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Dr. Yvonne Bellay Honored as Veterinarian of the Year

MADISON – The Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association (WVMA) awarded Dr. Yvonne Bellay, Jefferson, the Veterinarian of the Year Award at its 94th Annual Convention on Friday, October 9. This award is given by the WVMA annually to a member who has made major contributions to the advancement of the veterinary medical profession.

Dr. Bellay received her veterinary medical degree from the College of Veterinary Medicine at The Ohio State University in 1975. Since then, she has exemplified the highest standard of professionalism and performance by a veterinarian in a public position, acting as a resource to the veterinary medical profession, law enforcement, state and local governments and society on animal welfare policy. For nearly 15 years, Dr. Bellay has been a highly respected and responsive resource for the WVMA and other groups alike.

“She developed the state’s humane officer program and has worked long hours and long years to get some regulation of pet facilities. Humane societies, local law enforcement, veterinarians and our own staff know her as the state’s foremost authority on both humane and rabies laws and practices,” said Wisconsin State Veterinarian Dr. Robert Ehlenfeldt.

Rod Nilsestuen, Wisconsin Secretary of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection also congratulated Dr. Bellay, “It’s a rare honor when the private sector gives this kind of professional recognition to a government employee, so I’m especially proud that it’s one of our own.”

The Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association works to advocate and promote veterinary medicine, while enriching animal and human health. It serves nearly 2,400 licensed member veterinarians.

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