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TOGETHER FOR PETS AWARD

Congratulations to this passionate veterinarian, author and pioneer in the areas of clinical bioethics and pain management, who is advancing the importance of palliative care in the animal health industry. She has received a \$10,000 grant from Blue Buffalo.

WHERE DO YOU WORK?

I am the owner, director and practitioner of both the Windsor Veterinary Clinic and The Downing Center for Animal Pain Management in Colorado.

WHY DID YOU BECOME A VETERINARIAN?

I knew in my heart at 8 years of age that I would be a veterinarian. It's more than a profession, it's a calling.

WHAT'S YOUR PASSION?

Advocating on behalf of beings who cannot advocate for themselves, and to make life better for pets and the people who love them globally – particularly in the face of difficulties.

HOBBIES?

Swimming with a US Masters team, playing the guitar and old-time fiddle, singing, and reading voraciously.

HOW DO YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

I continue to advance animal pain management, expand pet palliative and end-of-life care, and serve pets and people with special needs. I also work to translate the principles of clinical bioethics for veterinary practice.

WHAT EXCITES YOU ABOUT THE FUTURE?

As knowledge and technology continue to advance animal care, bioethics will help us answer the question, "Just because we can do something to or for an animal, does that mean we should?"

Blue Buffalo salutes the veterinarians who go above and beyond to advance the profession and improve the lives of our pets.