



Dr. Lonnie J. King
Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine
The Ohio State University

On September 1, 2009, Lonnie King, DVM, MS, MPA, ACVPM, became the 10th Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at The Ohio State University. In addition to leading this college, Dr. King is also a professor in the Department of Veterinary Preventive Medicine and holds the Ruth Stanton Endowed Chair in Veterinary Medicine. Before becoming dean at OSU, he was the director of CDC's new National Center for Zoonotic, Vector-Borne, and Enteric diseases (NCZCED). Dr. King led the Center's activities for surveillance, diagnostics, disease investigations, epidemiology, research, public education, policy development, and disease prevention and public health concerns, which also included most of CDC's select and bioterrorism agents, neglected tropical diseases, and emerging zoonoses. Before serving as director, he was the first chief of the agency's Office of Strategy and Innovation.

Dr. King served as dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, Michigan State University, from 1996 to 2006. As at Ohio State University, he served as the chief executive officer for academic programs, research, the teaching hospital, diagnostic center for population and animal health, basic and clinical science departments, and the outreach and continuing education programs. As dean and professor of large animal clinical sciences, Dr. King was instrumental in obtaining funds for the construction of a \$60 million Diagnostic Center for Population and Animal Health, initiated the Center for Emerging Infectious Diseases in the college, served as the campus leader in food safety, and had oversight for the National Food Safety and Toxicology Center.

In 1992, Dr. King was appointed administrator for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), U.S. Department of Agriculture, in Washington, DC. In this role, he provided executive leadership and direction for ensuring the health and care of animals and plants, to improve agricultural productivity and competitiveness, and to contribute to the national economy and public health. Dr. King also served as the country's chief veterinary officer for five years and worked extensively in global trade agreements within NAFTA, the World Trade Organization, and the World Animal Health Association (OIE). He also served as the deputy administrator for Veterinary Services of APHIS, USDA where he led national efforts in disease eradication imports and exports, and diagnostics in both Ames, Iowa and Plum Island. He spent five years in Hyattsville, Maryland, in staff assignments in Emergency Programs, as well as Animal Health Information where he also helped to develop the agency's National Animal Health Monitoring System. He left APHIS briefly to serve as the Director of the Governmental Relations Division of the American Veterinary Medical Association in Washington, DC and served as the lobbyist for the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) on Capital Hill.

Before beginning his government career in 1977, Dr. King was in private veterinary practice for seven years in Dayton, Ohio and Atlanta, Georgia. As a native of Wooster, Ohio, Dr. King received his Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degrees from The Ohio State University in 1966 and 1970, respectively. He earned his Master of Science degree in epidemiology from the University of Minnesota and received his master's degree in public administration from American University in Washington, DC in 1991. Dr. King is a board-certified member of the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine and has completed the Senior Executive Fellowship program at Harvard University. He has served as president of the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges from 1999-2000 and was the vice-chair for the National Commission on Veterinary Economic Issues from 2000-2004. He has served on four National Academy of Sciences' Committee, including chairing the National Academies' Committee on Assessing the National's Framework for Addressing Animal Diseases. Dr. King is one of the developers of the Science, Politics and Animal Health Policy Fellowship Program and lectures extensively on the future of animal health and veterinary medicine. Dr. King is currently a member of the Institute of Medicine's Forum on Microbial Threats to Health, is on the FDA's Board of Scientific Advisors, and is past president of the American Veterinary Epidemiology Society. He served as the chair for the National One Medicine Task Force for the AVMA, which helped start the country's One Health Initiative. Dr. King was elected as a member of the Institute of Medicine of The National Academies in 2004.