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Manitoban Honoured Nationally for Outstanding Contributions to the Veterinary Profession

OTTAWA, Ont. – Ms. Elizabeth J. Knight has been awarded with *Honourary Membership* to the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) for elevating the practice of transfusion medicine in Canada.

“We are pleased to present Ms. Elizabeth J. Knight with Honourary Membership to the CVMA for her knowledge, skills and compassion, combined with her love for animals and caregivers, making her a treasure to the veterinary community,” says Dr. Nicole Gallant, 2015-16 CVMA President.

Ms. Elizabeth (Beth) Knight joined the Canadian Animal Blood Bank (CABB) in May 2006 after a 26-year career at Canadian Red Cross/Canadian Blood Services (CBS), bringing her immunohematology skill-set to the animal transfusion service. Her enthusiasm and dedication is matched by her sincere empathy for donors and patients.

Graduating with a Diploma in Biological Technology from Red River College in 1977, Beth secured a laboratory technician job at Canadian Red Cross - Blood Transfusion Services, CBS. She went on to obtain a specialized diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology Immunohematology. Beth transitioned from Crossmatch Laboratory to Special Investigations (antibody identification) Laboratory and finally completed her career in Donor Testing/Transmissible Disease Laboratories. In 2004, she left CBS and entered the University of Winnipeg to expand her life learning. A year later, a chance opportunity to participate in the inaugural Red River College program of Quality Assurance/Quality Control in the Pharmaceutical Industry piqued her interest to move into the growing pharma industry in Manitoba. Beth began working at CABB within a month of graduating.

Ten years later, Beth continues to champion for quality in her dream job and supports veterinary medicine with both a practical and creative approach to challenges. She continually sets the bar higher for both herself, and a growing industry.

“Beth has been an ally to veterinarians throughout the country, especially in Manitoba, in ensuring that life-saving blood products are always available for our patients, and new canine donors are always being recruited nationwide so CABB’s shelves are never bare,” says Dr. Jonas Watson, active board member of the Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association, Canadian Animal Blood Bank, and Winnipeg Humane Society.

Honourary membership is presented to an individual who has rendered distinguished service to the veterinary profession.

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