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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Leading Quebec Veterinarian Honoured with Prestigious Professional Award**

OTTAWA, Ont. – Dr. Sylvie Latour was honoured with the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) *President's Award* for her expertise and outstanding dedication to the veterinary profession.

“The CVMA is delighted to honour Dr. Latour with the President's Award for her commitment to the betterment of the veterinary profession and its practice standards,” says Dr. Nicole Gallant, 2015-16 CVMA President.

Dr. Latour graduated from the University of Montréal's Faculté de médecine vétérinaire (FMV) in 1983 where she completed an internship in veterinary applied sciences the following year. After graduating from FMV, she became co-owner of a veterinary clinic in Longueuil, Que., and subsequently, joined the staff of the Ordre des médecins vétérinaires du Québec (OMVQ) where she established the Professional Development department and worked as Department Director from 2001 to 2013. Dr. Latour has since returned to her true passion, companion animal practice, and is a veterinarian at the Hôpital vétérinaire des Hauts-Bois in Sainte-Julie, on the South Shore of Montreal.

Dr. Latour has been a member and chair of many OMVQ Committees including continuing education, convention standing committee, Board and executive committee (both director and vice-president). She was also a member of the committee responsible for the production of the first document on minimum practice standards in veterinary medicine in 1994.

In 1998, she was named Quebec representative on the National Examining Board (NEB) and became the chair in 2002 until 2014. During these years, Dr. Latour also represented the CVMA on the Council on Education of the American Veterinary Medical Association (COE/AVMA) and the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. She has participated in 18 COE/AVMA veterinary college accreditation visits, in North America and internationally, as the Canadian representative. Dr. Latour has also been responsible for the French translation of North American Veterinary Licensing Examination questions since 2000.

*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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