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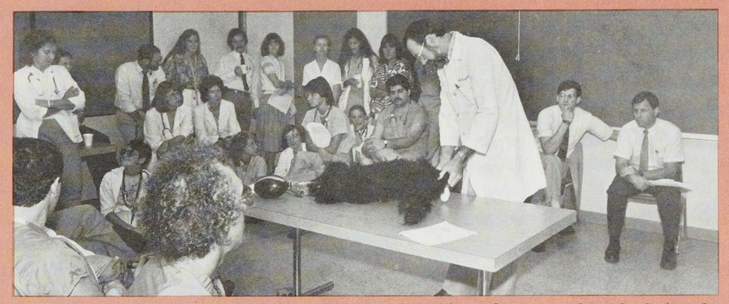
THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

AA-VS Donates Resusci-Dog to University of Pennsylvania



Students and faculty members of the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine at the July 11th presentation of Resusci-Dog.
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It is my pleasure to inform members and friends of AA-VS that a Resusci-Dog mannequin has been donated to the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine.

After initial correspondence early this year, and subsequent discussions, our cooperative efforts to update instruction culminated with presentation ceremonies on July 11 at the Veterinary Hospital.

The features of the electronic canine mannequin were demonstrated for an audience of 30 veterinary students and faculty by Dr. Alan Klide, chief of anesthesiology at the Hospital. Dr. Klide also explained in detail the implications of Resusci-Dog for advanced instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and other aspects of canine cardiology in the veterinary school curriculum.

Resusci-Dog was developed by Dr. Charles E. Short of Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine. It has been instrumental in the abandonment of the use of live animals for the teaching of procedures such as insertion of an endotracheal catheter, practice in assisted breathing, practice in the appropriate rate, pressure and position of cardiac massage, and the location of the femoral pulse.

In practice the dog mannequin is connected by electrical leads to a small box that flashes colored lights in response to pressure exerted by the student, indicating whether or not correct pressure in the appropriate position is being applied. Veterinary school officials were particularly pleased to note that the unit's presence will result in more frequent and better instruction for all students, who will find the mannequin available to them for use at a variety of times and places.

Workers in the Intensive Care Unit at the Veterinary Hospital expressed their gratitude to AA-VS, stating their conviction that Resusci-Dog would constitute a useful complement to clinical instruction at the shoulder of trained professionals dealing with animals in critical condition. Dr. Klide and other instructors are planning to consult with both Dr. Short and NASCO of Wisconsin, manufacturer of Resusci-Dog, about improvements and additions to future models. The University is considering the purchase of several more Resusci-Dog units and possibly a Resusci-Cat, its feline counterpart.

The development of the canine mannequin has afforded AA-VS a singular opportunity to build a bridge between our animal protection organization and veterinary professionals. Its acceptance and use by the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania may be seen as an example of its sincerity in addressing humane issues.

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