



Alabama Veterinary Medical Association

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PRESS RELEASE

ALVMA Installs New Officers

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. - The Alabama Veterinary Medical Association held its annual conference at Sandestin Beach Resort and Spa, June 18-22, in conjunction with the Georgia Veterinary Medical Association. The conference is now known as the Emerald Coast Veterinary Conference and is attended by veterinarians from over 25 states. The new ALVMA officers were installed at the ALVMA Awards Luncheon on June 19.

"The ALVMA is looking forward to serving the membership and the community in the coming year," says ALVMA President John Hammons, DVM. "Our board represents all practitioners in Alabama and we will continue to look for opportunities to meet the needs of the profession and grow the Association."

New officers were sworn in on Thursday as follows; President John Hammons, DVM of Athens; President Elect T. C. Branch, DVM of Birmingham; Vice President Harold Pate, DVM of Lowndesboro; Treasurer Winston Pirtle, DVM of Montgomery; Board Member at Large Charles Ashwander of Decatur and AVMA Delegate Jan Strother, DVM of Hartselle. Bill Bledsoe, DVM of Camden will serve as immediate past president.

The ALVMA seeks to raise awareness about general pet healthcare and focuses on the ways preventive care can be cost-effective and increase the length and quality of the life of your pet. Additionally, there are topics like disaster preparedness, dog bite prevention and poison prevention that the ALVMA promotes throughout the year. The ALVMA encourages pet owners to stay current on vaccinations and heartworm preventative. In addition to traditional healthcare, the field of veterinary medicine is expanding through new and progressive services and treatments including cancer, diabetes and various types of laser treatments and surgeries. Regular visits to your veterinarian will increase the chances of preventing certain diseases and identifying underlying disease early. Many times veterinarians can detect conditions that would otherwise go unnoticed.

The ALVMA is the oldest and largest professional veterinary association in the state of Alabama and is nationally recognized as one of the most active. ALVMA members are dedicated to the advancement of the art and science of veterinary medicine, the promotion and support of sound legislation as it affects veterinarians, and the encouragement of responsible pet ownership. Many ALVMA members participate in Alabama's spay/neuter license plate program which offers low-cost spay/neuter services to those who qualify for assistance. This program is funded by the sale of spay/neuter license plates and also by designated funds submitted via a check off box on the Alabama income tax return.

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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