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Canadian veterinarians awarded for excellence

OTTAWA — Canadian veterinarians were awarded for their exceptional contributions to animal health and the veterinary profession, during the annual Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) Awards Ceremony in Montreal, Que.

2009 CVMA AWARD RECIPIENTS:

CVMA Humane Award

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. **Dr. Dewey Stickney** has been providing veterinary services to northern parts of Alberta and the North West Territories since 1976. When it became obvious that there was a need for veterinary services even further north, Dr. Stickney got in his truck and travelled north to perform a wide variety of veterinary procedures. As his northern practice grew, he designed a very unique veterinary clinic in the 50-foot trailer of an 18-wheel tractor trailer unit. This mobile clinic enabled him to provide the high level of care his patients had come to expect from him.

CVMA Industry Award

The CVMA Industry Award acknowledges the role of industry in veterinary medicine. **Dr. Randy Graham** provides great support and service to his profession. He was the Chair for the Public Health and Safety Committee of the CVMA in 1994-95. He is currently a Director on the Board of the Ontario Association of Bovine Practitioners and was President of this association in 2005. Dr. Graham was a Councilor for District #5 for the College of Veterinarians of Ontario for 2006-07. He currently is serving as a Director on the Executive of the newly formed Canadian Association of Bovine Veterinarians. He has played a pivotal role in the founding of this national voice for bovine veterinary practitioners. Dr. Graham has shown a true enthusiasm for the pharmaceutical industry, the people he works with, the information he acquires and his veterinary colleagues.

CVMA President's Award

The CVMA President's Award is given on occasion to recognize an individual for his or her dedication and exceptional contribution to the Association. **Dr. Alice Crook's** main focus has been animal welfare. She is the Coordinator of the Sir James Dunn Animal Welfare Centre at the Atlantic Veterinary College. Dr. Crook has been a valued member of the Animal Welfare Committee of the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) since 1994, including a three year term as Chair of the Committee. Her expertise contributes greatly to many projects of this Committee. Dr. Crook is also a Board Member of the Animal Welfare Foundation of Canada.

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CVMA Small Animal Practitioner Award

The CVMA Small Animal Practitioner Award, sponsored by Petsecure Pet Health Insurance, was encourages progress in the field of small animal medicine and surgery. **Dr. Steve Marsden** and his wife, Dr. Karen Marsden founded the Edmonton Holistic Veterinary Clinic and Natural Path Clinic. With a shared reception area, this is one of the only facilities in the world that treats people and animals under the same roof. Dr. Marsden lectures all over the world and has co-authored "Manual of Natural Veterinary Medicine" published by Mosby 2003. He co-founded the College of Veterinary Integrated Therapies (CVIT) and launched the first on-line distance learning course for veterinarians. Together, Dr. Marsden and his wife also created and operate The Natural Path Herb Company.

Hill's Public Relations Award

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. In her current position as a Professor and the Professional Skills Course Chair at the University of Calgary Veterinary Medicine, **Dr. Cindy Adams, PhD, MSW** helps new graduates and established veterinarians enhance the public image of the veterinary profession. Dr. Adams developed the first comprehensive communication curriculum in veterinary education in North America. She also established a comprehensive research program pertaining to clinical communication skills, veterinary education and human animal interactions that attracts graduate students from across North America.

Intervet Schering-Plough Award

The Intervet Schering-Plough Award was established by Intervet Schering-Plough Animal Health to enhance progress in large animal medicine and surgery. **Dr. Jacques Lussier** has been active in research for the past 25 years, mainly in the field of bovine reproduction. Dr. Lussier teaches in the DVM undergraduate curriculum at Faculté de médecine vétérinaire (Université de Montréal). Fundamental and clinical studies in bovine folliculogenesis completed by Dr. Lussier have increased understanding of this basic physiological process.

R.V.L. Walker Award

The R.V.L. Walker Award is presented annually to the president of the Students of the CVMA (SCVMA) for his/her work to promote student interests in the Association. **Ms. Holly Spring**, the 2008-09 president of the Students of the CVMA, is a second-year student at the Ontario Veterinary College in Guelph.

Life Membership

Life Membership is presented to a veterinarian for long and outstanding service on CVMA Committees or for outstanding contributions to the veterinary profession. Following retirement from Agriculture Canada, **Dr. Conrad L'Écuyer** stayed involved in the profession as a valued CVMA member and volunteer, Dr. L'Écuyer has represented the Association on numerous external committees. Dr. L'Écuyer held the position of CVMA Treasurer for over eight years, a position he retired from only recently.

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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.

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