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Debra Horwitz, DVM, DACVB, Selected as the NAVC Conference 2014 Small Animal Speaker of the Year

Dr. Horwitz won the majority votes in an NAVC Conference 2014 attendee survey.

GAINESVILLE, FL — The North American Veterinary Community (NAVC) announces Debra Horwitz, DVM, DACVB, of Veterinary Behavior Consultations, as the selected Small Animal Speaker of the Year. Dr. Horwitz was chosen by veterinary professionals from around the world in an NAVC Conference 2014 poll of more than 2,700 participants.

Upon hearing the news, Dr. Horwitz said, “I am honored and humbled to have been chosen from among an outstanding group of speakers for this prestigious award by the fabulous attendees at the North American Veterinary Conference. It is their enthusiasm for veterinary medicine and veterinary behavior that makes my job so much fun and I love to lecture at this conference!”

Dr. Horwitz received her DVM from Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine and is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists. She has been in behavior referral practice since 1982 and her practice is presently located in St. Louis, Missouri. She’s a frequent lecturer in both North America and abroad on behavioral topics to Veterinarians and pet owners, is often featured on both television and radio and is a behavioral consultant for the VIN.

She has authored and edited several books and book chapters. Her most recent project is as lead editor of a book for pet owners, *Decoding your Dog*, authored by Diplomates of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists and published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt in January 2014. She was president of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists 2006-2008. In 2012 she received the Veterinarian of the Year from Ceva Animal Health at the Purina® Pro Plan® 57th Annual Show Dogs of the Year® Awards and was voted NAVC 2012 Small Animal Speaker of the Year as well as 2009 Veterinary Technician Speaker of the Year. Her current project is working on a new edition of her book, Wiley Blackwell’s *5-Minute Veterinary Consult Clinical Companion-Canine and Feline Behavior*.

At the NAVC Conference 2014, Dr. Horwitz presented sessions on “Canine Anxiety: Hiding in Plain Sight,” “When a Clean Litter Box is Not Enough” and other topics. This was the 14th time Dr. Horwitz presented talks at the NAVC Conference.

Dr. Horwitz was one of more than 350 speakers at the NAVC Conference 2014, which was attended by a record 16,308 Veterinarians, Veterinary Technicians, Practice Managers, Support Staff, Students, Exhibitors and Sponsors, Press and family and other guests.

About the NAVC

Founded in 1982 and headquartered in Gainesville, Florida, the North American Veterinary Community (NAVC) is a non-profit organization that provides world-class professional development for the global veterinary healthcare community. The association's largest educational initiative, the annual NAVC Conference, hosts more than 16,000 attendees and 350 speakers from more than 70 countries each year. Other educational offerings include NAVC VetFolio — its year-round online CE platform for the entire veterinary healthcare team, NAVC Expeditions, NAVC Institute and several veterinary publications including NAVC *Clinician's Brief*, the official journal of the NAVC, *Compendium*, *Veterinary Technician* and *Veterinary Therapeutics*. The NAVC's international conference partners include the Asian Pacific Veterinary Conference (APVC), the Latin American Veterinary Conference (LAVC) and Southern European Veterinary Conference (SEVC). Visit NAVC.com for more information.

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