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Lionel Rubin

Lionel Freedman Rubin, professor emeritus at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine, died Sunday, February 11. He was 84.

Dr. Rubin was born in Philadelphia and graduated from Central High School, then attended the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1954. He received his doctorate in veterinary medicine degree from Penn's School of Medicine in 1958.

He had developed an interest in ophthalmology during a stint as an officer in the U.S. Public Health Service while stationed at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, after his graduation from Penn Vet. He taught veterinary ophthalmology for 31 years, retiring from Penn's School of Veterinary Medicine in 1992 as an emeritus professor. He served as president of the American College of

Veterinary Ophthalmologists from 1976 to 1977, wrote four books and more than 100 scientific papers and abstracts, and was a consultant to pharmaceutical companies, as well as for the American Kennel Club.

He became a leader in the field, discovering a number of eye diseases. One time he operated on Triple Crown winner Seattle Slew.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Barbara Perna; children David, Carol Rubin Fishman and Jonathan Samuel; five grandchildren; and a brother, Ellis Rubin.