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## **BANDERA VET AWARDED FOR EXCELLENCE IN PRACTICE**

**AUSTIN**, March 19, 2008—Dr. Mark Richardson of Bandera has been named Practitioner of the Year in General Practice by the Texas Veterinary Medical Association (TVMA) and was presented with this honor March 2 at the TVMA Annual Conference in College Station, TX. TVMA annually recognizes individuals in veterinary practice who best exemplify the standards and ideals of the veterinary profession.

Dr. Richardson has been in the same mixed animal practice since graduating from Texas A&M in 1985 and has a second small animal practice 18 miles away. He and his clinic were locally voted Best Veterinarian and Best Veterinary Clinic, yet his desire to be of service to his community extends beyond his practice. He serves the city of Bandera as the Rabies Control Officer, has spoken to numerous schools and 4-H groups, and hosted special needs children from area schools to work in his clinic. Even as he has watched the landscape in his community change over the last 22 years, Dr. Richardson has remained steadfast in his commitment to his clients, saying, “Dedication to this lifestyle is the most important reason I do what I do.”

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. Richardson, contact Lindsey Oechsle at 512/452-4224 or email [loechsle@tvma.org](mailto:loechsle@tvma.org).

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