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### Ontario Veterinarian Awarded for Decades of Animal Advocacy Work

OTTAWA, Ont. – Dr. Timothy Blackwell, a large animal veterinarian, has been honoured with the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association's (CVMA) *Humane Award*.

"We are pleased to honour Dr. Timothy Blackwell with the CVMA Humane Award for his long-time commitment to establishing the humane treatment of animals nationally and internationally," says Dr. Jean Gauvin, 2014-15 CVMA President.

Dr. Blackwell has over 38 years of experience in large animal health management and his diverse work includes private practice, university teaching hospitals, and government service. For more than two decades he has worked as a public servant with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs where he is currently Lead Veterinarian, Disease Prevention-Swine.

After graduating from Michigan State University, Dr. Blackwell was employed by Dr. Herb Marsh in a mixed animal practice in Princeton, Illinois. Dr. Marsh insisted on standards of welfare in his practice 30 years ago that would be considered progressive today. After leaving Illinois, Dr. Blackwell furthered his veterinary education at the Ontario Veterinary College and then moved to the University of Minnesota to pursue graduate training while working as an ambulatory clinician at the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Blackwell holds memberships in several professional organizations including CVMA, Ontario Association of Swine Practitioners, and the American Association of Swine Practitioners. Dr. Blackwell is the Feature Editor of Veterinary Medical Ethics, one of the most popular and longest running (25 years) columns in The Canadian Veterinary Journal's history.

Dave and Brenda Linton, of Lin-Dell Farms Ltd. wrote, "Tim has been a pillar to any success we have had. We owe him a debt of gratitude and so do our pigs. As Tim would say, 'What do the pigs think of it?'"

*The CVMA Humane Award, sponsored by Merck Animal Health, recognizes leadership in the care and well-being of animals. This award is presented to a veterinarian whose work is judged to have contributed significantly to the welfare and well-being of animals.*

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