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CVM Alumnus Named Iron Paw Recipient

James Nave, DVM, a member of the CVM Class of 1968, added another honor to his resume recently when he accepted the Kansas City Health Corridor Iron Paw Award Aug. 26, 2013 at the Kansas City Convention Center. The award was presented during the Kansas City Health Corridor's Eighth Annual Homecoming event, Prime Time Paws.

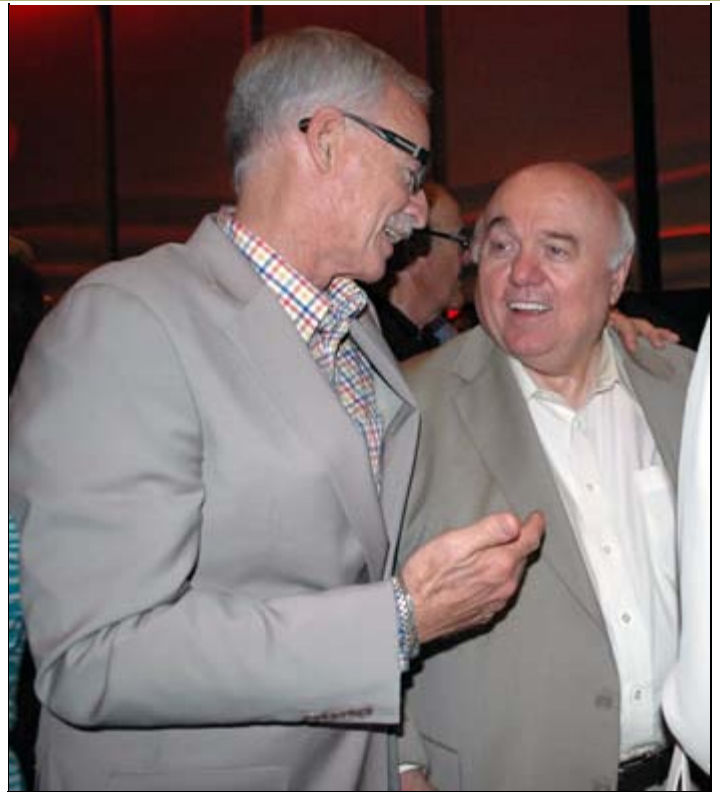
Nave is a small animal practitioner in Las Vegas, Nevada. After earning his DVM, the Missouri native served in the United States Army from 1968 to 1971, attaining the rank of captain. His military service included a tour of duty in Vietnam.

In 1971, Dr. Nave entered private practice in Las Vegas. In 1974, he established the Tropicana Animal Hospital, an accredited member hospital of the American Animal Hospital Association. He continues to own and manage Tropicana Animal Hospital as well as 15 other veterinary hospitals in the Las Vegas area. He served as president of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) from 2000-2001. While president, he helped to create a mentoring program, worked to restructure the AVMA political process and established new Executive Board districts.

In 2002, Dr. Nave was selected by the AVMA Executive Board to serve as one of two North American Councilors to the World Veterinary Association (WVA), and the solo councilor representing the United States. He served in that position until 2009. Later in 2009, Dr. Nave received the AVMA



Dr. Jim Nave accepts the Iron Paw award during the Kansas City Health Corridor's Homecoming Aug. 26, 2103.



Dr. Ron Cott, associate dean of Student and Alumni Affairs and Development director at the MU College of Veterinary Medicine, congratulates Jim Nave, DVM on the 2013 Iron Paw Award.

award, which recognizes members of the association who have contributed to the advancement of veterinary medicine and improved the Association.

Nave has held a long list of leadership positions at the state and national level. He has influenced the profession's economic future by co-founding the National Commission on Veterinary Economic Issues in 2000 and served as its first chair until 2007. He also gained respect as an unbiased champion for both veterinarians and animal health companies and has created a legacy of excellence for those that follow in his footsteps.

"All the things that have happened to me happened because of Tropicana Animal Hospital," Nave said, "[which] happened because of the University of Missouri."

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