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### **DODD RECEIVES VETERINARY SPECIALTY AWARD**

**AUSTIN**, March 19, 2008— Dr. Johnathon R. (Bert) Dodd was honored by state leaders in veterinary medicine for his dedication to veterinary dentistry March 2 at the Texas Veterinary Medical Association Annual Conference in College Station, TX. Dr. Dodd was nominated and selected by colleagues to receive the 2008 TVMA Practitioner of the Year Award in Medical Specialty. TVMA selects one recipient annually for this award, which serves to recognize recipients for their outstanding professional performance among veterinary medical specialists currently practicing veterinary medicine.

Dr. Dodd is an essential leader in the advancement of veterinary dentistry. His personal goal has been to share his dental skills with as many veterinarians and students as possible to improve the level of dental care and overall health of patients. In March 2006, Dr. Dodd started the first-ever dental department within the College of Veterinary Medicine at his alma mater, Texas A&M University. Today, Dr. Dodd has presented over 130 lectures and labs to veterinarians, human dentists, breed clubs, radio and TV audiences, high schools and technicians across the US, Canada and Australia.

TVMA honors veterinarians in the state of Texas who are exemplary doctors, researchers, leaders, and individuals. TVMA is committed to ongoing excellence from the members of its organization and takes pride in the opportunity to provide continuing education and recognition for veterinarians at its conference each year.

If you would like additional information or to schedule an interview with Dr. Dodd, contact Lindsey Oechsle at 512/452-4224 or email [loechsle@tvma.org](mailto:loechsle@tvma.org).

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