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PRESS RELEASE

Our Oath in Action Event in Auburn

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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." The launch of this annual event will take place on Saturday, October 12 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Ag Heritage Hill as part of Auburn University's 2013 Fall Roundup and Taste of Alabama Agriculture.

"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 College of Veterinary Medicine with support and oversight from ALVMA. A similar event will be held at the Tuskegee CVM later this year.

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. Stop by to check out one of the ALVMA's animal emergency response trailers and watch a demonstration by a bomb-sniffing dog and his trainer. There will be toys for the kids and 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.

Ag Roundup, which has earned a reputation over the past 33 years as Auburn's largest tailgate party, is open to everyone and features a wide range of foods grown and/or produced in Alabama. In addition to the "Our Oath in Action" event, the Ag Roundup will offer informative displays and children's activities. Admission is \$5, children under 6 are free. It will be held on Ag Heritage Park's south side, with the main entrance located at the Alabama Farmers Pavilion, 620-A S. Donahue Drive.

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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