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SoCal Healthcare Educator Wins PETA Award for Training Without Harming Animals

Humane, Advanced Training Methods Ultimately Benefit Human Patients

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Riverside, Calif. -- For using only the latest and most effective methods for training healthcare professionals and never relying on the cruel and outdated use of animals, the Riverside-based **Center for Healthcare Education (CHE)** has won the **Most Progressive Healthcare Education Program** category in PETA's sixth annual **Proggy Awards**. CHE president **Cindy Tait, R.N., M.P.H.**, will receive a framed certificate and will be featured on PETA's award-winning Web site PETA.org. PETA's Proggy Awards ("Proggy" is for "progress") recognize animal-friendly achievements in commerce and culture.

CHE is the largest medical training center in Southern California, providing the highest quality life-support training. CHE refuses to damage the airways of animals, cut open animals' chests, or otherwise cause harm to animals such as kittens, ferrets and rabbits in its training labs, and it encourages other training institutions to follow its compassionate lead. CHE proves that this training can better be accomplished with manikins, simulations, and other modern techniques.

"By recognizing that there are no similarities between the airway of a human and that of a cat or a ferret, the Center for Healthcare Education is saving the lives of animals *and* humans," says PETA President, Ingrid E. Newkirk. "CHE proves that practicing high-quality, humane medical education is also ethical."

This year, Proggy Awards have gone to producers and marketers of vegan foods, leather-free shoes, and cruelty-free personal-care products; a fast-food franchise owner; and a member of Congress.

For more information and to read about the other Proggy winners, please visit PETA.org.

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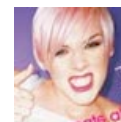
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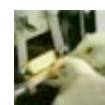
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