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Greg Bendixen is currently active in a small animal practice in New Berlin, WI, with his associate, Dr. Richard Faulkner. Dr. Bendixen worked for 19 years in a five man small animal practice in Milwaukee before opening his current practice in 1991. He and his wife, Sandy, have four children: Tracy, Ryan, Quintin, and Justin.

Cary Christiansen has been a Senior Technical Services Veterinarian in the Animal Health Division of Miles, Inc. since 1990. From 1972-1988 Dr. Christiansen was in general practice in Stuart, IA, with Drs. Rex Wilhelm (ISU ’68) and David Schmitt (ISU ’73). From 1988-1990 he was employed by Diamond Scientific, Des Moines, IA. He is a member of the Kansas VMA, AABP, AAIV, AASP, AVMA, IVMA, and past president of both the IVMA and the ISU Veterinary Medical Alumni Association. He and his wife, Jeanne, reside in Overland Park, KS, with their children: Matthew and Megan.

Judith Cole-Tekampe is currently practicing part time at two small animal clinics in Illinois with Drs. Roger A. Halvorsen (ISU ’69) and Gerald Baumann. She is active in 4-H and the local Farm Bureau and belongs to IVMA and AVMA. She and her husband Don have three children: David, Diane and Derek.

John A. Henderson works for USDA Food Safety Inspection Service in Monticello, IN. Dr. Henderson is a representative for IL, IN, and MI for the National Association of Federal Veterinarians. He and his wife Irene have two sons, David and Philip.

Cliff Jensen is active in a large animal practice in Whitwood, SD. Dr. Jensen has previously worked in mixed practices in Hunon, SD, Logan, UT, and Colorado Springs, CO. He and his wife, Lonnie, have two children: Kira and Katrina.

Mark V. Lammli is active in a mixed practice in Stanton, NE, with his associate, Dr. David Baumert. Dr. Lammli is a member of the AVMA, NVMA, and is on the NVMA Board of Directors. He and his wife, Rosalie, have four children: Michael, Jason, John, and Allan.

Gerald L. McDaniel is a practitioner who is associated with the Knoxville Veterinary Clinic in Knoxville, IA. His associates include Drs. Craig Burk and Doug Carithers, both ISU graduates. Dr. McDaniel began his work in Knoxville in October, 1991, after moving from Zearing, IA, where he served on the City Council for 15 years. He is a member of the AABP, AASP, AVMA, EIVA, and the AVMA. He and his wife, Barbara have four children: Cindy, Cathy, Stephanie, and Les.

Larry E. Moenning is active in a predominantly large animal practice in Nebraska at clinics in Battle Creek, Newman Grove, and Madison. Dr. Moenning has four associates: Drs. Michael Wood, Kirk Neeley, and Marc Hammrich. Dr. Moenning is a member of the NVMA, AABP, and AASP. He is an Advisory Board member of Oxford Labs, a former school board member, and the Director of the Board of the local Savings and Loan Association. Dr. Moenning and his wife, Julie, have three children: Joshua, Amanda, and Cassie.

James Orvick is active in a mixed practice in Oregon, WI with Dr. Larry Mahr (ISU ’66). Dr. Orvick is past president of both the Dane county VMA and the Oregon Optimist’s Club. He is current president and elder of Faith Lutheran Church and a member and past director of the Oregon Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife have four children: Rebecca, Elizabeth, Rachel and James.

Victoria Palen is active in a large animal (primarily dairy) practice in Auburndale, WI. Dr. Palen’s associates include Drs. Ken Storck, Jay Stutgen, Dan Vruwink (ISU ’91), and Charles Dorshorst. Dr. Palen is a member of the AVMA and WVMA, the President of the Parish Council of Catholic Women, and is on
the Board of Trustees of the Bishop's Education Endowment Trust. She resides in Milladore, WI, with her two cats: Shorty and Pooky.

**Sally Brown Prickett** is the Chief Commission Veterinarian for the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission and she also does some consulting work. Dr. Prickett was the Chairperson on the IVMA Examining Board from 1982-1987, the Vice Chairperson of the Iowa Racing Commission from 1983-1989, and has been a Quarter Horse Association Approved Judge from 1976-present. Dr. Prickett received the Distinguished Expert Award from the NRA, the Outstanding Young Alumnus Award from ISU in 1980, and the Outstanding Young Women of America Award in 1978. She resides in Glenwood, IA, with her husband, Dr. Tony J. Prickett, D.V.M., and their two children: John Rodger and Thomas David.

**James F. Rupert** is a practicing M.D. in internal medicine. He resides in Canon City, CO, with his wife, Carol, and their three children: Emily, Amy, and Patrick.

**Dean E. Small** is active in small animal medicine and surgery in both Overland Park and Leawood, KS. Dr. Small is on the board of directors of the Emergency Clinic of Greater Kansas City. Both of his hospitals are members of AAHA. He and his wife Paula live in Olathe, KS.

**Dennis R Sommers** is active in a mixed animal practice in Marshall, MN with Drs. William F. Maher, Mike D. Healy, Einer R. Reich and Scott A. Knecker. Dr. Sommers is currently a member of AVMA, IVMA, AAHA, Western Minnesota VMA, and the Humane Society of Lyon county. He is active in the Wesley United Methodist Church, Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, NRA, Experimental Aircraft Association and Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. He and his wife Mary have two children: Douglas and Angela.

**Stanley D. Teggatz** is active in a mixed practice in Williamsburg, IA with four associates, Drs. William Rugger (ISU '54), Keith Stecker (ISU '85), Mark Brinkman (ISU '90), and Keith Aljets (ISU '91). He is a member of the AASP, AVMA, and IVMA. He and his wife, the Dept. of Clinical Science, Colorado St. University, in Fort Collins, CO. He is a Diplomat and past president of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. Dr. Twedt completed his internship and residency at the Animal Medical Center, New York, NY, and was a Research Associate in the Liver Research Center at Albert Einstein Medical School. He and his wife, Elizabeth Whitney, have one son: Ryan Cameron.

**Gary Van Engelenburg** is active in a mixed practice in Sumner, IA. Dr. Van Engelenburg is a member of the AVMA, IVMA, and was certified by the Veterinary Acupuncture Society in 1992. He received the Governor's Leadership Award for Community Betterment in 1985. Dr. Van Engelenburg and his wife, Vicki, have five children: Tina, Tony, Patrick, Jennifer, and Tony.

**Loras C. Wilgenbusch** is active in a mixed food animal practice in Victor, IA with Drs. Leland F. Seda (ISU '56) and John H. Pries (ISU '87). He is a member of AVMA, IVMA, AASRP, AASP, AABP and secretary and spring clinic chairman of EIVA. Dr. Wilgenbusch was an adjunct instructor of produce medicine in 1988. He is also past president of the HLV school board, chamber of commerce, and St. Bridget Parish. He and his wife Susan have four children: Ryan, Laura, Nicole, and Joseph.

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**Wayne Ahern** is active in a mixed practice in Guttenberg, IA with Dr. Dave Connell (ISU ' 85 ). He is a member of IVMA and AABP. Dr. Ahern's civic activities include; Councilman for the city of Guttenberg, past chairman of Clayton Co. Board of Health and chairman of Clayton Co. Solid Waste Commission. He has participated as Treasurer and President of the Guttenberg Jacees and Kiwanis respectively. He and his wife Shelley are expecting their first child in November.

**Peg Amram** is the owner of a small animal hospital in Griffith, IN, with her associate Dr. Debra Sauberli. Dr. Amram is a member of the AVMA, ISVMA, and Chicago VMA. She and her husband, Michael D. Pfeffer, reside in Crete, IL, with their three children: Megan, Zachary, and Ryan.

**Kemberlie D. Anderson** is an active small animal practitioner at the Animal Medical
Center, Skokie, IL, and the Naperville Animal Hospital, Naperville, IL, with her associates, Drs. Joan Claus, Todd Prince, Joel Prince (ISU '58), and Margaret Gourlay (ISU '90). She is a member of the AVMA, ISVMA, and WVMA.

Michael S. Anderson is currently working in a small animal practice in Cedar Rapids, IA with Dr. Robert Glotfelty (ISU '54). Dr. Anderson is a member of IVMA of eastern Iowa and President of the Linn county VMA. He and his wife JoDee have two children: Eric and Jennifer.

Tim Anderson is a Toxicologic Pathologist at Hoffman LaRoche, Inc., in Bloomfield, NJ. He received his Ph.D. in Veterinary Pathology in 1986 and has been employed at Hoffman LaRoche, Inc. since that time. Dr. Anderson has been the Director of Investigative Pathology for the company since 1991 and works exclusively in research on human pharmaceuticals. He and his wife, Heidi, have three sons: Nathan, Drew, and Tyler.

Mark A. Appelhof owns and practices in a large animal clinic in Clear Lake, SD with his associate, Mark Urban. Dr. Appelhof is currently a member of AVMA, SDVMA and AABP. He and his wife Audrey have three children: Adam, Alida and Marla.

Mark A. Basol is in a mixed animal practice in Vergennes, VT, with his associates, Drs. Joe Klopfenstein, John Barlow, and Elizabeth Paulsen. Dr. Basol is a member of the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society. He and his wife, Julie, reside in North Ferrisburgh, VT, and have one son: Craig.

Timothy Baszler is currently a professor at WSU in Pullman, WA. Dr. Baszler earned his Ph. D. at the University of Illinois in 1990 after practicing privately from 1982-1985 in Fargo, ND. In 1990 he was a diplomate for the American College of Veterinary Pathologists. He is a member of the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians and AVMA. He and his wife Stephanie live in Moscow, ID with their two children: Lauren and Michael.

Bruce Buckley is active in a mixed practice in Colfax, WI, with his associate, Dr. Ed Kibartas. He is a member of the Wisconsin VMA, AVMA, AABP, and is an FFA alumni. He and his wife, Terri, have two children: Alexander and Ryan.

Renee Bugenhagen is active in the Ellicot Small Animal Hospital in Buffalo, NY, with her associate, Dr. F.H. Yartz. Dr. Bugenhagen was the Secretary/Treasurer of the Western NY VMA, 1988-1992, Chairman of the Public Health and Regulatory Medicine Committee, NY State Veterinary Medicine Society, 1990-1991, and is currently on the Board of Directors of the Western NY VMA. She is a member of the AVMA, AAHA, NYSVMS, WNYVMA, and NEVMS. She and her husband, James, have three children: Jameson and Katelyn (twins), and Joshua.

Larry Carpenter is chief of Laboratory Animal Medicine at Wilford Hall Medical Center and Clinical Investigations Directorate at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX. Dr. Carpenter has served in the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps since graduation. He was a resident in small animal surgery at Colorado State University where he earned his MS degree in 1991. He is currently a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgery. He and his wife Nancy have two daughters, Amber and Annette.

Steven E. Elwood is active in a solo small animal practice near Albert Lea, MN. Dr. Elwood is a member of the MVMA, IVMA, Kiwanis Club, and the YMCA. He and his wife, Patti, have three children: Justin, Joshua, and Jacqueline.

Helen E. Dane is active in a small animal practice in Wheaton, IL. Dr. Dane is a member of AVMA, ISVMA, IVMA, CVMA and AWV. She is currently president of the South Wheaton Business Association and a member of the Greater Wheaton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. She and her husband Roger Hohle live in Chicago, IL.

Donald B. Ducor is owner of a small animal practice in Farmington, CT and practices with his father, Dr. Duke H. Ducor. Dr. Ducor is a member of AVMA, AAHA, CTVMA and is president-elect of the Hartford county VMA. He is also a consultant for the “Pets for People” committee at the University of Connecticut Health Center. He lives with his wife Mary and
Strudel who is still pleasantly hunting at fourteen.

Lynn F. Erdman is currently practicing in a small animal/companion animal clinic in Portland, Oregon. Dr. Erdman participates in educational programs with the Oregon Humane Society. She writes a monthly veterinary information feature in the local newspaper. She is also an active volunteer for the Oregon Trout organization that promotes preservation and protection of native salmonids and local rivers and watersheds. Dr. Erdman is a member of AVMA, Portland VMA, AAVP, and the American Heartworm Association. Her husband, Dr. Timothy O. Girsch, is also a veterinarian (ISU ’81).

Robert Erickson is currently working in a Mixed animal practice with three other veterinarians in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho. He is currently president of the North Idaho VMA. He and his wife, Colette, have three children: Gretta, Nelson, and Ryan.

Joe Flanagan is currently senior Veterinarian at the Houston Zoological Gardens. Dr. Flanagan is a member of AVMA, AAV, Wildlife Disease Association, and Association of Reptile and Amphibian Veterinarians. He has also participated in field projects to study and preserve wildlife in Texas, Mexico and Aruba. Dr. Flanagan is sharing his home in Pearland, TX with three dogs, two cats and several pairs of parrots, tortoises as well as other beasts.

Patricia Bott Holm is active as a relief veterinarian for mixed animal practice in an approximately 100 mile radius of Oregon, Illinois where she resides. She has associate memberships in the Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois State, Northern Illinois, and Greater Rockford Veterinary Medical Associations. She is a volunteer for 4-H and FFA, is a licensed foster parent and a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church. She and her husband, Harlan, have two children: Bradley, 4, and Rachel, 2.

Thayer Hoover is currently a Swine Technical Services Veterinarian for Smithkline- Beecham Animal Health. He lives in Spirit Lake, IA with his wife Cynthia and their two children: Larry and Elizabeth.

Dennis A. Hughes is presently a state veterinarian for Nebraska Department of Agriculture and Bureau of Animal Industry in Battle Creek, NE. Dr. Hughes is currently a member of AVMA and Nebraska VMA. He also participates in the Battle Creek Jaycees, Betterment Club and the Battle Creek Boosters. He and his wife Amy have three sons, Eric, Adam, and Craig.

Kurt Huisman is a partner in a mixed practice in Rock Rapids, IA, with Dr. C.W. Laursen (ISU ’65). Dr. Huisman is a member of the AVMA, IVMA, AABP, and the Pork Producers and Beef Producers of Lyon County. He and his wife, Mary have one daughter: Lindsey.

Niles R. Jennett is active in an all dairy practice in Chandler, AZ with his partners Drs. Alan Herring and Bruce Ericson and their associate Richard Doak. After practicing for a year at a mixed practice in Hilmar, CA, Dr. Jennett and his family moved back to Arizona. He purchased a one veterinarian dairy practice that has grown into a four veterinarian practice. Dr. Jennett also raises dairy heifers and is a partner in Blue Bonnet Dairy in Stephenville, TX. He and his wife Vickie have two sons, Willy and Patrick.

John C. Johnson has been an industrial veterinarian for Schering-Plough Animal Health in Omaha, NE since 1989. Dr. Johnson practiced privately for three years and earned his MS in Veterinary Microbiolgy at ISU in 1988. He is currently a member of AVMA, AABP, AVC, AAV, and NVMA. He and his wife Deb have two children: Michael and Rachel.

Linda E. Lapin is the owner of a small animal practice in Barrington, Illinois where she works with Barbara L. Stapleton (University of Illinois-Class of 1985). She is a member of the AVMA, CVMA, Illinois State VMA, and is vice-president of the Illinois Academy of Veterinary Medicine.

Charles D. Miller is currently senior toxicologist for Radian Corporation in California. He earned his Ph. D. in toxicology at ISU in 1989. During the years of 1984-1988 he served a board member and chairperson of the Regional Substance Abuse Treatment Center. Since that time, Dr. Miller, has served as an advisory board member for the Consumnes River College Animal Health Technician Program. He is now a member of the Society of Toxicology.
He and his wife Rita have two children: Ryan and Amber.

Kevin L. Plottorff is active in a mixed animal practice in Corning, IA with Drs. Wayne Rychnovský (ISU '82) and Greg Young (ISU '92). Dr. Plottorff is currently a member of AASP, AABP, AASRP, IVMA and AVMA. He is a committee member of Ducks Unlimited and the Midwest Area Cattle Evaluation committee. He is also active in the First Presbyterian Church of Corning. He and his wife Starla have three daughters: Jessica, Amanda and Brooke.

D. Polsen is an active practitioner and Ph.D. student with a swine specialization in the Dept. of Clinical and Population Sciences, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN. From 1982-1987 Dr. Polsen was an associate in the North Central Veterinary Center, Dumont, IA. In 1988 Dr. Polsen received his M.S. in Integrated Food Animal Management Systems from the University of Illinois. He and his wife, Kathy, have four children: Jessica, Lauren, Ethan, and Andrew.

Cheri Holmberg Rhodes is active in a small animal practice in Galesburg, Illinois with associates Greg Weech and Geoff Weech. She is a member of the Iowa and Illinois VMA, is on the Board of Directors for the Knox County YMCA, is President elect of Sunrise Rotary Club, and a board member of First United Methodist Church. She and her husband, Bruce have two children: Katie, 6, and Kyle, 2.

Wayne Richnovsky is active in a mixed practice in Corning, IA with his partner, Dr. Kevin Pottorff (ISU '82), and associate, Dr. Greg Young (ISU '92). Dr. Richnovsky is a member of IVMA, AVMA, AASP, AABP, and an executive board member of SWIVMA. He also served as chairman for both the Adams Co. Conservation Board and the Nodaway Valley Ducks Unlimited. He served as Swine Projects leader for Adams Co. and served on the Midwest Cyclone Club committee. He and his wife Nancy have two children: Michelle and Andrew.

Craig J. Rowles is active in a mixed animal practice in Carroll, IA. Dr. Rowles is currently a member of AABP, AASP, AVMA, and IVMA. He is active in the Methodist Church and is a rotary member of the Carroll county Board of Health. He and his wife Beth have three sons, Mathew, Brian and John.

Mark A. Schoenbaum has worked for the USDA-APHIS in Arlington, TX, since 1989. Dr. Schoenbaum was in private practice from 1982-1983 and received his Ph.D. from ISU in 1989.

Clifford F. Shipley is currently a clinical assistant professor of theriogenology and production medicine at the University of Illinois, College of Veterinary medicine in Urbana, IL. Dr. Shipley has practiced in both Sumner and Villisca, IA and taught for three years at VPI and SU Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine. He has also managed a large swine operation in Clear Lake, IA and was a technical services veterinarian for a feed company. He and his wife Victoria Rowe have two children: Clinton and Abriel Rowe Shipley.

Thomas M. Sullivan is currently living in DesMoines, IA and is active in a small animal practice in Johnston, IA. Dr. Sullivan is Sec./Treas. of the DesMoines Veterinary Medical Association. He is also a member of AVMA, IVMA, GDVMA and Johnston Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife Allison have two children: Greta and Emily.

Robert L. Thies is currently an assistant professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Pathology at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, British Columbia. He received a Ph.D from the University of Iowa in 1987, was a scientist for Canadian Liposome Company from 1987-1991, and is a member of the Society of Toxicology.

Ramona L. Turner owns and operates an exclusively feline practice in Fresno, CA. She is currently a member of AAFP, AVMA, CVMA, CCVMA and the California Academy of Veterinary Medicine. She is also active in the Alpha K Kiwanis club. Dr. Turner has two children: Sierra and Terran Ferguson.

Marlin D. Van Schepen is active in a food animal practice in Edgerton, MN. His associates include Drs. Wesley J. Post and Reed L. Balor. He is a member of the AVMA, Minnesota VMA, and AABP. He was previously the chairman of the local community chest and is currently a member of the church council. Dr. Van Schepen and his wife, Karen, have 3 children: Matthew, Brent, and Tyler.
Richard Vincunas is active in a solo small animal practice in Feeding Hills, Mass. He is a member of the Society of Aquatic Veterinary Medicine, Greater Springfield Veterinary Medicine Association, AVMA, and Ducks Unlimited. He and his wife, Cindy, reside in Granville, Mass, and have 3 children: Matthew, Emily, and Sara.

Vicky Wilky is active in a small animal practice in Pierre, SD. She is currently a member of the American Association of University Women, Optimist's International, and SDVMA. She is also past president of the local veterinary association.

Chris Wilson is active in a small animal practice in Beaverton, Oregon, with his associate, Dr. Gene Davis. Dr. Wilson graduated from the Omaha Bible School in 1988 and participated in a short-term missions outreach to Costa Rica in 1990. Dr. Wilson is an ex-alumni editor of the ISU Veterinarian. He resides in Aloha, Oregon, with his wife, Sharon, and their four children: Katie, Laura, Joel, and Andrew. They are expecting a baby in February, 1993.