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NAVTA Endorses CAPC Guidelines for Effective Parasite Control

BEL AIR, Md. (April 1, 2010) – The Companion Animal Parasite Council (CAPC) proudly announces that its parasite control guidelines have been endorsed by the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA). The endorsement of the guidelines by NAVTA acknowledges and supports the ongoing efforts of the CAPC to educate veterinarians, technicians and pet owners about the importance of preventing parasites in dogs and cats as well the potential transmission of parasite related diseases to people.

Dr. Mike Paul, executive director of the CAPC, said the organization is enthusiastic about the support they have received from the technicians' association. "The NAVTA endorsement reinforces the fact that both organizations are committed to animal and human health. This collaboration will go a long way in increasing awareness and understanding of the parasite control guidelines, leading to their increased implementation as part of best medicine practices for companion animals," Paul said.

He notes that technicians play a critical role in health care for dogs and cats, often conveying important information to pet owners about parasite control and treatment on behalf of the health care team. "CAPC has always recognized the important role of technicians in conveying our message and we are pleased to partner with them in this effort. We look forward to working with NAVTA and other professional organizations to further our mission of educating pet health practitioners and the public on the importance of year-round parasite control in pets and we are pleased to add them to our list of endorsing organizations The American Animal Hospital

Association (AAHA), The Heartworm Society (HWS) and the American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP) “

“Internal and external parasites are a significant cause of disease and discomfort in animals and can pose a serious threat to the health of people,” said Andrea Ball, executive director of NAVTA. “NAVTA is very happy to endorse and promote the CAPC parasite guidelines to members. More importantly, we encourage technicians to communicate the message as part of a comprehensive wellness program for their clients.”

The CAPC guidelines were developed in 2003 to increase practitioner and consumer awareness of parasitic diseases and the zoonotic risks to human health, while encouraging the implementation of year-round preventative measures that improve pet health and the human-animal bond.

The guidelines and other information on parasite prevention and control can be found www.capcvet.org for health care providers or www.petsandparasites.org for pet owners

The National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (www.navta.net) is a nonprofit organization that represents and promotes the profession of veterinary technology. Incorporated 1981, NAVTA is the national organization devoted exclusively to developing and enhancing the profession of veterinary technology through education, advocacy and promotion within the industry and to the general public.

The Companion Animal Parasite Council (www.capcvet.org) is an independent not-for-profit foundation comprised of parasitologists, veterinarians, medical, public health and other professionals that provide information for the optimal control of internal and external parasites that threaten the health of pets and people. Formed in 2002, the CAPC works to help veterinary professionals and pet owners develop the best practices in parasite management that protect pets from parasitic infections and reduce the risk of zoonotic parasite transmission.

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