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Pet Owners Honor Their Veterinarians with “Best Vet” Nominations

Thank Your Vet for a Healthy Pet® honors America’s top veterinarians; contest sponsored by Morris Animal Foundation, Hill’s Pet Nutrition and BowTie Inc.

Denver, Oct. 7, 2009 — When you love your pets, it is good to know you have a partner in improving their health and well-being: your veterinarian. That’s why hundreds of pet owners throughout the United States nominated their veterinarians for the third annual Thank Your Vet for a Healthy Pet® contest. See if your veterinarian was nominated at www.thankyourvet.org.

Denver-based Morris Animal Foundation (MAF) established the nationwide contest to honor veterinarians and the lives they enhance. Pet owners, technicians, shelter workers and community members nominated veterinarians from nearly all 50 states. From these nominations, MAF awards one national and five regional awards.

Five veterinary professionals, including last year’s winner, Dr. Rachel Boltz, of Adobe Animal Hospital in Los Altos, Calif., judged the contest entries.

Additional judges included Joan Embery, former MAF trustee and wildlife advocate, Julie Legred, CVT, president of the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America; Jason Merrihew with the American Animal Hospital Association and Marilyn Iturri, editor of *Veterinary Practice News*.

MAF, Hill’s Pet Nutrition and BowTie Inc., publisher of *DOG FANCY*, *CAT FANCY* and *Veterinary Practice News* magazines, sponsored the contest. National and regional winners will be posted at www.thankyourvet.org and highlighted in the February 2010 issues of *DOG FANCY* and *CAT FANCY* and the January 2010 issue of *Veterinary Practice News*. Winners will also be honored in front of their peers on January 16, 2010, at the North American Veterinary Conference in Orlando.

About Morris Animal Foundation

Morris Animal Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit established in 1948, is dedicated to funding [animal health research](#) that protects, treats and cures companion animals, horses and wildlife. MAF has been at the forefront of funding breakthrough research studies benefiting animals on all seven continents. MAF has its headquarters in Denver. [Charity Navigator](#) ranks MAF as a four-star charity, the highest rating. MAF is a [BBB Wise Giving Alliance](#) Charity Seal Holder. For more information, call 800.243.2345 or visit MorrisAnimalFoundation.org.

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