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Alberta Veterinarian Honoured for Improving the Welfare of Feline Patients through Outstanding Cat-Friendly Medicine

Toronto, ON. – Dr. Kate Lupton of Lethbridge, Alberta, was honoured with the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) *Small Animal Practitioner Award* in recognition of her passion for improving feline medicine and desire to have cats seen with more value, ensuring they receive the preventative care they deserve.

“After reading Dr. Lupton’s numerous supporting letters in her nomination package, it was clear she has made a significant difference in the lives of Lethbridge’s cats and community,” writes Dr. Terri Chotowetz, CVMA president. “She is not only a pioneer in feline medicine, but an excellent leader and mentor to her colleagues, ensuring future success in the community of Lethbridge and the veterinary profession.”

While attending the Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVN), Dr. Lupton first showed her passion for feline medicine when she started a feline club, brought in several feline experts as speakers, and worked on a summer research project looking at biomarkers to more easily differentiate between feline pancreatitis and pancreatic neoplasia. Her efforts in the advancement of feline medicine, even while in veterinary college, awarded her the American Association of Feline Practitioners Student Award, upon graduation from WCVN in 2012.

For more than six years, she has been practicing in Lethbridge, a region that’s primary focus is on agriculture, but still managed to develop a feline-only practice and obtain Gold Level Cat Friendly Clinic accreditation in 2013, the first clinic in western Canada to achieve this title.

Dr. Lupton has written, and continues to write, feline articles for various local magazines and is also the primary veterinarian for several local feline rescue groups, including Last Chance Cat Ranch, Purrfect Endings, and the PAW Society. Dr. Lupton hospitalized and treated over 30 injured cats after Last Chance Cat Ranch experienced a devastating fire destroying its main adoption house in 2013, with every cat making it to discharge.

“Dr. Lupton provides the best care to our rescue cats, not only with her veterinary expertise, but with her unwavering compassion,” expresses Elizabeth Ginn, Founder of The Last Chance Cat Ranch. “She treats all cats and clients with the utmost respect, spending a lot of time going over diagnostics and recommended care and is in high demand as her ‘cat vet’ reputation grows. Dr. Lupton is a model example for all other veterinarians and is extremely deserving of this recognition.”

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CVMA's Small Animal Practitioner Award, sponsored by Petsecure Pet Health Insurance, is presented to a CVMA member whose work in small animal practice, clinical research or basic sciences is judged to have contributed significantly to the advancement of small animal medicine, surgery, or the management of a small animal practice.

The Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) is the national and international voice for Canada's veterinarians, providing leadership and advocacy for veterinary medicine. Each year, CVMA proudly recognizes individuals and groups for their outstanding contribution to veterinary medicine. Visit canadianveterinarians.net to learn more about CVMA.

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