



P.O. Box 3514, Montgomery, AL 36109 334.395.0086 Fax: 334.270.3399

Protecting People, Pets and Livestock - Yesterday, Today and Always.

PRESS RELEASE

Dr. Jack Goodman Receives the Distinguished Service Award from the ALVMA

July 8, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MONTGOMERY, Ala. - The Alabama Veterinary Medical Association was pleased to honor Dr. Jack Goodman of Athens, Ala. with the ALVMA's most prestigious award, the Distinguished Service Award on June 27 at the ALVMA Awards Luncheon held during the annual conference at the Sandestin Resort and Spa. This is the highest award given by the Association, and is given only to ALVMA members that have given of their time and energies beyond all reasonable expectations and have made exceptional achievements and contributions to the advancement of the profession. Candidates are nominated by constituents associations, endorsed by two additional constituent associations and have unanimous approval from the ALVMA Awards Committee and executive board.

"Dr. Jack Goodman is truly dedicated to the veterinary profession. His outstanding career has involved many aspects of veterinary practice. He has been engaged in large and small animal practice, teaching in the large animal clinic at Auburn, and serving in multiple veterinary medical organizations as an officer and on committees," says ALVMA President Elect John Hammons, D.V.M. "Dr. Goodman has been and is an inspiration to young veterinarians and the veterinary profession."

Dr. Jack Goodman, a native of North Alabama, grew up on a farm in Lauderdale County and graduated from Lexington High School in 1949. He entered Alabama Polytechnic Institute in the fall of 1949 with a focus in Agricultural Education. When the Korean War broke out, he did his patriotic duty by dropping out of college and joining the United States Air Force. After his discharge, he returned to Auburn University and earned his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degree in 1961, the year API became Auburn University. He opened a general practice treating large and small animals in Athens where he practiced until 1981.

In 1983, he accepted an appointment in the Large Animal Clinic at Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine. While in that position he entered graduate school and obtained his Master's Degree in 1985. Throughout the years, Dr. Goodman has been a member of local, state and national veterinary associations and has served on numerous boards and councils. He has served on the executive board of the ALVMA, including the position of President, and the boards of the Alabama Academy of Veterinary Practice, Alabama Stock Dog Association, Alabama Veterinary Medical Foundation and Advisory Board for Animal Hospital Technicians in Boaz. Dr. Goodman has served the ALVMA as Chairman of the Public Relations Committee and was instrumental in promoting National Pet Week throughout the state. Additionally, he has served as Chairman of the Constitution and By Laws Committee since 1985 with Practice Act Responsibilities being added in 2003. Dr. Goodman served as the Limestone County Rabies Officer for 40 years. In 2006, the ALVMA honored Dr. Goodman with the Veterinarian of the Year award.

Dr. Goodman has been heavily involved in his community throughout the years serving on the Chamber of Commerce, United States Jaycees, Civitan Club, Athens Humane Society, United States Pony Club, Athens PTA, Hunter-Jumper Association of Alabama, and the Sportsman's Club. His dedication to his community, his profession and the Association are evident through his actions over the years and make him most deserving of this award.

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.

-30-

Media Inquiries:

Linda Tynan

Director of PR & Communications
Alabama Veterinary Medical Association
334.395.0086 • fax 334.270.3399
ltynan@franzmgt.com

photo cutline: President Elect John Hammons, DVM (left) presents the ALVMA Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Jack Goodman in recognition of outstanding service to the ALVMA.