to the Uga mascots. Seiler, left, and Dr. Hollett are pictured with Uga VIII at the mascot’s 2010 collaring ceremony.

“The scholarships resulting from the Hollett Fellowship will help students gain their education while having to borrow less. The funding also can provide support to allow students to gain learning opportunities elsewhere they would not otherwise pursue. Sometimes if you offer a little bit of financial assistance, that is what it takes to encourage students to take advantage of training they wouldn’t otherwise pursue. This fellowship will be a wonderful tribute to Dr. Hollett’s passion for veterinary education.”

To make a donation to the fund, please visit www.t.uga.edu/jP or contact the Office of Veterinary External Affairs at give2vet@uga.edu or 706.542.1807.
Tammy Rogers (PharmD ’88) is devoted to the important aspects of her life — pharmacy, the University of Georgia and her two English bulldogs.

That’s why she decided this year to bequeath a gift to the College of Veterinary Medicine in her will.

“Animals are a huge part of my life and so is the University of Georgia,” she said. “In fact, my two bulldogs are descendants of Uga VI.”

Charlie and Scarlett are 4-year-old siblings born in Royston, Ga. They have distinct personalities and a love-hate relationship.

“They’ll cry if they can’t see each other,” she said. “They’re my babies.”

Rogers, a Birmingham-based pharmacist, holds strong to her roots. She flies a Georgia flag at her house, which is surrounded by Auburn and Alabama flags. When she first moved to Birmingham, Rogers stuck to her alma mater and searched for a veterinarian who graduated from the University of Georgia. Though the office isn’t near her house, Rogers continues to make the trip because of her veterinarian’s educational background.

“They’ve worked with bulldogs at UGA and might have a better knowledge than the general practitioner,” Rogers said.

“Bulldogs are high maintenance dogs and have unique ailments. I can’t say enough about my veterinarian and the College.”

Rogers thought a gift to the College would be the best way to express thanks.

“I don’t have any children of my own. My animals are my children,” she said. “I think the best way to do the greatest good is to make sure we have a lot of good veterinarians in the world.”

During part of her time on campus, Rogers worked in the CVM pharmacy and saw the inner workings of the Hospital. She feels confident that her money will be used well.

“I saw how well it ran and the good training that students received,” she said. “If it were not for the College of Pharmacy, I would leave everything to the...
College of Veterinary Medicine.”
Rogers started a scholarship with the pharmacy college last year and decided to honor the veterinary college this year as well. Funding a DVM degree adds up. A one-year snapshot for tuition, living expenses, books and equipment, for an in-state student, totals more than $36,000 — and, the DVM program lasts four years. Materials to study for the licensing examination, the exam fees and state licensing fees — all one-time fees — are another $1,025.
Rogers is still deciding the details of how the bequest will be used but wants to create a scholarship to help students. Her aim is to help students who not only earn good grades but also develop a good communication style with clients.
“I know from my own experience that UGA has great veterinarians who are skilled but also have a great personality,” she said.
Volunteer work and community service have always been a big part of Rogers’ life. It’s part of the reason why she decided to give back — to encourage others to do the same.
“I got into pharmacy to help people,” she said. “I think the greatest legacy a person can leave is something to spread the greater good.”
— by Carolyn Crist (ABJ ’10, BA ’10)
Visible Progress for the Veterinary Medical Learning Center

Most building projects start the same way. They appear to poke along at the start because so much time is involved with preparing the land, creating the infrastructure and building the foundation. Then, suddenly in a short amount of time, the building springs forth out of the ground as vertical construction begins. The UGA Veterinary Medical Learning Center (VMLC) is no different, and as of August this year, the building has started taking shape — literally.

Construction on the VMLC is rapidly progressing, and despite some delays due to the wet weather the region has experienced, the project is still on schedule to open early 2015. The campus is located approximately three miles east of the College of Veterinary Medicine off College Station Road, and will encompass five structures and 300,000 square feet when it is complete:

- The main Veterinary Teaching Hospital, which houses the small animal and large animal hospitals. The second floor features offices, conference rooms and clinical pathology and research laboratories.
- An Academic Building with classrooms, an auditorium and dining area.
- A covered Lameness Arena.
- A Farm Practice building.
- An Large Animal Isolation facility.

The new VMLC is budgeted to cost $97.7 million, of which the state of Georgia has appropriated $65 million. Of the remaining $32.7 million, just over $26 million had been raised as of the end of the fiscal year, leaving nearly $6.5 million left to raise for furnishings and equipment.

Faculty and staff of the current Veterinary Teaching Hospital, which was built in 1979, treat more than 20,000 animals a year and have been working in cramped conditions for years.

The much-needed increase of space will allow for many new features including a separate entrance for emergency patients; a total of 12 operating rooms including three fully-integrated surgical suites with cameras and imaging capabilities tied in with the equipment; large waiting rooms for clients to spread out while they wait for their animals; grieving

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An aerial view of the UGA Veterinary Medical Learning Center, which is being built near the intersections of College Station and Barnett Shoals roads. Photo © Aerial Innovations of Georgia, Inc./October 2013; photo provided by the Turner Construction Company.
rooms for those who have lost pets; and a covered Lameness Arena with multi-surface footing to allow us to safely evaluate lame horses.

According to UGA VTH Director Gary Baxter, VMD, MS, DACVS, the goal was to design the building for future growth, while at the same time build the facility to LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) Gold certification standards, focusing on energy efficiency and earth-friendly materials.

“We have been conscious of making decisions with the LEED certification in mind,” said Baxter, “but, until the project is completed, reviewed and certified, we won’t know what level we have achieved.”

Examples of steps taken to earn certification points include building a retention pond on site to assist with water conservation, inviting the UGA Material Reuse Program to tear down the old barn on the property to salvage materials for other building projects, and using materials that are naturally made and available locally.

The UGA Community Practice Clinic will remain at its current location once the hospital moves to the new site. Plans for the existing hospital call for it to be converted into teaching and laboratory space for students.

— by Sarah Freeman

HONOR ROLL OF DONORS FROM JULY 1, 2012 – JUNE 30, 2013

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$6,830 (14.75% participation)
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A STALL FOR ‘PEARL’
Alumnus who helped secure state funding for VMLC makes personal gift to honor family

Eugene Maddox (DVM ’59) is excited to see the new Veterinary Medical Learning Center (VMLC) become a reality.

When he represented District 172 in the Georgia General Assembly, Maddox advocated for funding the facility. He was there when the first piles of dirt were shoveled during the VMLC’s groundbreaking last November. Now he’s funding a horse stall in the new Large Animal Hospital.

“Veterinary medicine has always been my love, and when I came out of school, the focus was on large animals,” he said. “There was a lot of horse practice at that time, and I just love horses.”

The stall will be named in honor of “KATO Farm, Kallamity Corona ‘Pearl,’” the name given to a horse belonging to his son and daughter-in-law. They call her “Pearl,” and she is training for riding competitions.

“I wanted to give to UGA and the College of Veterinary Medicine for the dedication of the new building,” he said. “I saw they needed sponsors for the horse stalls and thought that would be a nice honor for my children.”

Four years after graduating and practicing in Thomasville, Ga., Maddox opened his own business in Cairo, Ga., and retired after 45 years of practicing veterinary medicine. Maddox’s partners continue to run Cairo Animal Hospital and still serve small and large animals in a new and updated hospital.

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Maddox ran for Georgia State Representative, District 172, in 2004. He won and retired from veterinary practice that December. He served eight years in the Georgia General Assembly. During his time under the Gold Dome, Maddox helped to secure $65 million the state of Georgia appropriated for the Veterinary Medical Learning Center.

After more than a decade of planning and fundraising, the College is now building the new Veterinary Medical Learning Center, which includes a new Veterinary Teaching Hospital. The new space will include classrooms and new equipment to educate future veterinarians. The plans include a facility with 140,000 square feet of hospital space (about three times larger than the current Hospital), green space for animals, and flexibility for future expansion. Located near the intersection of Barnett Shoals and College Station

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roads, the new space is 2.7 miles from the existing CVM campus.

As part of the space, equine clients and owners will be able to use a lameness arena that will include a farrier service and outpatient-holding stalls. The new facility will feature an ICU for mares and foals, specialized floor surfaces, and natural light. There will be four barns — outpatient, healthy inpatient, ICU, and colic/food animal. Last year, when the CVM sent out a challenge to raise $1 million for the fourth barn, Maddox answered the call by pledging to sponsor a stall and name it after Pearl.

“Veterinary medicine has been my love, and I think we need this new building,” he said. “I think it’s going to be a wonderful asset for Georgia, the University, and the College of Veterinary Medicine.”

Maddox has now retired but is a sustaining member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, the Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA), and the South Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (SGVMA). He served as president for the GVMA and SGVMA. In addition, former Georgia Gov. Zell Miller appointed Maddox to the Georgia State Veterinary Board in 1992, and he served until he was elected to the General Assembly. While in the House, he served on the Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee and was appointed as secretary.

Since his graduation in 1959, Maddox has seen the College and the veterinary field evolve dramatically. At that time, few veterinarians worked with companion animals. Student demographics have changed as well, with women now comprising the majority of enrollment, he noted.

Maddox has also seen an increase in the use of technology and veterinary technicians in animal health care, and has been excited to learn about various veterinary technology programs around the state.

“Veterinary medicine is a great profession, and so many animals are in need,” he said. “As the field continues to change and there is more emphasis on protecting and taking care of companion animals, veterinary medicine is more important than ever.”

When construction starts on the horse barns and stalls, Maddox looks forward to visiting campus.

“While I’m very proud of the University of Georgia, veterinary medicine is my true love,” he said. “I’m tickled to death that I can give back and be an asset to the profession I love.”

“After Patsy and I raised four sons, we now have a grandson, Kyle Maddox, whose family lives in North Carolina. He is a junior in the College of Veterinary Medicine at North Carolina State University. This makes me one of the proudest grandpas in the state of Georgia.”

— by Carolyn Crist (ABJ ’10, BA ’10)
Honor Roll of Donors from July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

The University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine

* deceased donor

**Couple’s experience with VTH Oncology Service inspires gift to VMLC**

It all started with a lump.

Lou and Georgia Sobh were worried about Nikita, their white Pomeranian, when a check-up with their veterinarian turned into a trip to UGA Veterinary Teaching Hospital. Dr. Nicole Northrup, an associate professor of oncology at the College of Veterinary Medicine, tested the lump on Nikita’s leg and found that the pup had cancer.

Even with surgery, Nikita would likely live only two years. Due to the way it traveled through Nikita’s bloodstream, the cancer could pop up in another place in the future. The Sobhs decided to push forward with surgery.

“They got it soon enough that they were able to get it all,” Georgia Sobh said. “It was a wonderful experience. Everybody loved visiting Nikita and said he was their favorite patient because he’s so cute.”

Then the cancer came back a few years later. Nikita’s groomer found a second lump, and the Sobhs took another trip to the UGA Veterinary Teaching Hospital. They decided to move forward again, this time with surgery and chemotherapy.

“He was such a strong guy. He didn’t have any bad effects and never seemed to be in pain,” Sobh said. “He didn’t lose his hair. You wouldn’t even know he was sick.”

Since then, the now 17-year-old Pomeranian is still going strong. Though he had frequent check-up appointments, Nikita has been cancer free since his last bout with cancer.

This year, the Sobhs decided to give a gift to the Veterinary Medicine Hospital Building Fund, which is helping to pay the cost of

**Photo Provided by the Sobhs.**

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| Dr. Laura Ann Thomas | Dr. Richard Wayne Poe |
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building of the Veterinary Medical Learning Center.

In recognition of the Sobh’s gift, the College of Veterinary Medicine will name the chemotherapy room in the VMLC in honor of Nikita.

“The Oncology Service saved his life twice, and he never had another recurrence,” she said. “We’re inspired by them, and we love the doctors.”

The Sobhs adopted Nikita after a friend brought a white toy munchkin named Hollywood to a Super Bowl party. Lou Sobh knew his wife wanted a small white dog and decided to surprise her the next month on Valentine’s Day.

“Here comes this little white puppy, and we just fell in love with him,” Georgia Sobh said. “We heard the breed was of Russian descent and named him after Nikita Khrushchev.”

Within a few years, they adopted Hollywood from their friend and added Gizmo, another small white dog, to the Sobh family. With Nikita at 17 pounds, Hollywood at 7 pounds, and Gizmo at 4 pounds, the couple claimed they had the perfect “small, medium, and large” trio.

“We’re the type of people who don’t see dogs as pets. They’re our sons,” she said. “I couldn’t love them any more if I gave birth to them. We’re so thankful the cancer team was able to save Nikita!”

— by Carolyn Crist (ABJ ’10, BA ’10)
When Nancy Parker came home with a cat 15 years ago, her husband wasn’t too fond of the idea. But it wasn’t long before he and Beetsie became best buds. “We liked him so much, we decided to get him a mate,” said Jim Parker (BBA ’67, MBA ’68, PhD ’82), an airline investment analyst for Raymond James.

At an animal shelter that year, the Parkers found Petey, who fit perfectly into the family. Beetsie and Petey ruled the house for 14 years. “We don’t have kids, and at first we weren’t interested in having pets,” Jim Parker said. “But we realized the benefits of companionship, well-being and entertainment they bring.”

A few months after Beetsie and Petey died from renal disease and old age, the Parkers headed back to the animal shelter. This time, they found a girl. Now Allie is the house princess. “We’re just delighted with her,” he said. “She’s our little girl.”

When the Parkers took Beetsie and Petey to the University for renal disease treatment, they were saddened by the injured and ill dogs and cats they saw. To express appreciation for their shelter animals and to further the care for small animals that are in shelters, the couple decided to donate to the College of Veterinary Medicine’s Shelter Medicine Fund.

Shelter medicine is a growing specialty in veterinary medicine, and UGA students have shown increased demand for a program during the past several years. The college has hosted an annual student-run Shelter Medicine Symposium since 2009, which brings together shelter medicine professionals, veterinarians, and students to hear from speakers and exchange ideas.
The Shelter Medicine Fund gives students the opportunity to understand their roles as veterinarians in the community. Through the program, students work with animals at shelters and humane societies around Georgia. They also run a local pet food bank, and assist with injured animals. The CVM emphasizes a few goals in educating students about shelter medicine: to raise awareness of the problems associated with shelter animals, pet overpopulation, animal welfare, and the roles veterinarians can play in addressing these issues. The CVM also stresses that such programs are intended for unowned animals, or animals belonging to individuals with documented need.

“We realized what our cats meant to us. Animals are a great benefit to mankind, and we want to foster that,” Parker said. “We want to help the College take care of cats and dogs so others can enjoy them as well.”

Parker has a long record of giving to the University. In 1993, he established the James Douglas Parker Scholarship to help undergraduate students in need of financial aid.

“When I was in school, I had a similar type of scholarship,” he said. “When I set up the scholarship, I was putting in a return on my education.”

Several years later, Parker was horrified by a news broadcast about a man who was intoxicated and threw a dog against his truck. The reporter asked viewers to donate funds to help the severely injured dog, and Parker was proud to hear the dog was being treated at his alma mater.

“I made a contribution right then,” he said. “I became interested in the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine based on that story.”

When Jim and Nancy decided to make their latest gift, they knew the Shelter Medicine Fund was the right choice. They’ve spoken with Dr. Janet Martin, a faculty member for shelter medicine, and are happy to fund opportunities for students to care for small animals.

“We want to help the veterinary school to care for those animals that don’t have an owner to care for them,” Parker said. “Both of us support this idea of caring for animals.”

Based on his previous giving experience with the University, Parker felt comfortable expanding his donations to the College of Veterinary Medicine.

“The University does it by the book and cannot misuse funding,” he said. “There’s great oversight, and we thought, ‘This is the way to do it.’”

Most of all, the Parkers hope new pet owners will be able to incorporate shelter animals into a family, just as they did with Beetsie, Petey, and Allie.

“Most dogs and cats love you no matter what,” Parker said. “It’s an unconditional love you can’t find in human beings. We (people) have shortcomings and are made that way, but dogs and cats aren’t.”

— by Carolyn Crist (ABJ ’10, BA ’10)
GIVING BACK

Remembering their clients’ loved ones led to more than two decades of consecutive giving

It’s now a tradition. For 23 years, Steve Winokur (DVM ’89) and Sherri Almand (DVM ’88) have contributed to the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine in the memory of their clients’ deceased pets. The couple have worked at Pharr Road Animal Hospital in Atlanta since graduation and after a few years in practice decided to start the collaboration.

“We thought it would be a nice idea to do this in memory of our clients’ deceased pets each year, and the feedback has been very favorable,” Winokur said. “Sometimes the clients will match or outdo our contributions, which is a win-win for the clients, the memory of the animal, and the College.”

Winokur and Almand have seen the College grow since their enrollment in the 1980s, and have enjoyed living and working down the road from their alma mater. In particular, they’re proud to see their mentor, Dean Sheila Allen, take the helm of the school and run it with precision.

“She was green and a female surgeon when there weren’t many of them at that time,” Almand recalled about Dr. Allen, who was a surgeon on the College’s Small Animal Medicine and Surgery faculty prior to joining the College’s administrative ranks. “She was so great to us as students, so we enjoy seeing her in this position and taking the school in a positive direction.”

She’s part of the reason they continue to give back.

“With the new additions in place and the programs moving forward so strongly, it makes us want to help and give even more,” Winokur said. “We were all in it together way back when, and we have nothing but kudos and compliments for her.”

Their annual contributions go toward the College’s companion animal fund, and the research and development program. The couple remembers their mentors’ research projects in small animal medicine, surgery, and pathology and want to continue the progress.

“When I was a senior, I specifically remember Dr. Renee Kaswan studying cyclosporine related to ophthalmology,” Almand said. When they see the College’s Annual Reports and alumni magazines each year, they know they contributed to the progress.

“So many of the professors were

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Steve Winokur (DVM ’89) and Sherri Almand (DVM ’88) have been donating money to the UGA CVM on behalf of their clients’ deceased pets for 23 consecutive years.

great. I remember several of them taught us to think critically and used humor when we were stressed out and sleep-deprived,” Winokur said. “They were helpful in terms of challenging us, but allowing us to laugh at the same time and not lose sight of the big picture.”

For them, donating each year is all about giving back.

“The vet school gave us so much by providing us with a degree and what we do with our lives, so it only seems right to give back,” Winokur said. “We’re fortunate to have a practice that’s doing well enough to support a fair number of doctors and staff. We’re just feeding what fed us.”

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**One-Year Snapshot: $36,974**

**Grand Total: $153,373**

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