

# Dr. Don Lein

Dr. Lein (DVM PhD) is the former Director of the Animal Health Diagnostic Center at Cornell University as well as Emeritus Professor of population medicine and diagnostic sciences. He is a pioneer in both diagnostic medicine and disease control, and has served as president of both the American Association of Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratories (AAVLD) and the United States Animal Health Association (USAHA), as well as taking leadership roles in the National Institute of Animal Agriculture, the Council on Public Health and Regulatory Medicine of AVMA, and the Wildlife Services Committee at the USDA. Dr. Lein was the first to implement strict biosecurity as a means to control vibriosis in bull studs, and helped to establish the first east coast contagious equine metritis quarantine facility. He oversaw New York's wildlife rabies vaccination program for 14 years. He served in leadership roles at the AHDC for 23 years, and under his leadership the AHDC united multiple disparate diagnostic services under a single organization, obtained AAVLD accreditation, and implemented outreach and education programs. Dr. Lein has repeatedly combined vision with practicality, determination, and people skills to address needs and improve animal health.

