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PRESS RELEASE

Our Oath in Action Event in Tuskegee

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. - The Alabama Veterinary Medical Association is one of six veterinary associations in the country selected by the American Veterinary Medical Foundation to participate in the initial launch of a nationwide campaign called "Our Oath in Action." Part two of the launch of this annual event will take place on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at Tuskegee University School of Veterinary Medicine.

"We are pleased to be part of this national effort to bring awareness to pet healthcare. The theme to this event is centered around the idea that we're members of the veterinary profession making a difference in your community," says ALVMA President Bill Bledsoe.

Members of the veterinary profession are committed to the well-being of animals. Every day, in their clinics and in their classrooms, they embody their veterinary oath, using their scientific knowledge and skills for the benefit of society and the advancement of medical knowledge. The AVMF, the charitable arm of the American Veterinary Medical Association, created Our Oath in Action Day to put that pledge into practice. The AVMF is funding and coordinating this effort with the Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine and the Tuskegee School of Veterinary Medicine with support and oversight from ALVMA.

This fall, veterinarians will gather at six sites throughout the country to bring their skills and knowledge to bear on service projects that will engage and educate pet owners and animal lovers on a range of topics related to animal healthcare. Learn more about how to protect your pets when the unthinkable happens. Pets need to have a disaster plan like other members of your family. They need to have a supply kit, a plan for a safe haven and an evacuation plan should an emergency arise. Join the ALVMA, TUSVM and the AVMA in this effort to raise awareness about disaster preparedness for pets. Stop by to check out one of the ALVMA's animal emergency response trailers. There will be lots of great giveaways, including information about keeping pets healthy year-round and the opportunity to join the AVMF in its mission to help veterinarians help animals.

In addition to the "Our Oath in Action" event, the Small Animal Health Fair will offer free physical examinations, heartworm tests, fecal examinations and nutrition consultations. Vaccinations and preventative medicines will also be available for a modest fee. Bring your pet and come learn about pet health care and disaster preparedness for your best friend.

Founded in 1907, The Alabama Veterinary Medical Association is comprised of approximately 725 veterinarians from around the state, all committed to protecting People, Pets and Livestock – Yesterday, Today and Always.

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