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Dr. Gabor K. Vajda has made numerous contributions to the veterinary profession in the areas of industry and practice. Dr. Vajda pioneered the development of a cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) program for animals and helped develop a new model of Resusci-Dog, which is used around the country to teach veterinary CPR courses. Dr. Vajda, an expert in the areas of reproduction and infertility, has written several journal articles on the use of frozen canine semen and is currently owner of the Canine Semen Bank of Arizona and hospital Director of Northern Animal Hospital in Phoenix, Arizona. Dr. Vajda is also active in the American Animal Hospital Association and served as the national president in 1991-92. During his time as president, he traveled the world sharing his vision of the veterinary profession, a profession he feels is shaped by a strong commitment to healing, integrity, high ethical standards, and a love for all creatures.

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For what is believed to be the first time, a faculty member in the College of Veterinary Medicine has won both the SCAVMA Clinical Sciences Award and the Carl J. Norden Distinguished Teaching Award simultaneously. Dr. Karen Kline was presented with both of these awards at the 1997 Awards Ceremony held in Benton Auditorium. Dr. Kline is currently an Assistant Professor of Small Animal Medicine in the Veterinary Clinical Sciences Department at the College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Kline received her DVM from The Ohio State University in 1989. She is board certified by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (Neurology) and works with many neurology cases in the Iowa State University Veterinary Teaching Hospital. Dr. Kline is a member of the team of teachers who instruct students in the sophomore surgery class and the junior clinical medicine course. She is also instrumental in helping senior students learn the intricacies of nervous system disorders seen in the clinics. Dr. Kline has a sincere interest in helping students learn, and winning both of these prestigious awards in the same year points toward her level of excellence as both a clinician and as an instructor at the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

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