Dr. H. Fred Troutt

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Dr. Troutt (UP ’62), 74, Champaign, Ill., died Dec. 4, 2010. He was a professor of veterinary clinical medicine and interim director of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine.

Following graduation, Dr. Troutt practiced mixed animal medicine in Quakertown, Pa., before joining the Department of Veterinary Clinics at Purdue University, where he served as an assistant professor of food animal medicine and surgery. In 1970, he became a member of the veterinary faculty at the University of Georgia, establishing herd health programs for cattle and swine and teaching large animal medicine and pathology. Dr. Troutt was appointed head of the Department of Veterinary Science at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1975, eventually serving as founding associate dean for research and service at the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine. In 1986, he joined the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health at the University of California-Davis, also serving as director of the university’s Veterinary Medicine Teaching and Research Center.

Dr. Troutt began his career at the University of Illinois in 1988, as head of the Department of Veterinary Clinical Medicine. During his tenure, he taught clinical nutrition and large animal medicine and conducted research on the prevalence and control of food safety pathogens, especially those related to dairy cattle. A diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Nutrition and an honorary diplomate and past president of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners, Dr. Troutt was a consultant on food animal health, food safety issues, and veterinary education programs with the Department of Agriculture, industry, academic institutions, and state agencies. He was also a consultant with the World Bank. Dr. Troutt served as chair of the Food Animal Production Medicine Consortium and was program coordinator for Strategic Partnership Illinois: Safe Food, Air, and Water.

Active in organized veterinary medicine, he was a member of the AVMA Council on Education from 2001-2007, chairing it from 2006-2007. Dr. Troutt also served on the AVMA Steering Committee on Antimicrobial Resistance from 2001-2005, chairing it from 2004-2005, and was a member of the AVMA Strategic Planning Committee from 2003-2006 and the AVMA Task Force on Council Selection in 2007. He was past chair of the National Institute for Animal Agriculture's Animal Production Food Safety and Security Committee and served on the board of directors of the American Association of Food Hygiene Veterinarians.

Dr. Troutt was a member of the American Dairy Science Association, United States Animal Health Association, United States Public Health Association, and National Academies of Practice. He was also affiliated with the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges, International Association for Food Protection, American Association of Bovine Practitioners, American Academy of Veterinary Nutrition, American Association of Veterinary Clinicians, and the Illinois State and Eastern Illinois VMAs.

Dr. Trout received the Carl J. Norden-Pfizer Distinguished Teaching Award in 1984 and was the recipient of the 1987 AABP Award for Excellence in Veterinary Preventive Medicine in Dairy Cattle. He was honored as a founder by the ABVP in 1993 and received special recognition in 2000 from the AAHVF for his contributions to the Food Animal Production Medicine Consortium program presented in Salt Lake City. Dr. Troutt is survived by his wife, Jan; two daughters; a son; and a stepdaughter. Memorials in his name may be made to the University of Illinois Foundation, Office of Advancement, University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, 2001 S. Lincoln Ave., Urbana, IL 61802.