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PRESS RELEASE

ALVMA Honors Priscilla Blenkinsopp as Layperson of the Year

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. - The Alabama Veterinary Medical Association recently honored Priscilla Blenkinsopp of Athens, Ala. as the Layperson of the Year during the ALVMA Awards Luncheon on June 2 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.

From a very early age, Blenkinsopp was driven to improve the life of any stray animal she encountered. Her mother often reminded her that she could not feed every hungry animal in the country. She began rescuing animals in Washington State over 25 years ago. After returning to Alabama, she volunteered at the Athens-Limestone Animal Shelter and eventually became the on-site director. Blenkinsopp has worked tirelessly over the years to place unwanted animals into forever homes, often transporting animals around the Southeast region to various rescue groups. She has developed a network of more than 30 foster homes, numerous volunteers, five transport assistants and over 60 rescue groups which help facilitate the adoption of over 1,100 pets per year. Today, the ALAS adopts out over 80% of all adoptable animals that are turned in from Limestone County.

ALVMA members are dedicated to the encouragement of responsible pet ownership. Many ALVMA members participate in the Alabama Veterinary Medical Foundation's Spay/Neuter License Plate Program which offers low-cost spay/neuter services to those who qualify for assistance. This program is funded by the sale of spay/neuter license plates and also by designated funds submitted via a check off box on the Alabama income tax return.

The ALVMA is proud to recognize Priscilla Blenkinsopp with this award for her dedication to making conditions better for Alabama pets and her determination to see results that continue to make a tremendous difference in Alabama's pet overpopulation.

Founded in 1907, The Alabama Veterinary Medical Association is comprised of approximately 700 veterinarians from around the state, all committed to protecting People, Pets and Livestock – Yesterday, Today and Always.

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