

School Honors Outstanding Alumni

The 1999 School of Veterinary Medicine **Alumni Achievement Awards** were presented during the June 18 commencement ceremony to Richard Breitmeyer and Donald Cramer.



Richard Breitmeyer



Richard Breitmeyer, DVM '80, MPVM '90, director, Animal Health and Food Safety Services and California state veterinarian, will be recognized for outstanding local, national and international contributions to animal health and food safety.



Donald Cramer

Donald Cramer, DVM '66, professor of research, Dept. of Cardiothoracic Surgery, USC School of Medicine, The Heart Institute, Children's Hospital, Los Angeles, California, will be recognized for preeminent research in the immunology of organ transplantation and distinguished contributions to biomedical research.

The 1998 School of Veterinary Medicine **Alumni Achievement Awards** recognized three alumni for scientific scholarship, excellence in teaching, and personal commitment to the science of veterinary medicine:

Rick Arthur, DVM '76, equine specialist and surgeon who practices in Southern California, for his leadership in equine sports medicine and surgery, and his numerous contributions to the Thoroughbred racing industry.

Stephen Barthold, DVM '69, the first director of the Center for Comparative Medicine, for his contributions in comparative medicine and his leadership in developing research and educa-

tional programs characterizing the genetic basis of disease.

Terrell Holliday, DVM '53, PhD '65, professor emeritus, for his contributions as a neurologist, neurosurgeon, scientist, scholar and educator, and his leadership in developing the specialty of neurology.

Alex Ardans, director, CVDLS, was appointed in 1998 by former governor Wilson to serve on the board of directors of the California Center for Quality, Education and Development (CalQED), a nonprofit corporation that fosters improvement and performance excellence in business practices.

Donald Low, professor emeritus (center), received the Mark L. Morris, Sr. Lifetime Achievement Award for his more than 50 years of dedication to veterinary medicine and studies in nephrology, which have led to his stature as "father of veterinary urology." Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc., presented the award and donated \$20,000 to the Morris Animal Foundation in Dr. Low's name to fund animal health research. Pictured with Dr. Low are Dr. Mark L. Morris, Jr. (left) and comedian Dick Cavett.



Barry Ball, professor, population health and reproduction, received the Shering-Plough Award in Equine Reproduction Research.

Dale Brooks, director, Animal Resources Service, received the American Association of Laboratory Animal Science Joe Garvey Award.

Mary Christopher, associate professor in pathology, microbiology and immunology, received the North American Norden Distinguished Teacher Award.

Patricia Conrad, professor; pathology, microbiology and immunology; received the 1998 Pfizer Award for Research Excellence and the 1999 Norden Distinguished Teacher Award. She specializes in parasitology, especially parasitic illnesses of horses, cattle and humans.

Larry Cowgill, associate professor, medicine and epidemiology, received the 1999 AKC Excellence in Canine Research Award from the AVMA for his work in development of hemodialysis for management of chronic renal failure. His research has advanced clinical nephrology and the establishment of nephrology and urology as system specialties in veterinary medicine.

Ian Gardner, professor, medicine and epidemiology, received the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine Faculty Teaching Award for 1998. Dr. Gardner also became president-elect of the Association of Teachers of Veterinary Public Health and Preventive Medicine.

Marvin Goldman, professor emeritus, surgical and radiological sciences, won recognition from the Interagency Nuclear Safety Review Panel for his work with NASA's Cassini Mission to Saturn.

Ronald Hedrick, professor, medicine and epidemiology, received the American Fisheries Society's S.F. Snieszko Distinguished Service Award last September.

Dr. Hedrick's work as a fish pathologist has led to a better understanding of the ways that viruses, parasites and diseases affect wild fish populations, commercially farmed species and ornamental fish such as koi. As chief of the school's Fish Health Service,