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**Dr. Bruce Kaplan of Sarasota Fla. wins 2012 Karl F. Meyer-James H. Steele Gold Headed Cane Award**

(SAN DIEGO, Calif.) August 7, 2012— Bruce Kaplan, DVM, an alumni of Auburn University, has received the 2012 Karl F. Meyer-James H. Steele Gold Headed Cane Award at the American Veterinary Medical Association's (AVMA) annual convention. The AVMA today honored some of the nation's top veterinarians during an awards ceremony at the association's Annual Convention in San Diego, Calif. Each recipient has worked tirelessly to improve the lives of both animals and people around the country and the globe. These individuals represent the very best in all areas of veterinary medicine, from education and public service to research and private practice.

The 2012 Karl F. Meyer-James H. Steele Gold Headed Cane Award recognizes the achievement of an individual concerned with animal health who has significantly advanced human health through the practice of veterinary epidemiology and public health.

Dr. Kaplan, a retired veterinarian, received his DVM from Auburn University (1963). He then became an epidemiologist at Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) (1963-65). He went on to practice small animal veterinary medicine in Louisville, Ky. (1965-87), where he wrote a pet care column for the Louisville Courier-Journal and published several scientific articles on canine and feline medicine/surgery in veterinary medical journals.

Dr. Kaplan worked as a USDA-FSIS regional public affairs specialist in California and staff officer at the Office of Public Health and Science in Washington, D.C. (1994-98). As an editor/writer/public affairs consultant in Sarasota, Fla., his current home, he wrote a pet care column for the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times, now Tampa Bay Times (1999-2001). He has co-authored two food safety chapters in American Society of Microbiology books and a food safety column for the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association. Dr. Kaplan, a recognized One Health leader, currently devotes his time to promoting One Health as a member of the autonomous pro bono One Health Initiative team (two physicians, two veterinarians, one research scientist) co-writing numerous professional publications and book chapters. He is primary content manager for the One Health Initiative website ([www.onehealthinitiative.com](http://www.onehealthinitiative.com)), contributing editor on the editorial board of the One Health Newsletter ([http://www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/medicine/One\\_Health/OneHealth.html](http://www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/medicine/One_Health/OneHealth.html)) and serves on Veterinaria Italiana Journal's Scientific Advisory Board ([http://www.izs.it/vet\\_italiana/scadvboard\\_vet\\_it.htm](http://www.izs.it/vet_italiana/scadvboard_vet_it.htm)) and the Infection, Ecology & Epidemiology Journal's (Sweden) Editorial Advisory Board (<http://journals.sfu.ca/coaction/index.php/iee/pages/view/iee.board>).

Listed in 2011 and 2012 Marquis Who's Who in America, Dr. Kaplan's awards include the AVMA's Practitioner Research Award and USDA's Group Honor Award for Excellence and an Honorary Diploma from the American Veterinary Epidemiology Society.

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## **Dr. Donald L. Noah, Colonel, USAF wins 2012 Karl F. Meyer-James H. Steele Gold Headed Cane Award**

(SAN DIEGO, Calif.) August 7, 2012— Donald L. Noah, Colonel, USAF, BSC, an alumni of the Ohio State University, has received the 2012 Karl F. Meyer-James H. Steele Gold Headed Cane Award at the American Veterinary Medical Association's (AVMA) annual convention.

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Colonel Noah is the deputy commander of the United States Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine (USAFSAM), Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. He received his bachelor's and veterinary medical degrees from the Ohio State University, a Master of Public Health from the University of Minnesota and is a graduate of Harvard University's National Preparedness Leadership Institute. He is also a Diplomate of the American College of

Veterinary Preventive Medicine and is a USDA-certified Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostician.

Previous positions have included deputy assistant secretary of defense, deputy assistant secretary within the Department of Homeland Security, US Southern Command's deputy command surgeon, Department of Defense liaison to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), liaison to the Central Intelligence Agency and public health officer at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan.

In addition to his academic and military experiences, Dr. Noah practiced in a large animal (predominantly dairy and swine) private practice in Ohio with his father for three years. In addition to numerous military awards and decorations, his significant achievements include the 2005 Distinguished Alumnus Award from The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine, 1996 Dr. Daniel E. Salmon Federal Veterinarian of the Year Award, the 1996 US Department of Health and Human Services Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service, and the 1995 Republic of Zaire's Brevet de Participation for his efforts in the control of the Ebola outbreak.

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The AVMA, founded in 1863, is one of the oldest and largest veterinary medical organizations in the world, with more than 82,500 member veterinarians worldwide engaged in a wide variety of professional activities.