

CITATION
(Doctor of Veterinary Science)

DR CLIVE COLLINS GAY, DVM MVSc (Toronto) MVSc (Melb) FACVSc

Dr Clive Collins Gay, DVM (Guelph, 1960), MVSc (Toronto, 1962), MVSc (ad uendem statum, Melbourne, 1970), FACVSc (1977), has a distinguished career as an agricultural animal veterinarian, scientist and educator spanning five decades.

From 1962 to 1964, he was Assistant Lecturer in the Department of Veterinary Medicine, the University of Glasgow. In 1964, he was George Aitken Pastoral Research Fellow (Sheep) working at the Veterinary Investigation Centre, the University of Edinburgh (Scotland), the Veterinary Investigation Centre, Ministry of Agriculture, Penrith (England) and the Nuffield Institute for Medical Research, Oxford University.

In 1965, Dr Gay was recruited to the newly re-established Veterinary School at the University of Melbourne, as Senior Lecturer in agricultural animal medicine, by his mentor, Professor Douglas Blood. Dr Gay is a genuinely gifted clinician, with an enthusiasm for veterinary science that has inspired generations of undergraduate and postgraduate students and staff alike. His teaching attributes have been recognised by various student accolades over the years, both in Australia and North America, and by the Jerry Newbrey Teaching Scholar Award in 1999 and the Washington State University (WSU) Faculty Award in 2000, from the Washington State Veterinary Medical Association (WSVMA).

In 1979, Dr Gay became Professor in Food Animal Medicine at Washington State University, where he concentrated on agricultural animals, establishing the Field Disease Investigation Unit at that time a unique approach to teaching and research of herd and flock disease problems in Colleges of Veterinary Medicine in North America. He has served on several committees of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). He received the prestigious Calvin W Schwabe Award for lifetime achievement in veterinary epidemiology and preventive medicine, from the American Association of Veterinary Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine in 2007.

Dr Gay's research activities cover the breadth of veterinary science. He has supervised thirteen PhD and fourteen Masters students, with more than ninety articles in refereed journals, more than 100 proceedings and abstracts, and the delivery of more than 150 invited presentations to scientific groups, veterinary conferences and agricultural groups. The latter reflect his commitment to 'knowledge transfer' (extension work), the cornerstone of his approach to epidemiological studies and preventive medicine. He was a recipient of the Pfizer Award for Excellence in Research in 2002.

Over the years, Dr Gay has contributed actively to national and state veterinary associations, being a committee member of the Victoria Division of the Australian Veterinary Association (1968-1971); editor of the Victorian Veterinary Proceedings (1968-1971); an executive committee member of the Washington State Veterinary Medical Association (1999-2005); and its Vice-President (2000) and President (2003-2004).

Dr Gay was a contributing author to the seminal large animal textbook, "Veterinary Medicine", edited by Blood, Henderson and Radostits in 1979, 1983 and 1989, and an editor for the 8th (1994), 9th (2000) and 10th (2007) Editions. He has contributed chapters to numerous other texts, including several editions of the popular "Merck Veterinary Manual" from 1973 to 2005.

Dr Gay has a continued association with the University of Melbourne through his collaborations with staff as an author of textbooks. He has recently advised the Faculty on the development of field teaching and research programmes in livestock production medicine.

Dr Gay became Professor Emeritus at Washington State University in 2005. His extensive contribution to veterinary medicine was recognised with a Distinguished Achievement Award from the Washington State Veterinary Medical Association in 2006 and he was made an Honorary Diplomat of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine in 2008.

In recognition of his substantial contribution to international veterinary science, Dr Gay is nominated for the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Science, *honoris causa*.

**(Revised by Dr Gay
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