



## Alabama Veterinary Medical Association

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## PRESS RELEASE

### **ALVMA Honors Lorraine Alexander as Layman of the Year**

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#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**MONTGOMERY, Ala.** - The Alabama Veterinary Medical Association recently honored Lorraine Alexander of Valley Grande, Ala. as the Layman of the Year during the ALVMA Awards Luncheon on June 19 at their annual conference at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort. This honor is awarded to a non-veterinarian who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the profession and the Association.

"Lorraine Alexander of Wannabe Rescued is led by her heart to help the animals here at the local shelter. She does a wonderful job of raising awareness and managing available resources so these animals have a second chance," said Dr. Frances Kendrick of Valley Creek Veterinary Hospital in Selma. "Lorraine works with all the veterinarians in our community and endorses good veterinary care to the families adopting these animals. When people appreciate the opinion of the veterinarian it promotes the value of our profession."

Lorraine Alexander is a rescue coordinator for Wannabe Rescued, a local pet rescue group, which operates to rescue animals that would otherwise be at risk for euthanasia in our local animal shelter. She has worked tirelessly to improve animal welfare and animal treatment within the Selma Animal Shelter by visiting the shelter daily and photographing and networking animals via social media.

Through her efforts (and the efforts of those helping with Wannabe Rescued) hundreds of animals destined for euthanasia have found homes locally and as far away as New York state. She recently helped move 12 distemper positive dogs to a treatment facility in Florence, AL that has an experimental treatment that is helping dogs to survive this disease.

She works daily to coordinate treatments, spay/neuters, and inoculations with all local veterinarians, then to coordinate pet adoption and pet transport for all this she receives no pay. The stress from this work can be great at many times but she bears this with little to no complaint. Lorraine lives with her husband, Scott and several dogs.

Founded in 1907, The Alabama Veterinary Medical Association is comprised of approximately 725 veterinarians from around the state, all committed to protecting People, Pets and Livestock – Yesterday, Today and Always.

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