

## A Partnership in Nutrition

**P**ets, just like people, have complex nutritional needs. Helping pets to thrive now and into the future is the veterinary hospital's Nutrition Support Service—with their team of specialists to provide customized consultations and programs to train tomorrow's leaders in veterinary nutrition.

A dedicated corporate partner of the service is the Nestlé Purina PetCare Company. Their annual commitment of \$50,000 for the past 10 years currently helps to fund a nutrition technician and has been instrumental in supporting several residents.

"Nestlé Purina's support of our service has allowed us to train specialists in veterinary nutrition who have then gone on to make important contributions to the field through teaching, research and service," said Dr. Andrea Fascetti, chief of service of the Nutrition Support Service.

"Having support for personnel has also permitted us to develop a strong, clinical training program for our fourth-year veterinary students," she added. "Upon completing this clinical rotation, the students are proficient in the nutritional skills they will use daily in clinical practice."

In addition, Nestlé Purina provided essential funding for the infrastructure of the service when it was built in 2000, including the installation of a state-of-the-art diet kitchen. Since the service's inception, the longstanding partner has generously donated over \$500,000, having a far-reaching impact on the service's work to ensure the optimum health and longevity of companion animals.

