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Dr. Randy Schuett Name Veterinarian of The Year

Amidst a standing ovation and cheers from colleagues and his clinic staff, Dr. Randy Schuett received the 2010 WVMA Veterinarian of the Year Award during the WVMA Annual Meeting on Oct. 8 in Middleton.

The Annual Meeting was held as a part of the WVMA's 95th Annual Convention held at the Madison Marriott West in Middleton. Long-time friend and fellow veterinarian Dr. Jerry Quilling of Kettle Moraine Veterinary Clinic in Plymouth presented the prestigious award.

A native of Waukesha, Dr. Schuett grew up working on his dad's farm, involved in both cropping and raising beef cattle, which he exhibited at the Waukesha and Walworth County fairs and the Wisconsin State Fair.

Following high school graduation from Waukesha High School, he attended Kansas State University graduating in 1975, but not before marrying his wife, Brenda, in 1974.

Following graduation, Dr. Schuett returned to Wisconsin, joining Tri-County Veterinary Service in Mukwonago working with Dr. Jerry Crawley. In 1976 he began a solo large animal practice, while practicing companion animal medicine with Dr. Jeff Gaver and Dr. Lawrence Davis in Oconomowoc. In 1977, he began Pewaukee Veterinary Service, where he was joined by his twin brother, Dr. Jeff Schuett, in 1980. Since that time, Pewaukee Veterinary Service has grown into a progressive six-doctor practice operating out of a state-of-the-art building.

"Randy's passion for veterinary medicine is not only seen in daily clinical practice, but also in his commitment to the veterinary profession as a whole," commented Dr. Jeff Schuett. "Randy's years of service representing the WVMA and his current responsibilities as a Delegate are a testament to his 'walking the walk'. Giving back is Randy's nature, as is being an advocate for his colleagues."

Dr. Schuett has been involved in organized veterinary medicine throughout his career. Beyond his several committee assignments for the WVMA , he has served as WVMA President in 2002 and was awarded the Meritorious Service Award in 2005. Currently, he has nearly completed an eight year term as Wisconsin's alternate delegate and delegate to the AVMA House of Delegates.

"I had the pleasure of serving four of those years in the House (of Delegates) with Randy and was always impressed by his willingness to research and give thoughtful input on the issues before that body," explained Dr. Jerry Quilling. "He has also never forgotten what it was like to be a veterinary student, both the fears and the excitement, and has therefore been a champion for their cause."

Dr René Carlson, AVMA President-Elect, in her letter of support for Dr. Schuett's nomination wrote, "Randy is a wonderful role model to students, his colleagues, his community, the WVMA, and the AVMA. He is the type of person who gives much of his time with little limelight."

One of Dr. Schuett's special interests is endoscopy and along with using these techniques in his own practice, he has been active for a number of years assisting with various projects using laparoscopy to evaluate the reproductive physiology of bears primarily at the San Diego Zoo and at Bear Country USA in South Dakota. One of the goals of this work would be to increase the rate of reproduction of giant pandas. Dr. Meg Sutherland-Smith of the San Diego Zoo wrote, "Randy is a skilled veterinarian, a patient mentor, and a great person. His devotion to veterinary medicine represents what Veterinarian of the Year stands for."

"What a surprise, honor and pleasure," stated Dr. Randy Schuett after being name Veterinarian of the Year. Dr. Schuett gave special thanks to his supportive family including his wife Brenda and his twin brother, "business partner and best friend," Dr. Jeff Schuett for his support.

"I was the one who benefited from all of this," Dr. Randy Schuett explained. "I benefited from these great friends and relationships."

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