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Alberta Veterinarian Honoured with Prestigious Professional Award

OTTAWA, ON – Dr. Jack Wilson was honoured with the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) *President's Award* for his exceptional commitment to the association and his tireless contributions to veterinary medicine.

“What a pleasant surprise it was to receive this award,” exclaims Dr. Wilson. “I am very grateful to Dr. Hicks and the entire CVMA Executive Committee for selecting me for this honour and recognition.”

Dr. Wilson served on the Western Drug Distribution Centre’s Board of Directors for six years, acting as president for three. He served on the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association’s (ABVMA) Small Animal Practice Committee, Discipline and Ethics Committee, Practice Review Board, Practice Inspection and Practice Standards Committee, and ABVMA Council, serving as President in 1985. Dr. Wilson also served on the ABVMA Governance Task Force and has been the parliamentarian at the ABVMA annual general meeting for approximately 25 years.

“Dr. Wilson contributed extensively to the Canadian veterinary profession, particularly in the field of education,” informs Dr. Melanie Hicks, CVMA Past-President. “His dedication to the betterment of our profession should be commended.”

Dr. Wilson was the first Alberta representative on the CVMA National Examining Board (NEB) and was appointed NEB chair in 2015. Dr. Wilson has been the CVMA designee to the American National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (now the ICVA), which owns the North American Veterinary Licensing Exam, for the past eight years, serving as the organization’s chair in 2015-2016. He also served on the ICVA Collaboration for Veterinary Assessment Governance committee, chaired the Governance Review subcommittee, and is currently the Academic Veterinary Assessment working group’s co-chair. He served as the CVMA NEB representative on 13 AVMA Council on Education Accreditation site visits to Canadian, American, and international colleges of veterinary medicine over the past 14 years.

“I joined the CVMA shortly after graduating from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine, always knowing the importance of the veterinary profession having a national collective voice,” insists Dr. Wilson. “I believe my most significant work with the CVMA has been with the NEB. The NEB works with provincial regulatory associations and veterinary colleges to ensure those practicing veterinary medicine in Canada are competent to do so, in turn protecting animal and public health.”

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Dr. Wilson grew up in Edmonton and attended the University of Alberta – Faculty of Agriculture for two years before being admitted to the Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVM). He joined the 17th Avenue Animal Hospital, a Calgary small animal practice, after graduating from WCVM with distinction in 1972, and became a business partner one year later.

Dr. Wilson practiced general small animal medicine and surgery before joining the University of Calgary – Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in 2009 as a sessional instructor and then as a Professional Skills senior instructor, teaching clinical communication skills, ethics and jurisprudence, and clinical skills to first-, second-, and third-year veterinary students. He continues to teach as a sessional instructor and has been a career-long member of the Calgary Academy of Veterinary medicine, holding all executive positions over time.

“I have very much enjoyed the opportunity provided to me to participate in CVMA initiatives,” states Dr. Wilson. “I hope some of those reading this will consider joining in this valuable work benefitting the veterinary profession in Canada and around the world.”

The CVMA President's Award is given from time to time to recognize an individual member for his/her exceptional contributions and devotion to the association. Recipients are selected by the President and the CVMA Executive Committee.

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