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ON THE DEATH OF PROFESSOR E. GREGORY MacEWEN

Dr. E. Gregory MacEwen, professor of oncology/internal medicine at the School of Veterinary Medicine, died at the age of 57 on May 12, 2001. Greg graduated from the University of Maryland in 1966, and went on to receive his Veterinary Medical Doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania in 1970. He then completed an internship at the ASPCA Henry Bergh Memorial Hospital and a residency in medicine and oncology at the Animal Medical Center (AMC) in New York City. In 1973, Dr. MacEwen was appointed head of the Donaldson-Atwood Cancer Center at the Animal Medical Center in New York, a position he held for 10 years. During his tenure at AMC, he also maintained an appointment as a research associate at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, and served as medical director and member of the Board of Directors of the Humane Society of New York. Dr. MacEwen also held the position of chairman of the Department of Medicine at AMC from 1976 to 1978.

In 1983 Dr. MacEwen left the AMC and joined the faculty of the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In 1987 Dr. MacEwen was promoted to full professor and appointed Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs. In 1992 he stepped down as associate dean to allow for greater focus on his oncology research program. Dr. MacEwen also held appointments in the UW Comprehensive Cancer Center, Wisconsin Primate Center, and the Institute on Aging. Dr. MacEwen won a number of awards in recognition for research accomplishments; some of these include the Ralston Purina Research Award, American Kennel Club-American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Canine Research Award, Walter Renk Distinguished Professor Award, and the AMC Outstanding Alumnus Award. He was recently awarded the AVMA Lifetime Achievement Award which was presented posthumously at their national meeting in Boston, July 2001.

Dr. MacEwen has been a pioneering leader in the field of veterinary oncology and the discovery of novel and innovative cancer therapies for both companion animals and people. In this effort, he has been awarded several nationally funded cancer research grants including those from the National Cancer Institute, the Morris Animal Foundation, the American Cancer Society, and the American Heart Association. His many leadership roles on a national level include president of the Veterinary Cancer Society, several committees for the College of Veterinary Internal Medicine, chairman of the Morris Animal Foundation Scientific Advisory Committee, numerous National Institute of Health review committees, and he was recently elected president of the Oncology Specialty of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. Beyond the national level, he is internationally recognized as a leader in the development of anticancer therapies and has been invited to speak at numerous international symposiums and research organizations in Europe, Australia, and the Far East. Dr. MacEwen has published well over 200 manuscripts dealing with cancer treatment, and co-authored the sentinel textbook of Clinical Veterinary Oncology used by students and practicing veterinarians in North America and translated into several languages throughout the world.

Invariably those who were touched by him professionally also developed a deep and heart-felt personal relationship with this kind and gentle man. His untimely passing will leave a tremendous void, however, he will continue to serve as an inspiration to those in the field, and the work that he initiated will undoubtedly continue to advance the art and science of cancer treatment—in no small part due to the scores of veterinary students, residents, and post-graduate students Greg has educated and inspired. Greg is survived by his wife Cindy, and daughters Heather and Kerstin.

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