



Dr. Gregory Rich Named 2011 Oxbow Exotic Mammal Health Award Winner

Veterinarian Gregory Rich received the 2011 Oxbow Exotic Mammal Health Award earlier this month at the AAV/AEMV/ARAV conference.

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Courtesy Oxbow Animal Health

Dr. Gregory Rich with his wife, Renee, and the sculpture he received for winning the 2011 Oxbow Exotic Mammal Health Award. The award is named The Quest. It was designed by Oxbow Animal Health to represent the journey of the animal health professional.

Oxbow Animal Health named Dr. Gregory Rich the winner of the 2011 Oxbow Exotic Mammal Health Award. Established in 2009, the Oxbow Exotic Mammal Health Award is an annual award presented to an animal health professional who advances the field of exotic mammal medicine and care. Rich, a veterinarian specializing in exotic animal medicine, was presented with the award at the 2011 conference for the Association of Avian Veterinarians, the Association of Exotic Mammal Veterinarians and the Association of Reptilian and Amphibian Veterinarians that took place in Seattle, Washington, in early August 2011. A reception in his honor followed the presentation.

"We could not be more excited to recognize Dr. Rich and his contributions to the field of small exotic medicine," said John Miller, president of Oxbow Animal Health. "As an exotics veterinarian, Dr. Rich has gone above and beyond the call of duty time and again, putting the health and well-being of animals first and foremost in everything he does. It is our hope that the Oxbow Exotic Mammal Health Award may serve to recognize Dr. Rich's continued legacy of compassion and commitment to animals of all species and sizes."

Rich is the owner of the West Esplanade Veterinary Clinic in Metairie, Louisiana. A 1985 graduate of the Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine, Rich is actively involved in professional and community organizations alike. He has served multiple terms as president of the Southeast Louisiana Veterinary Association, as public relations chairman and on the board of directors of the Association of Avian Veterinarians, and was a founding member of the Louisiana Aviculture Society. Additionally, he is the director and founder of the Mardi Gras Avicultural Conference and served on the Charity Animal Hospital Coalition from 1999 to 2004.

Rich was a member of the Louisiana State Animal Response Team and Deep Water Horizon/BP Oil Spill Wildlife Response Team, as well as the Jefferson Parish Animal Welfare Committee and SWVS CE Program. His many speaking engagements include frequent appearances at the Association of Avian Veterinarians Annual Conference, the AVMA Annual Conference, the Western Veterinary Conference, among many others. Honors include being awarded the Outstanding Alumnus Award from the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine and a Service Award from the Association of Avian Veterinarians.

During Hurricane Katrina, Rich and his wife, Renee, temporarily relocated to Gulf Breeze, Florida, personally transporting and caring for 33 animals, including a 7-foot python named "Princess."

The Oxbow Exotic Mammal Health Award is based on excellence in one or more of the following areas: exhibiting leadership in the field of exotic mammal health, advancing the understanding of clinical diseases and treatments in exotic mammal pets, promoting the field of exotic mammal medicine, promoting the field of exotic mammal nutrition or providing innovation to the field of exotic mammal medicine. To learn more, visit the Oxbow Animal Health website.

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