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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Mayor of St. John's welcomes national veterinary association to Newfoundland and Labrador**

ST. JOHN'S, N.L. — Mayor of St. John's, Dennis O'Keefe, joined the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) president, Dr. Jim Berry, to officially welcome veterinary professionals from across Canada and around the world to the CVMA 2014 Convention in St. John's, N.L.

"I am pleased to welcome a national association to St. John's that is committed to providing excellence within its profession and to the well-being of animals," says Mayor Dennis O'Keefe. "I also hope the participants have the opportunity to see the sights of our beautiful city."

The national veterinary convention, which runs from July 9 to 12, is the only national multi-species event that offers more than 110 hours of continuing education for veterinary professionals. The 2014 program includes more than 40 highly rated speakers from Canada, the United States and overseas to discuss topics ranging from shelter medicine, to clinical pathology, to social media, as well as small animal, equine and bovine clinical practice.

CVMA will also host on July 9 the Summit of Veterinary Leaders for veterinary leaders and decision-makers from around the world to delve into the issue of antimicrobial resistance.

"CVMA is the national voice for the veterinary profession across Canada and internationally," says Dr. Jim Berry, CVMA president. "Our annual convention has been going strong for 66 years and provides an opportunity for veterinary professionals from around the world to gather and discuss serious issues, such as antimicrobial resistance, which is a global concern for the health of humans and animals."

CVMA is the voice for approximately 12,500 veterinarians in Canada, with 113 in Newfoundland and Labrador. The association works under three priorities - animal welfare advocacy, leadership on national veterinary issues, and ensuring a successful career and a balanced life for veterinarians.

The 2014 Convention is presented in partnership with the Canadian Association of Animal Health Technologists and Technicians (CAAHTT).

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*The Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) is the national voice for the veterinary profession dedicated to serving and representing the veterinarians of Canada. Each year, the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association proudly recognizes individuals and groups for their outstanding contribution to veterinary medicine. To learn more about CVMA visit [www.canadianveterinarians.net](http://www.canadianveterinarians.net).*

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