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The 100 Year History of the College of Veterinary Medicine

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DEDICATION

The College of Veterinary Medicine wishes to dedicate this book to all of its alumni, faculty, and staff who have influenced its history and whose contributions have made it what it is today: one of the nation's leading centers of veterinary medical education, research, and service.
FOREWORD AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Its first one hundred years has seen The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine become one of the country’s leaders in veterinary medical education, research, and service. Our graduates are to be found in all corners of the world and have made significant contributions to improve public health and prevent animal suffering. They have discovered new drugs, developed new and improved techniques, and have made significant findings in every field of veterinary medicine. We have witnessed sizable growth of facilities, faculty, staff and students and are providing the most up-to-date education possible. Our faculty travel worldwide to present lectures and research findings and our students have the opportunity to study subjects unheard of early in our history, such as aquatic medicine, pet-facilitated therapy, and total hip replacements. We teach areas of specialty veterinary medicine in all clinical subjects and give graduate degrees in all basic sciences. We have become one of the nation’s largest colleges of veterinary medicine but also one of the best — something we can all be proud of. This was accomplished because of dedicated and loyal alumni, faculty, and staff.

I take my hat off to each of you for your contribution to the success of the college’s first century.

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SIGNIFICANT DATES

1862  Passage of the Federal Land Grant Act.
1873  Opening of the Ohio Agricultural and Mechanical
College.
1878  Ohio A&M becomes The Ohio State University.
1885  Professor H.J. Detmers joins the OSU faculty;
School of Veterinary Science established.
1886  First veterinary building erected, a 20-foot square
      dissection shed.
1887  Mark Francis becomes the first OSU Veterinary
      School graduate.
1891  Veterinary Hospital completed.
1894  First Ohio Veterinary Practice Act passed.
1895  H.J. Detmers retires; College of Veterinary Medicine
      established with Dr. David White as Dean.
1903  Veterinary Laboratories completed.
1910  Veterinary Clinic completed.
1915  Four Year Course initiated.
1920  Veterinary College enrollment begins to decline.
1922  First graduate degree, M.A. in Pathology, awarded to
      Dr. L.E. Starr.
1926  First Conference for Veterinarians held at
      Veterinary College.
1928  Enrollment begins to increase.
1929  Professor Oscar Brumley succeeds Dr. David White
      as dean.
1933  Five year curriculum goes into effect.
1934  Veterinary College organized into departments.
1936  Mrs. Ida Mae Dodge becomes the first woman
      graduate of the College of Veterinary Medicine.
1941  Dr. R.E. Nichols awarded a doctorate in Veterinary
      Surgery, the Veterinary College's first Ph.D.
1942  War Time Accelerated Program initiated.
1945  Death of Dean Brumley; Dr. Walter Hobbs named
      acting dean.
1946  Dr. Walter Krill appointed dean of the Veterinary
      College.
1949  Beginning of the six year curriculum.
1959  Dedication of Sisson Hall.
1960  Short Course program replaces Conference for
      Veterinarians.
1963  Dedication of Goss Laboratory.
1965  Demolition of the Veterinary Clinic and the move
      to temporary quarters.
1967  Dr. Clarence Cole succeeds Dr. Walter Krill as
      dean of the Veterinary College.
1969  Adoption of the Core/Elective Curriculum.
1970  Construction begins on the new Veterinary
      Hospital.
1971  Dr. Leslie McDonald named dean.
1972  Dr. C. Roger Smith succeeds Dr. McDonald as
      dean of the Veterinary College.
1973  Completion of the new Veterinary Hospital.
1975  The OSU College of Veterinary Medicine reports
      the largest student enrollment of any veterinary
      school in North America.
1980  Dr. Ronald Wright succeeds Dr. C. Roger Smith as
      dean.
1982  Establishment of a new cooperative agreement
      between the Veterinary College and the Ohio
      Agricultural Research and Development Center.
1984  The College of Veterinary Medicine begins its
      Centennial Observance.