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Book Review

The First 100 Years of the College of Veterinary Medicine
Iowa State University
A Pictorial History

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Compiling, organizing and coordinating a book covering 100 years of veterinary history is no easy task. However the co-authors of The First 100 Years of the College of Veterinary Medicine have succeeded in capturing the dedication, enthusiasm and spirit of veterinarians and veterinary students living a century ago which still exist today.

Dedicated "to all persons who have had some part in the development of the College of Veterinary Medicine in its first century . . .," this book serves as a pictorial log of not only the 100 year history of the ISU College of Veterinary Medicine, but the activities, events and people involved with the college.

Iowa State Veterinarian
Staffed with two faculty members, the school had its humble beginnings in 1879 in a few rooms of a residence equipped with four primitive microscopes, anatomy materials from a local butcher shop and an old barn for a "clinic." From its inception to the present $25,000,000 facility, the development of the buildings which have housed the college through the years is recorded. The photos illustrating the early years of the school have been reproduced with excellent quality, showing the horse and carriage days of a century ago with surprising clarity.

Perhaps more important than the physical growth of the college are the people—faculty, administrators, students, alumni, technicians, caretakers and secretaries—who continually strived for excellence and who made ISU College of Veterinary Medicine one of the most respected institutions in the country. From photos of students studying anatomy in the Veterinary Quadrangle in 1915, to SCAVMA Christmas parties, to the dedication ceremonies for the present facility in 1976, an impressive record of people and events associated with the college is found in this pictorial book. Photos of faculty members and 81 years of class pictures are also included.

Manuscript preparation and materials; secretarial and technical help; layout, design, and editing by the ISU Publications Office; and the first printing by the Julin Printing Company of Monticello, Iowa cost some $30,000.

The College of Veterinary medicine and The Dr. J. E. Salsbury Foundation Challenge Fund believe that each contributor of $1,000 or more is entitled to one free copy of the historical and informative book. Additional copies may be purchased for $30 each.

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Each veterinary student may purchase one copy for $20.

As a documentary history of Iowa State College of Veterinary Medicine and its traditions, as a book for alumni to reminisce with, or as a memory jogger for what "the old days" were like, The First 100 Years of the College of Veterinary Medicine is all of this and much more: an excellent addition to anyone's library collection.

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