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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Alberta Veterinarian Honoured with Prestigious Professional Award**

Toronto, ON – Dr. Lloyd Keddie 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. Recipients are selected by the CVMA President and Executive Committee.

"The CVMA is proud to honour Dr. Keddie with the President's Award for his commitment to the betterment of the veterinary profession and his work with national organizations," says Dr. Terri Chotowetz, 2018-19 CVMA President.

Dr. Keddie was born in Fairview, Alta. and raised on a mixed animal farm. He soon gained his father's love and respect for animals on this small farm, which would eventually lead him to a career in veterinary medicine

Dr. Keddie attended the University of Alberta, graduating with a Science degree and after two years in the Faculty of Education, he taught high school for four years. In 1974, Dr. Keddie decided to continue his education and graduated from the University of Saskatchewan's Western College of Veterinary Medicine in 1978.

After practicing in a mixed animal clinic in Vegreville, Alta. for three years, Dr. Keddie moved back to his hometown of Fairview in 1981, where he has been co-owner of North Peace Animal Hospital, a mixed animal practice, until now.

He has served on various committees with the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association (ABVMA) and became President in 2000. In 2006, he was appointed as the Alberta representative on the CVMA Council, before joining the CVMA Executive in 2008, and becoming President in 2011.

In the past, Dr. Keddie has been a recipient of the ABVMA Meritorious Service Award, presented to members who demonstrated outstanding service to the ABVMA, the Registered Veterinary Technologists and Technicians of Canada (RVTTC) Sandy Haas Award, formally recognizing long-time contributions greatly improving the profession in Canada, and received an honorary degree from Alberta's Fairview College. He is also active on various community organizations.

In his spare time, Lloyd enjoys golfing, travel, time at the lake, riding his motorcycle, and spending time with his wife of 39 years, Linda, their son, Tyler, and his two grandchildren, Ethan and Nolan.

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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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