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## **YOUNGBLOOD HONORED FOR VETERINARY EXCELLENCE**

**AUSTIN**, March 19, 2008—The Texas Veterinary Medical Association (TVMA) has named San Antonio veterinarian, Dr. Sherri W. Youngblood, the 2008 Companion Animal Practitioner of the Year. State leaders in veterinary medicine presented Dr. Youngblood her award March 2 at the TVMA Annual Conference in College Station.

Dr. Youngblood owns Spring Creek Animal Hospital, Inc., a full service medical and surgical facility for companion animals. She has practiced in the San Antonio area since graduating from the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University in 1990. Throughout her career, Dr. Youngblood has served her community through her involvement with government agencies, animal resource programs, educating city council members and the general public about a number of animal health issues.

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

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