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Several of Canada's finest veterinarians awarded for excellence

OTTAWA — A handful of the country's finest veterinarians were awarded for exceptional contributions to the profession at the 60th Anniversary Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) during the World Veterinary Congress in Vancouver, British Columbia.

"Veterinarians are working every day to make a difference in the lives of people and animals," explains Dr. John Drake, past-president of the CVMA. "The CVMA honours selected veterinary professionals each year with awards in recognition of their contributions to veterinary medicine and to the health and welfare of animals."

2008 CVMA AWARD RECIPIENTS:

CVMA Humane Award – Dr. Norma Guy

The CVMA Humane Award, sponsored by Intervet Schering-Plough Animal Health, is awarded to an individual whose work is judged to have contributed significantly to the welfare and well-being of animals. This year's recipient, Dr. Norma Guy, is Assistant Professor in the Department of Companion Animals at AVC and since 1998, has run the Animal Behaviour Service at the AVC Veterinary Teaching Hospital. In 2001, Dr. Guy developed the innovative *AVC Humane Dog Training Program*, which operates at the PEI Humane Society (PEIHS) and has enriched the lives of hundreds of dogs since its inception. Dr. Guy continues to make a direct impact on the welfare of owned and unowned animals through her innovative dog training program, behaviour consultations with pet owners, continuing education for veterinarians, and extensive teaching of veterinary students.

CVMA Small Animal Practitioner Award – Dr. Jim Randall

The CVMA Small Animal Practitioner Award, sponsored by Petsecure Pet Health Insurance to encourage progress in the field of small animal medicine and surgery. Dr. Jim Randall, a highly respected surgeon, colleague and veterinary practitioner, has been selected as this year's recipient. Dr. Randall is the co-owner of Airport Animal Hospital, a companion animal practice in Regina, which accepts referrals from all across Saskatchewan. He is one of the founding members of the Western College of Veterinary Medicine's Companion Animal Health Fund's advisory board. Many of his clients affectionately refer to him as "Dr. Jim" and his staff members say he is the best boss, mentor, friend and supporter that anyone could ever hope for.

Hill's Public Relations Award – Dr. Scott Weese

The Hill's Public Relations Award, sponsored by Hill's Pet Nutrition Canada Inc., recognizes an individual or group for their work towards enhancing the public image of the veterinary profession. This year's recipient, Dr. Scott Weese, is Associate Professor in the Department of Pathobiology at the University of Guelph, and Public Health and Zoonotic Disease microbiologist for the University's Centre for Public Health and Zoonoses. He is board certified in internal medicine by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine and is Chief of Infection Control at the Ontario Veterinary College Teaching Hospital. Dr. Weese excels in publicly presenting his work on infection control. Recently, Dr. Weese launched the *Worms &*

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Germs Blog, a website designed to promote safe animal ownership to the public.

Intervet Schering Plough Award – Dr. Laurent Viel

The Intervet Schering Plough Award was established by Schering-Plough Animal Health to enhance progress in large animal medicine and surgery. Dr. Laurent Viel, Professor of Large Animal Internal Medicine at the Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph has been selected to receive this year's award. His leadership is well recognized nationally and internationally as the chair of the World Equine Airway Society, former president of the Veterinary Comparative Respiratory Society and the Ontario Association of Equine Practitioners. Dr. Viel's clinical and research devotion and acumen lead him to be a guest speaker at equine conferences throughout the world.

RVL Walker Award – Ms. Karen Gormley

The RVL Walker Award is presented annually to the president of the Students of the CVMA (SCVMA) for his or her work in promoting student interests in the CVMA. This year's recipient, Ms. Karen Gormley, a third-year student at the Atlantic Veterinary College in Charlottetown, PEI, is the 2007-08 President of the Students of the CVMA.

CVMA Life Membership – Dr. Byrnie Rothwell

Life Membership is presented to a veterinarian for long and outstanding service on CVMA Council, Executive, Boards and Committees or for outstanding contributions to the veterinary profession. Dr. Byrnie Rothwell has been a valued member of the CVMA for 43 years. An ambassador of the profession, Dr. Rothwell has been involved in many local, regional, and national animal organizations during his career. He has served on almost every committee of the Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association (SVMA) and was president of the SVMA in 1976–77. Over the past 50 years, Dr. Rothwell has been recognized with many awards and honors, including the *SVMA Veterinarian of the Year* award in 2000 and the *CVMA/Hill's Public Relations Award* in 2003. Dr. Rothwell continues to be active in the profession today as a consultant in animal health and animal welfare.

CVMA President's Award – Dr. Bert Stevenson

The CVMA President's Award is given on occasion to recognize an individual for his or her dedication and exceptional contribution to our Association. Dr. Robert (Bert) Stevenson is a Past-President of the CVMA, the New Brunswick Veterinary Medical Association and the Commonwealth Veterinary Association. For 23 years he chaired the Organizing Committee for the Maritime (now Atlantic) Provinces Veterinary Conference. In 1992, Dr. Stevenson was recognized for his professional and community service with the Commemorative Medal for the 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada.

The Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) is the national body representing and serving the interests of the veterinary profession in Canada. To learn more about the CVMA visit www.canadianveterinarians.net. For animal health care information and advice from Canadian veterinarians visit www.animalhealthcare.ca.

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