

George W. Abbott

DVM '45

George W. Abbott DVM '45 was honored during the Annual Conference for Veterinarians in March, 2003 with the Daniel Elmer Salmon Award by the Alumni Association of the College of Veterinary Medicine. In 25 years of service to Cornell he has been a member of the College's Advisory Board and Development Committee and the University Council. He is currently working to develop a student mentoring program as a member of the Alumni Association Executive Committee.

Dr. Abbott, who retired to Ithaca, also volunteers at Southside Well Pet Clinic that is administered and staffed through the community practice service of Cornell's Companion Animal Hospital. He began his professional life as an associate in the Jamaica, NY practice of Louis Corwin DVM '19. After two years of service in the U. S. Air Force, Abbott opened his own practice in Worcester, Massachusetts in 1953. He left that in 1979 to become a consultant to Angell Memorial Hospital in Boston and CEO of a three- hospital consortium. During that time he also served as vice-president of health and hospital services for the Massachusetts SPCA. From 1985 to 1987 he was an associate professor at Angell Memorial, which has become the veterinary teaching hospital for Tufts University. He retired in 1987.

Dr. Abbott has served as president of the Massachusetts Veterinary Society and the American Animal Hospital Association, and in 1974 was named AAHA Practitioner of the Year for the Northeast Region. The AAHA also recognized him in 2002 when he attended his fiftieth consecutive meeting of that organization.