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**Local Veterinarian Honored**

*Colorado Veterinary Medical Association presents award*

The Colorado Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) honored Fort Collins resident Kristy Pabilonia, DVM of Colorado State University's Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory with its Outstanding Faculty service award at its 101<sup>st</sup> annual convention in Copper Mountain, September 8-12, 2007. CVMA's Outstanding Faculty service award recognizes a CSU faculty member who has provided unselfish assistance to practitioners as a clinician, is a proficient and capable teacher, and/or has made significant contributions to continuing education.

Dr. Pabilonia is an assistant professor in the Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Pathology at Colorado State University's College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. She is coordinator of the Colorado Avian Disease Surveillance Program, which was created after the first outbreaks of avian influenza in Southeast Asia caused serious concerns about the health of our global community. The program has tested hundreds upon hundreds of birds for avian influenza within our state.

Pabilonia's work outside of our state's and nation's borders truly reflects the connection between animal health and public health to help address critical issues in our world. She has traveled to Indonesia many times during the last year to help that nation develop training programs to manage its current highly pathogenic avian influenza outbreak. She is also a frequent presenter on poultry health topics, has provided compelling testimony in front of state's legislature, and has helped attract talented students to projects and educational opportunities pertaining to poultry health.

**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.**

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