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Dr. Whayne Hill Honored with 50-Year Award

MADISON - The Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association (WVMA) presented Whayne Hill, DVM, a 50-Year Award at its 97th Annual Convention on Friday, Oct. 12. The 50-Year Award is given to honor veterinarians that have served their community and the veterinary medical profession while being a member of the WVMA for 50 years.

Dr. Hill graduated from the Kansas State University School of Veterinary Medicine in 1962. Prior to his retirement in 1992 from veterinary practice, and 2011 from Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Dr. Hill practiced mixed animal medicine for 12 years and companion animal medicine for 29 years. In addition to his professional veterinary career, Dr. Hill served 40 years in the U.S. Military.

Much has evolved in the practice of veterinary medicine throughout his career. He remembers when there was no formal radiological training. In addition, he says great advances have been made in biological understanding.

Dr. Hill's fondest memories of practice include the day when the Animal Hospital of DePere, Inc. received its American Animal Hospital Association Member Hospital plaque. He also recalls when hundreds of his clients organized a surprise retirement celebration and presented him with a plaque reading, "With heartfelt appreciation for your patience, understanding, and compassionate care of our pets."

Dr. Hill has served as president of the Northeastern Veterinary Medical Association as well as numerous committees. Within the WVMA, he served eight years as his district's representative to the WVMA Executive Board, including six years as chairman. Dr. Hill was a member of several WVMA committees, including one providing encouragement to the Wisconsin Governor and Wisconsin Legislature to establish the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine.

Currently, Dr. Hill and his wife, Mary Johnson, live in Utah where they are serving on a family history mission.

The mission of the Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association is to advocate and promote veterinary medicine, while enriching animal and human health. Founded in 1915, the Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association has nearly 2,300 members.

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