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Volunteer veterinarian surgeon wins prestigious award for Community Commitment

***Dr. Anne Sylvestre recognized for her work at the Kitchener-Waterloo and
Stratford-Perth Humane Societies***

Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, July 21, 2017 – The AWASCO Builder Award recognizes individuals, groups and organizations that have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to making their communities a better place today and in the future.

As this year's recipient, Dr. Anne Sylvestre—BSc, DVM, DVSc, CCRP, Diplomate ACVS/ECVS—is dedicated to bettering the community by healing injured, abused and homeless pets as a volunteer surgeon at the Kitchener-Waterloo Humane Society (KWHS). "Helping animals is all I have ever wanted to do. I absolutely love what I do," says Sylvestre. Her passion for animals is evident in her life's work.

Recently retired from her position as the owner of the surgical department of the Mississauga-Oakville Veterinary Emergency and Referral Hospital, Dr. Sylvestre has specialized in animal surgery for the past 24 years. Orthopedic is one of the most challenging surgical areas when it comes to sheltered animals. "Dr. Sylvestre's talent for healing animals is only matched by her love of the animals in her care. Having her on our team has meant that our injured and homeless pets are receiving the best care possible," says Dr. LeeAnn Sealey, BSc, DVM, Veterinary Director, AWASCO.

Dr. Sylvestre is an active advocate of continuing education programs for veterinarians with a focus on practicality and hands-on learning. Through *Focus and Flourish*, Dr. Sylvestre has since hosted over 60 workshops and has been invited to speak at numerous international and regional symposiums. She is also a published author, writing research and clinical papers as well as e-books.

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