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Ovarian Cancer Symptom Awareness Organization Partners with Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association to Launch First-Ever Veterinary Outreach Program



Chicago, Ill – January 29, 2013-- The Ovarian Cancer Symptom Awareness Organization (OCSA), in partnership with the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association (ISVMA), gathered on Friday, January 25 to launch the OCSA Veterinary Outreach Program (VOP).

Dr. Kurt Klepitsch, pictured on the left with Dr. Brenda Jones, anxiously launched the first in the Veterinary Outreach Program on January 25 at the Gateway Veterinary Clinic in St. Charles.

With strong engagement and support from the Illinois Department of Public Health, the VOP is a first-ever collaboration with veterinarians that is designed to open new channels of communication and raise awareness about the silent and often-ignored symptoms of ovarian cancer. More than 45 people attended the reception including dignitaries from the Fox Valley region as well as community and veterinarian industry leaders.

"This event marks the beginning of an alliance that will ultimately boost all of our abilities to educate women and their families about the silent symptoms of ovarian cancer. We look forward to working as a team to raise awareness so early detection is commonplace, and to ultimately help save lives," said Vallie Szymanski, co-founder and executive director of OCSA.

The reception was held in St. Charles at the Gateway Veterinary Clinic to recognize, Dr. Kurt Klepitsch, DVM, the clinic owner, as the first official VOP partner. Dr. Brenda L. Jones, deputy director, Illinois Department of Public Health delivered a letter on behalf of Governor Quinn to offer his support and encouragement to move the program forward.

The launch featured a ribbon cutting with Alyssa Paulsen, the Miss USA 2012 Ambassador, as well as remarks from the following community, government and industry leaders:

- Vallie Szymanski, co-founder and executive director of OCSA
- Peter Weber, executive director of the ISVMA
- Dr. Brenda L. Jones, deputy director, Illinois Department of Public Health
- Dr. Roger Mahr, DVM, OCSA Advisory Board Member and CEO of the One Health Commission
- Linda Cohen Wassong, founder of The Puccini Foundation, which is dedicated to the education and funding of comparative oncology programs.

Other notables in attendance were Chris Lauzen, chairman, Kane County Board; Mayor Kevin Burns, City of Geneva; Dr. Ron DeHaven, DVM, executive vice president, American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and Dr. Clyde Dunphy, DVM, president, Illinois Veterinary Medical Association (ISVMA).

The VOP has already begun spreading throughout Illinois with several clinics in line to join the fight against ovarian cancer.

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