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VETERINARY PRACTICE NEWS® HONORS THE 2008 VETERINARIAN OF THE YEAR AT PURINA® PRO PLAN®'S 54th ANNUAL SHOW DOGS OF THE YEAR® AWARDS PRESENTED BY DOGS IN REVIEW®

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Dr. Lee W. Morgan of the Georgetown Veterinary Hospital, Washington, D.C. was named the 2008 Veterinarian of the Year by *Veterinary Practice News* at the Purina® Pro Plan® 54th Annual Show Dogs of the Year® Awards, presented by *Dogs In Review*®, in New York City.

In his more than 10 years as a veterinarian, Dr. Morgan has proven time and again just how passionate he is about his work. Not only was he a finalist in the 2008 Thank Your Vet contest, but Dr. Morgan was also named Practitioner/Researcher of the Year by the American Veterinary Medical Association in 2005. Dr. Morgan trains service dogs for the Seeing Eye Foundation and The Guide Dogs for the Blind. His hospital provides support (low-cost spays, neuters, and microchip readers) to The Basset Hound Rescue Foundation, Washington Humane Society and other animal shelters. He also established the Robert Walter Morgan Memorial Foundation to raise funds for a mobile veterinary clinic for the Washington, D.C. Police Department K9 unit.

Congratulations to Dr. Morgan, the winner of the Veterinary Practice News 2008 Veterinarian of the Year Award.

In addition, seven great canine competitors of 2008 will be crowned the best of the best at the Purina® Pro Plan® 54th Annual Show Dogs of the Year® Awards, presented by *Dogs In Review*®, in New York City. These prestigious awards honor the dogs, along with their owners, handlers and breeders, who have led their respective Groups in the greatest number of Group Firsts won at American Kennel Club sanctioned events. The 2008 Obedience Trial Champion and the Best in Show dog of the year (the dog that won the most Best in Shows in 2008) will also be celebrated.

Along with the Annual Show Dogs of the Year Awards, there will be distinguished acknowledgement for Special Industry Awards winners. The awards will honor those individuals whose dedication to their craft is incomparable. These individuals will be honored for heightening public awareness of canine well-being and to elevating respect for the industry at large. Awards include Groomer of the Year, Veterinarian of the Year, Shelter of the Year and Trainer of the Year.

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