



## **Harold F. Hintz**

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Harold "Skip" Hintz was born and raised in Frank, OH and proud to have worked on the family's livestock farm. Skip attended The Ohio State University, earning a BS in Animal Science, and then Cornell University, where he earned MS and Ph.D. degrees in Animal Nutrition. From 1964 to 1967, he was an Assistant Professor of Animal Science (swine nutrition) at the University of California, Davis. In 1967, he joined the equine research program at Cornell, a joint program of the College of Veterinary Medicine and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. As a member of the Cornell faculty, he rose through the ranks to Professor of Animal Nutrition from 1979-2005 and served as Chairman of the Animal Science Department from 1991-1997. When he retired in 2005, he was named Professor Emeritus.

Dr. Hintz had a distinguished research career and was considered a preeminent international expert on equine nutrition. He authored almost 200 peer-reviewed scientific papers, mostly on horse nutrition with emphasis on mineral and energy metabolism and their relationship to performance and health. He worked with a team to find solutions to several important equine bone and metabolic problems and his group conducted many draft horse and pony experiments using the large treadmill available in the College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Hintz also made significant contributions to the nutrition and metabolism of companion and exotic animals. Dr. Hintz published 36 book chapters, was co-author of four text books, and had written a prodigious 625 technical bulletins and proceedings papers.

Among Dr. Hintz' numerous recognitions and service were: induction into the Equine Research Hall of Fame; president of the American Academy of Veterinary Nutrition; president of the Equine Nutrition Physiology Society; a member of the American Association of Equine Sports Medicine Board of Directors; the 1991 Amoco Faculty Award for Teaching; and being inducted as a

member of The Ohio State University Hall of Fame. He was a chair of the Committee on Animal Nutrition of the National Research Council (NRC), the NRC Subcommittee on the Nutrient Requirements of the Horse, and the Organizing Committee for the International Conference on Equine Exercise Physiology.

Skip is best remembered at Cornell as a teacher and advisor. He had a witty sense of humor and a big, wonderful smile. During his 38-year career he taught thousands and advised many hundreds of undergraduates, most of whom regarded him with a mixture of awe and great affection. He developed a reputation for stimulating, well-illustrated lectures of interest to both neophytes and those with years of equine experience. One of his students said: “Dr. Hintz laughed more than anyone I have ever known. He smiled not because he felt he had to, but because he felt he had everything to smile about. His jovial nature kept us more than awake during his two-hour night courses. I won’t remember everything he taught us about Horses or Dog Nutrition, but I will remember those little details *eg.* the stats on how many dogs choke on a bone each year or the magnitude of equine obesity in America.”

Many students who were not Dr. Hintz’s regularly assigned advisees sought out his counsel as a result of positive in-classroom interactions and especially regarding their interests toward Veterinary School. He won almost every available College of Agriculture and Life Sciences award for teaching and advising, including the Edgerton Career Teaching Award (1997), the CALS Professor of Merit (2000) and the Carpenter Advising Award (2005). He received the Outstanding Faculty Award from the CALS Alumni in 1999. Skip’s uniquely engaging teaching style, unflinching good humor, and ready availability as an advisor and mentor were greatly appreciated. Skip was highly respected by his professorial colleagues as a collegial friend.

On a personal level, Skip took great pride as a member of Alpha Zeta Fraternity and also enjoyed western movies, country music, reading, and birding. In the local community he was a long time active member of Trinity Lutheran Church, where he served as an elder for many years and as a humble and faithful servant of the Lord. Skip and his wife, Sandra Jean Hintz, were married for 57 years, and they have 3 children and 4 grandchildren.

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