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LOCAL VETERINARY HOSPITAL IS A FINALIST FOR NATIONAL AWARD

(Blue Springs, MO) - Blue Springs Animal Hospital and Pet Resort, 1201 SW U.S. 40 Highway in Blue Springs, has been selected as one of eight national finalists by the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) for its inaugural AAHA Practice of the Year Award.

Established in 1933, the American Animal Hospital Association is the only accrediting body for veterinary medicine in the United States and Canada. AAHA is well known among veterinarians for setting the standards for excellence in veterinary health care.

Only 15% of small animal veterinary hospitals in the United States have achieved accreditation by AAHA. Accredited hospitals pass periodic stringent evaluations and inspections in which they are graded on over 900 standards covering such areas as quality of patient care, medical and surgical protocols, diagnostic and treatment capabilities, medical records, continuing education, and facility amenities and cleanliness.

2010 will mark the first time that AAHA has awarded a Practice of the Year designation from among its accredited hospitals. Blue Springs Animal Hospital and Pet Resort has been an AAHA accredited practice since 1991 and was nominated for the Practice of the Year Award by their AAHA inspector based upon their last AAHA accreditation inspection.

Representatives from Blue Springs Animal Hospital and Pet Resort will join the other national finalists March 18-21st in Long Beach, California at the AAHA National Convention, where the final award placements will be announced.

Veterinarians at Blue Springs Animal Hospital and Pet Resort include Drs. Jerry Carey, Joe Rodier, Nikki Stark (Hospital Administrator), Gina Bradley, Susan Steiner, Stuart Ryder, Elise Lesko, and Antonio DeMarco.

Learn more about AAHA veterinary accreditation, pet health care standards, and Blue Springs Animal Hospital and Pet Resort at www.healthypet.com and www.bluespringsanimalhospital.com.

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