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### **Alberta Veterinarian Honoured for Dedicating Entire Career to Canadian Swine**

OTTAWA, ON. – Dr. Egan Brockhoff was awarded the 2020 Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) *Merck Veterinary Award* for dedicating his career to the Canadian swine industry.

“The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development contracted Dr. Brockhoff during the 2009 H1N1 pandemic to assist with disease response,” informs Dr. Krista Howden, former Epidemiologist and Scientific Advisor with the CFIA. “He demonstrated a remarkable degree of professionalism and foresight and his understanding of the animal and public health disease implications along with the associated social, political, environmental, and economic issues was a tremendous asset to the CFIA. Dr. Brockhoff displayed great dedication to the profession and industry he serves.”

Dr. Brockhoff graduated in 2006 from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine located in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. He strongly advocates for the veterinary profession, agriculture, and agribusiness, operates a third-generation mixed farm in central Alberta with his family, is a practicing veterinarian and President at Prairie Swine Health Services in Red Deer, Alberta and Steinbach, Manitoba, and has taught swine medicine at the University of Calgary – Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (UCVM) since 2008.

“Dr. Brockhoff taught veterinary students swine nutrition, health management, and theriogenology involvement when he started at the UCVM as an associate professor,” says Dr. Baljit Singh, Dean of the UCVM. “Since then, he continues to share his expertise in, and enthusiasm for, swine medicine, actively encouraging students to get involved in production animal medicine. Dr. Brockhoff was instrumental in guiding five UCVM alumni to pursue careers in swine medicine through his passion for swine health. Three are currently working with him at Prairie Swine Health Services and now also share their knowledge and field experiences with our veterinary students.”

Dr. Brockhoff began providing consulting services in Asia in 2010, focusing on veterinary training, infection prevention and control, and enhancing biosecurity capacity. Dr. Doug MacDougald, veterinarian and 2015 Merck Veterinary Award recipient, insists Dr. Brockhoff’s consulting work “gives him tremendous insight into African Swine Fever (ASF) issues as it continues to emerge and while he leads ASF preparedness and prevention in the Canadian veterinary profession.”

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“I was fortunate to work with Dr. Brockhoff for several years, most recently on foreign animal disease prevention in North America,” states Dr. Ben Woolley, Director of Operations at Sunterra Farms. “He was instrumental in the battle for disease prevention by working with the CFIA to strengthen border protection, he worked with his Canadian veterinary colleagues to strengthen biosecurity and raise threat awareness, he has educated producers on border risks and foreign animal disease impacts, and what needs to be done to keep diseases out.”

Dr. Brockhoff’s leadership continues while helping the CVMA develop their antimicrobial guidelines and balancing his role as managing partner at the Prairie Swine Health Services with his Veterinary Counselor position at the Canadian Pork Council.

“A large part of diseases being kept out of Canada is due to Dr. Brockhoff’s efforts,” continues Dr. Wooley. “His determination to raise awareness and get things done to prevent disease in our country has been instrumental in the fight. The whole of agriculture and all who depend on the food supply chain owe a huge debt of gratitude to Dr. Brockhoff for his tireless work.”

*The Merck Veterinary Award, sponsored by Merck Animal Health, is presented to a veterinarian whose work in large animal practice, clinical research, or basic sciences is judged to have contributed significantly to the advancement of large animal medicine and surgery, including herd health management.*

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