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WVC Commends the Continuing Educators of the Year Recipients

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA (April 12, 2019)— In an effort to recognize educators that take the lead role in furthering veterinary education, WVC is pleased to honor the 2019 WVC Continuing Educators of the Year as voted on by conference participants at the recent 91st Annual Conference. Eight outstanding instructors were highlighted as presenters that made a lasting impression and impact at this year's event.

WVC's Annual Conference was held February 17-20, 2019 at the Mandalay Bay Convention Center in Las Vegas. Awarded educators provided exceptional and inspiring instruction for the conference's scientific education courses and practice management sessions. WVC would like to thank all the presenters who made this year's Annual Conference a success. The 2019 recipients are:

2019 CONTINUING EDUCATORS OF THE YEAR

Avian & Exotics: Brenna Fitzgerald, DVM, DABVP

Dr. Brenna Fitzgerald is an avian & exotic animal specialist at the Medical Center for Birds. She has practiced at the Medical Center for Birds in Oakley, California since 2008, where she completed her ABVP residency in avian practice and achieved diplomate status in 2012.

Equine: Jamie Kopper, DVM PhD,S, DACVIM (LAIM)

Dr. Jamie Kopper strives to improve the survival of horses with gastrointestinal disease, and stays focused on critical care of large animal species. During Annual Conference, Dr. Kopper presented case-based approaches to equine medicine, gastric ulcers and bowel disease.

Food Animal: Elizabeth Homerosky, DVM, MSc

Dr. Elizabeth Homerosky has a strong interest in cow-calf and feedlot production medicine and research. She was recently honored as the American Association of Bovine Practitioners 2019 Emerging Leader.

Practice Management: Andy Roark, DVM, MS

Dr. Andy Roark is a practicing veterinarian, speaker, author, media personality and more. His social media accounts reach and educate millions of people every month, showing the honest and often humorous side of veterinary medicine.

Small Animal: Sue Ettinger, DVM, DACVIM (Oncology)

As a practicing veterinary cancer specialist, international speaker, author and more, Dr Sue Ettinger is one of only 400 board-certified medical oncologists in North America. Dr. Sue is most passionate about raising cancer awareness, and she has developed “See Something, Do Something, Why Wait? Aspirate.®” to promote early cancer detection and diagnosis.

Veterinary Technician: Megan Brashear, CVT, VTS (ECC)

Ms. Megan Brashear has 18 years of experience in emergency and critical care and technician/team management and training. She is the Nursing Manager at the Purdue University Veterinary Teaching Hospital in West Lafayette, IN where she enjoys her role both in hospital management and teaching on the hospital floor.

Hands-on: Todd Tams, DVM, DACVIM (SAIM)

Dr. Todd Tams has 42 years of experience in veterinary medicine and is currently the Chief Medical Officer for VCA. For many years, Dr. Tams has been a valued instructor at WVC, primarily leading the flexible & rigid endoscopy labs at Annual Conference and year-round at the Oquendo Center.

2019 MODERATOR OF THE YEAR**Michael Pedersen, DVM, BS**

In 1985, Dr. Michael Pedersen founded the Animal Health Center in Cannon Falls, Minnesota. His clinic is a full-service veterinary medical facility dedicated providing the best possible medical, surgical and dental care for their highly-valued patients.

“WVC is so grateful for the innovative topics that these outstanding educators delivered to the veterinary community during our 91st Annual Conference,” said Dr. Anthony Pease, WVC Chief Veterinary Medical Officer. “It is the exceptional presenters who make it possible for WVC to provide a dynamic learning environment that is comprehensive, progressive and practical.”

In addition to the Annual Conference, WVC offers numerous year-round educational programs at the state-of-the-art Oquendo Center in Las Vegas. In 2019, WVC will present two Veterinary Technician Symposia, and host Destination CE – Alaska, where participants will have the opportunity to optimize their orthopedic practice on an eight day Celebrity cruise through Alaska.

For more information about WVC and continuing education course offerings, visit wvc.org/ce. To relive everything the 2019 Annual Conference had to offer, visit the online [photo gallery](#).

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About WVC

WVC has a 91-year history of providing practical, high-quality continuing education to veterinary professionals. Based in Las Vegas and operating as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, WVC provides year-round continuing education, including career building and Academy hands-on courses at its nearly 70,000 square foot, state-of-the-art Oquendo Center, Destination CE that offers continuing education in unique locations around the world; and the Annual Conference, a four-day event held in Las Vegas, attracting veterinary professionals from every U.S. state and more than 40 countries. For more information, please visit wvc.org.