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About the cover

DR. DONALD VICTOR ZANDER (1916–1999)

Don was born on February 15, 1916 in Washington State. He received his bachelors degree from the University of California at Berkeley, majoring in poultry husbandry, while working at a poultry ranch sexing chicks. Afterwards, Don earned a degree in nutrition at Colorado State University (CSU), where he started his DVM studies and where he met Verna Marie Mace. Don and Verna were married in 1945. During his 3-year army service, Don was served as a nutrition officer in Germany, where Verna joined him in late 1946 for one year. After receiving his DVM degree from CSU in 1950, Don joined the faculty of the new College of Veterinary Medicine of the University of California (UC) at Davis. During his time at Davis, Don worked with other well-known poultry disease experts like Henry Adler, Raymond Bankowski, and Richard Yamamoto, while Walter Hughes was one of their DVM students. Don earned his PhD degree while being on the faculty at UC Davis. In 1955, he accepted the position of Director of Poultry Health, Research and Services at Heisdorf & Nelson (H&N) International, Inc., which he held until his retirement in 1989. His duties included the development of a new health research laboratory in Woodinville, WA. One of his achievements during his time at H&N was the work on Marek's disease (MD) control using partial vaccination of the flocks first with chicken blood containing the HN-1 strain of MD virus and later with the cell culture propagated HN-1 as well as genetic selection approaches. Dr. Zander served as President of the AAAP in 1965–1966 and on the AAAP Board of Directors from 1984 to 1988. He received the AAAP Lasher-Bottorf Award in 1990 and he was inducted AAAP Hall of Honor in 2017. After his retirement Don and Vera traveled extensively including visits to Bolivia and Uganda as volunteers for Overseas Cooperative Agencies.