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PRESS RELEASE

Dr. Jan Strother receives the Distinguished Service Award from the ALVMA

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. - The Alabama Veterinary Medical Association was pleased to honor Dr. Jan Strother of Hartselle, Ala. with the ALVMA's most prestigious award, the Distinguished Service Award on June 4 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 constituent associations, endorsed by two additional constituent associations and have unanimous approval from the ALVMA Awards Committee and Executive Board.

"Dr. Jan Strother has devoted her career to the principles of the Veterinarian's Oath and the promotion of veterinary medicine. Jan has held local, state and national offices, in addition to serving on many committees that are necessary for our organizations to function," says ALVMA Immediate Past President John Hammons, D.V.M. "Dr. Strother has set a professional example that all veterinarians should emulate. It has been service above self and therefore Dr. Jan Strother deserves the Distinguished Service Award."

Dr. Jan K. Strother received her doctorate of veterinary medicine from Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1986, but her work in the veterinary field began years earlier. Prior to entering veterinary school, she worked as a veterinary technician: serving as the hospital and nursery director at Lion Country Safari south of Atlanta, Georgia in the early 1970's and at the San Antonio Zoo in Texas from 1975 to 1978.

After graduation, she opened North Alabama Cat & Bird Veterinary Clinic in Hartselle, Alabama, in June of 1987. She is currently the founder and hospital director for the four-doctor clinic, seeing companion animals, birds and a wide variety of exotic pets.

Dr. Strother has been actively engaged in leadership roles with the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and the Alabama Veterinary Medical Association (ALVMA).

Dr. Strother has been a member of the AVMA since 1986, and she served on the AVMA House of Delegates (HOD) as Delegate or Alternate Delegate from Alabama from 2003 – present, with a break from 2010-2012 when she served as AVMA vice president. She was also elected to the Council on Public Relations in 1994 serving a six year term, and she was Chair of this committee in 1999.

Dr. Strother served as president of the ALVMA from 1997-1998. In addition, she was chair of the ALVMA Public Relations Committee from 1989-1997, and currently serves as chair of the ALVMA Human/Animal Bond Committee.

In addition, she is a member of the Association of Avian Veterinarians, the American Association of Feline Practitioners, the Association for Veterinary Family Practice, the North Alabama Veterinary Medical Association and the Madison County Veterinary Medical Association. She was elected a member of the National Academies of Practice in 2010.

Dr. Strother has also won a number of professional awards. She was the ALVMA Veterinarian of the Year in 2002, won the ALVMA Service Award in 1991 and 1993, and received the ALVMA Auxiliary Service Award in 1993.

Dr. Strother is a frequent speaker on veterinary health care topics and has been a guest on Good Morning America, the Today Show, FOX Pet News, and many other radio and television shows to discuss pet health issues.

She is married, and her husband, Dr. Michael Newman, is also a veterinarian. They reside on a small farm with nine cats, two dogs, two horses and a donkey named Milton.

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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