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Local Veterinarian Honored
Colorado Veterinary Medical Association presents award

The Colorado Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) honored Jim Kennedy, DVM, of CSU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratories, Rocky Ford, with the Veterinarian of the Year service award at its 101st annual convention in Copper Mountain, September 8-12, 2007. The Veterinarian of the Year service award recognizes a distinguished CVMA member who has contributed to the advancement of veterinary medicine in the state of Colorado in the areas of organization, education, research, practice or regulatory service.

Dr. Kennedy is responsible for Colorado’s successful voluntary program to control bovine viral diarrhea – an effort that is serving as a model for those in other states. As the director of Colorado’s Voluntary BVD Control and Eradication Program, Kennedy set out to establish Colorado as the nation’s first to be certified as BVD free.

Dr. Kennedy also serves as the director of the Rocky Ford branch of CSU’s Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratories. It is in that capacity that he actively assists veterinarians in the diagnosis of disease, and his special interest in diseases of cattle, horses and camelids are of particular value to the state’s veterinary community.

A CVMA member who nominated Dr. Kennedy wrote, “He has always been accommodating and insightful with diagnoses, and his leadership in the BVD eradication program is outstanding.”

The Colorado Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) is a professional association of more than 1,600 veterinarians who protect animal and public health through service in clinical practice, public practice, teaching and research, food and fiber supply, and the uniformed services. CVMA exists to enhance animal health and welfare, promote the human/animal bond, protect public health, and foster excellence in veterinary medicine through education, advocacy and outreach.