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Dr. Kristi Pennington Receives NDVMA Veterinarian of the Year Award

The North Dakota Veterinary Medical Association (NDVMA) recently named Dr. Kristi Pennington of New Town as the “**2024 North Dakota Veterinarian of the Year.**” Dr. Pennington was presented the distinguished award and honored at the 119th NDVMA Annual Meeting held in Fargo August 4-6, 2024.

The NDVMA Veterinarian of the Year Award was established in 1975, to recognize the time and efforts by its members, above and beyond that of normal participation, for the good of the Association and/or profession. This prestigious award recognizes those members who have exerted outstanding leadership in building a stronger NDVMA and contributed significantly to veterinary medicine in North Dakota.

Dr. Pennington is a rural mixed animal veterinarian who owns and operates Dakota Prairie Veterinary Services in New Town, ND.

In addition to her veterinary practice in New Town, Dr. Pennington has served in organized medicine for many years. She has contributed her time, talent, and expertise by holding several positions on the NDVMA Board of Directors as well as serving as a delegate to the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA). While serving as an AVMA delegate Dr. Pennington was an advocate and voice for the NDVMA and rural veterinarians. Dr. Pennington has also been a leader and mentor to other NDVMA board members and veterinarians throughout her career.

Dr. Pennington was described by her colleagues as an amazing veterinarian who devotes many hours to the NDVMA while owning and operating a busy solo practice, is active in her community, assists in running the family farm and above all else puts her family first. She does all these things and still stays current on issues important to the NDVMA, AVMA and its members.

Dr. Pennington attended North Dakota State University and studied in the veterinary technology program prior to attending Iowa State University - College of Veterinary Medicine and graduating in 1996.



Dr. Troy Dutton (left) presents Dr. Kristi Pennington with the 2024 Veterinarian of the Year award at the NDVMA Annual Meeting.

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