(February 5, 2009 Stillwater, OK) – Several OSU Center for Veterinary Health Sciences alumni were recently honored at the OVMA Annual Convention & Expo held in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dr. Becky Brewer-Walker (1984) received the 2009 Distinguished Service Award in recognition of her outstanding contributions and service to veterinary medicine. Walker serves as Oklahoma State Veterinarian.

Other alumni awards include:

- Oklahoma Veterinarian of the Year – Dr. John Kirkpatrick (1965)
- Companion Animal Practitioner of the Year – Dr. Rosemarie Strong (1989)
- Food Animal Practitioner of the Year – Dr. Michael Tripp (1982)
- President's Award – Dr. Billy Clay (1970)
- Young Veterinarian of the Year – Dr. Bret White (2005)

More than 100 alumni, faculty, staff and guests visited the veterinary center's exhibit booth. Alumni were encouraged to register for door prize drawings. The following alumni won:

- Dr. James Matousek (1991)
- Dr. Laurin Patton (1964)
- Dr. Paige Randell (1996)
- Dr. Elaine Ross (1987)

Several presenters at this year's convention were connected to OSU's Center for Veterinary Health Sciences:

- Dr. Leslie Cole (1986)
- Dr. Lionel Dawson (Veterinary Clinical Sciences)
- Dr. Brent Hague (1993)
- Dianne Hudson, RVT (Veterinary Clinical Sciences)
- Dr. Michael Major (1985)
- Dr. Lemac Morris (1980)

- Dr. Joe Noble (1984)
- Dr. Gene Parker (1988)
- Dr. Jill Peale (1996)
- Dr. Mike Pruitt (1986)
- Dr. David Sparks (1976)
- Dr. Mike Steward (1979)

Congratulations to the following alumni who will serve on the 2009 OVMA Executive Board:

- Dr. Mike Tripp (1982), President
- Dr. Carey Floyd (1985), Vice President
- Dr. Mike Pruitt (1986), Secretary/Treasurer Elect
- Dr. Ron Mollet (1974), Immediate Past President

The Oklahoma State University Center for Veterinary Health Sciences is one of 28 veterinary colleges in the United States and is fully accredited by the Council on Education of the American Veterinary Medical Association. The center's Boren Veterinary Medial Teaching Hospital is open to the public and provides routine and specialized care for small and large animals. It also offers 24 hour emergency care and is certified by the American Animal Hospital Association. For more information, visit www.cvhs.okstate.edu or call (405) 744-7000.

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