(March 29, 2012 Stillwater, OK) – It's a well-known fact that many people consider their pets a beloved family member. The healthcare of those pets and often animals that provide a family's livelihood is entrusted to a veterinarian. If you believe your veterinarian is the best, show him or her and nominate that person for an Oklahoma State University College of Veterinary Medicine Distinguished Alumni Award.

OSU's veterinary center is accepting nominations now through June 1, 2012, for its Distinguished Alumni Awards. Recipients will be honored at the center's Distinguished Alumni Award Luncheon to be held on Friday, Sept. 28, 2012, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Click Alumni Hall East at the ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center on the Stillwater campus.

Eligible nominees must be an Oklahoma State College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) graduate for 20 years or more. A current Vitae or background information, including class year, is requested along with evidence that the nominee has contributed significant service to OSU, the College of Veterinary Medicine and Alumni Association, to society, the veterinary medicine profession and the community.

"We have many dedicated and accomplished graduates from the OSU veterinary college," says Kenneth Kirlin, DVM, ('83) and president of the CVM Alumni Association. "I'm sure there are appreciative clients that would like to see their veterinarian get recognized for the wonderful services they provide their communities."

View a list of past recipients (http://www.cvhs.okstate.edu/recipients) and nominate an OSU veterinarian today at http://www.edu/nominationform. For more information, call (405) 744-6740.

The Oklahoma State University Center for Veterinary Health Sciences is the only veterinary college in Oklahoma and 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 Medical 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

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