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TEXAS VETERINARIANS GATHER IN AUSTIN FOR ANNUAL MEETING

AUSTIN—The Texas Veterinary Medical Association (TVMA) will hold its 2007 Annual Conference March 2-4, at the Omni Hotel in Downtown Austin. Approximately 300 of Texas' top veterinarians will be on hand to learn the latest advances in the field of veterinary medicine. Many aspects of public health will be addressed including emergency preparedness, companion-animal health, disease prevention, and the shortage of food supply veterinarians.

The shortage of food supply veterinarians will have a nationwide impact regarding food supply and safety. It of great concern for our state, as Texas is the top state in the nation in value of livestock, poultry and their products. The president of the American Veterinary Medical Association, Dr. Roger Mahr, will be in attendance at this weekend's conference to discuss the severity of this shortage and the importance of veterinary medicine in safeguarding our nation's food supply.

If you are interested in scheduling an interview with TVMA President, Dr. Mark Cox or any of the nation's leaders in veterinary medicine, call Lindsey Oechsle at 512/542-4224 or email loechsle@tvma.org.

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Founded in 1903, the Texas Veterinary Medical Association is a professional association composed of over 3500 veterinarians committed to protecting the public health, promoting high educational, ethical and moral standards within the veterinary profession, and educating the public about animal health and its relationship to human health. For more information, call 512/452-4224 or go to www.tvma.org.