

North America's Favorite Veterinarian

Client nomination earns Dr. Wayne Ingmire special award

By Joe Montgomery

The North American Pet Health Insurance Association (NAPHIA) announced in October that Dr. Wayne Ingmire, class of 1975, has been selected as the winner of the 2009 North American Favorite Veterinarian.

In September 2009, the NAPHIA celebrated North American Pet Health Insurance Month, so the association encouraged pet owners across North America to nominate their favorite veterinarians and provide a short story as an example. According to the association, paws down, Dr. Wayne Ingmire's nomination made him the "purrfect" winner!


Dr. Ingmire practices at the Mokena Animal Clinic near Chicago. He was nominated by Charlene Tabler, a client since 1982.

According to Ms. Tabler, "Our family feels that 'Doc' is the most caring and focused care provider we have ever met, and that includes our children's pediatrician — and we certainly love our pediatrician! Doc has been with us through the lives of our pets during the good times and times of illness and loss. From getting down on the floor and saying hello to our pets, to holding our hand as we discussed cancer treatments for one of our dogs, Doc is a most loving and caring health provider. There have been several times throughout the years that Doc would call in the early evening to check on our pets and make sure everything was going well. He does so much more for us than treating our pets — Doc treats our entire family."

The NAPHIA held a reception and lunch Oct. 27 at the Mokena Animal Clinic for Dr. Ingmire, his staff and friends. He was presented with an educational grant and recognition plaque. Ms. Tabler attended the presentation too.

"Dr. Ingmire is a committed and caring practitioner that gives much to his clients, patients and his profession," said Loran Hickton, executive director, of the NAPHIA. "He has distinguished himself at all levels of his profession and within his community."

Dr. Ingmire's father, Dr. Cecil W. Ingmire is also a K-State veterinary alumnus. He earned his DVM in 1947 and had his own practice for several years in Joliet, Ill., (where Wayne was born) and retired in 1997.

"We're very proud of Dr. Ingmire's many contributions to our profession during his career," said Dr. Ralph Richardson, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine. "He is very special to all of us." 

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Dr. Wayne Ingmire, "Favorite Veterinarian" of the year, with Charlene Tabler, his client who nominated him for this national award.



Client Charlene Tabler holds her dog for Dr. Wayne Ingmire, class of 1975, while his father, Dr. Cecil Ingmire, class of 1947, watches.



Loran Hickton, executive director of the NAPHIA and Peter Weber, executive director of the Illinois State VMA present the North American Favorite Veterinarian award to Dr. Ingmire.