Shannon Hait, DVM, Named South Carolina Veterinarian of the Year

Honor presented at South Carolina Association of Veterinarians’ Annual Conference

COLUMBIA, SC — The South Carolina Association of Veterinarians (SCAV) has named Shannon Hait, DVM, the 2014 South Carolina Veterinarian of the Year. Hait was recognized at a reception held as part of the SCAV Annual Conference in Spartanburg on October 17.

Hait, a resident of Anderson, has been an associate veterinarian at Cleveland Park Animal Hospital in Greenville for the past 15 years. She’s a 1993 graduate of Clemson University and received her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1998 from Tuskegee University's College of Veterinarian Medicine.

SCAV’s President Todd Brown, who announced the honor, said Hait was nominated for the award by 11 people – including five other veterinarians and six licensed veterinary technicians.

“It’s obvious that Dr. Hait has earned an enormous amount of respect and admiration from her peers,” said Brown. “In addition to being a terrific veterinarian, she’s a selfless volunteer and a dedicated mentor to veterinary students. She’s an asset to our local veterinary community and the clients she serves.”

Prior to joining Cleveland Park Animal Hospital in 2000, Hait practiced at the Emergency Clinic in Florence and Baird’s Animal Hospital in Lumberton, N.C. She served on the advisory board for the Tri-County Technical College’s Pre-Veterinary Program in 2013, and has served on the board of Greenville’s Animal Emergency Clinic for five years, acting as president for two years. She’s also been the lead DVM of multiple investigative pharmaceutical studies over the past five years.

Hait has often mentored teens and students of veterinary medicine, and has been selected to speak at Clemson University's Employee Vocational Day. She has also been the head of Cleveland Park Animal Hospital's philanthropic program for the past three years.

The South Carolina Association of Veterinarians (SCAV), established in 1911, is a not-for-profit association representing more than 715 veterinarian members. The association strives to advance the science and art of veterinary medicine by providing opportunities for professional education and development, and by enhancing the relationships between veterinarians, agriculture, pet owners, government and the public at large, and to protect the public health by promoting proper involvement in human and animal health care by the veterinary profession. For additional information about SCAV, visit www.scav.org.

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