



## Pet Health Insurance Provider Pets Best Insurance Awards Dr. Kim Livezey “My Vet’s the Best”



Boise, ID- February 9, 2012- Pets Best Insurance, one of the nation’s leading pet health insurance providers, is proud to congratulate the winner of its quarterly “My Vet’s the Best” contest. For the fourth quarter of 2011, Dr. Kim Livezey of the Animal Health Care Clinic in Arcola, IL has been selected as the best Vet after receiving a very touching nomination from client Alisa Mecum. Long-time pet owner and client of Dr. Kim, Alisa Mecum, sent in a very moving nomination expressing how Dr. Livezey’s care and compassion has not only affected her pets over the years, but Alisa personally, as well.



One day Alisa’s dog Tess accidentally ingested rat poison. The dog was immediately taken to Dr. Livezey, who not only treated and saved Tess, but took extra time following up to ensure the dog was okay. A few years after the rat poison incident, Tess contracted Clostridium, a bacterial infection that ultimately resulted in Alisa having to make the difficult decision to euthanize her beloved pet. “It was one of the hardest decisions I ever had to make. I was crying, Dr. Kim cried with me. She gave us as much time as we needed with Tess,” recounts Alisa. A few days later, Alisa was surprised to receive a card in the mail from Dr. Livezey, along with Tess’ paw print, a lock of her hair and a poem entitled The Rainbow Bridge- a loving poem of the journey a pet takes after death. Alisa said she’s carried the poem with her ever since and still finds comfort in it.

During high school, Alisa had to “shadow” someone as part of a career project in school. Alisa chose Dr. Livezey and observed first hand what it takes to be a veterinarian. She saw the hard work and dedication required to treat animals and even helped deliver puppies. Over the years, Dr. Livezey has taken care of many of Alisa’s pets. And ultimately, her kindness and compassion inspired Alisa to seek a career in the veterinary field.

“The greatest quality I look for in a vet is one who cares about my pet as much as I do. That is Dr. Kim. She has inspired me in many ways.”

For her winning nomination, Dr. Livezey will receive \$500 from Pets Best Insurance to help cover the cost of treatment for stray animals or for pets whose owners can’t afford treatment.

“Winning this award completely overwhelms and humbles me”, Dr. Livezey said. “It reminds me that we make impressions on people every day. It is heartwarming to know that someone took the time to nominate me.



Veterinarians, as a group, are very compassionate, at least the ones that I know. My staff makes me look really good. They have so much contact with my patients and clients and we all work together.”

Dr. Livezey said she was elated to win the My Vet’s the Best award from Pets Best Insurance because she knew of the company’s background and believes Dr. Stephens helped pave the way for the pet insurance industry as a whole.

“I was really excited when I learned that Dr. Jack Stephens was the founder of Pets Best Insurance. I had attended a lecture of his and knew he had founded pet insurance,” she said.

The contest is open to all pet owners in the United States and entrants do not need to be Pets Best Insurance policyholders. Official rules are available at <http://www.petsbest.com/official-rules>.

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