

R. DOUGLAS MECKES, D.V.M.

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2015-Present	Appointed North Carolina State Veterinarian
2009-2015	Branch Chief Food, Agriculture and Veterinary Defense Branch Office of Health Affairs Department of Homeland Security Washington, D.C. Lead the Office of Health Affairs' responsibilities to provide oversight and management of the Department's implementation of Homeland Security Presidential Directive-9 Defense of United States Agriculture and Food, integrating the efforts of other DHS components and coordinating those efforts with appropriate Federal Departments and agencies, tribal, state and local governments and the private sector.
2007-2008	Contractor, Battelle Memorial Institute Providing Operations Support for the Food, Agriculture and Veterinary Defense Division Office of Health Affairs Department of Homeland Security Washington, D.C. Provide operations support to the Food, Agriculture and Veterinary Defense (FAV Defense) Division of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), reporting directly to the Chief Veterinarian of DHS. Responsibilities include: management and support for the accomplishment of current division tasks – development of content for Strategic Guidance Statements for foreign animal disease events and food contamination events; support of current operations within the Office of Health Affairs (including technical support for BioWatch and NBIC); development of a “dashboard” for monitoring and measuring the implementation of HSPD-9 across the Department of Homeland Security and U.S. government agency partners; development of a collaborative portal for monitoring and measuring the implementation of food, agriculture and veterinary programs within DHS; representation of FAV Defense Division in the absence of the Chief Veterinarian in various local, state and national meetings (associations, industry groups, local and state entities).
2006-2007	Assistant Director, Government Relations Division American Veterinary Medical Association Washington, D.C. Represented and promoted the scientific agenda of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) to staff, committees, and member of the U.S. Congress; represented the AVMA to local, state and federal government, academic institutions and industry groups. Responsible for issues related to food, agriculture and veterinary research, the Department of Homeland Security, the pharmaceutical industry, public health, food safety and animal disease programs.
2005-2006	AVMA-AAAS Congressional Fellow Washington, D.C Served in the office of Senator Chuck Hagel (R-NE). Responsible for research and preparation of background memos and correspondence for Senator Hagel; responsible for policy and appropriations recommendations; and responsible for constituent services in the D.C. office and in Nebraska on issues in agriculture, energy, environment and EPA.
1995-2005	Board of Commissioners Apex, NC Served as an elected official for 10 years. Experiences included fund-raising, campaigning and constituent service. As an elected official, served as personnel

committee chair, planning committee chair, member of finance committee, delegate to Triangle J Council of Governments, liaison between Town Board and Chamber of Commerce. Involved in management of period of rapid growth for Apex community (8,000 to 30,000 in 10 years), including oversight of development, establishment of Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), water treatment issues, planning for regional waste water treatment plant, and nuclear power plant operations especially spent fuel storage.

1975-2005

Clinical Practice of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery

Apex, NC

Began career as a large animal veterinarian, but as Research Triangle area became more urban, and numbers of dairy farms and beef cattle farms decreased, practice was ultimately limited to horses and small animals. Primary focus orthopedic and soft tissue surgery. Founded and managed six veterinary hospitals in addition to managing large central hospital. Extensive experience in small business management, including human resources, and accounting and legal issues as related in the operation of the business. Mentored many veterinary students from veterinary colleges around the United States and Europe.

EDUCATION

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B.S. Degree, Auburn University

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D.V.M., Auburn University

HONORS

Apex, NC 1976-2005: Lifetime Achievement Award and Rotarian of the Year, Apex Rotary Club.

Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama 1969-1975: AVMA Auxiliary Award for Outstanding Contributions to College of Veterinary Medicine Auburn University CVM, Outstanding Senior Student, Large and Small Animal Medicine and Surgery, Auburn University CVM, Outstanding Sophomore, Auburn University CVM. Selected to Spades Honorary as one of top 10 senior men, Auburn University, ODK, Who's Who, American Colleges and Universities.

Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama 2014: Received the Wilford S. Bailey Distinguished Alumni Award for "contributions to organizations in veterinary medicine and his community, and for having brought favorable recognition to the profession and his alma mater."

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Apex, NC 1976-2005: Rotary Club. BB&T Bank Board. Chamber of Commerce Festival Chair. Surgical Team Member, Medical Ministries International, Dominican Republic. Central Carolina Community College Advisory Board. Sunday School Teacher. YMCA Community Group Leader and Indian Guides/Indian Princess Council.

Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama 1969-1975: Fraternity President Delta Chi Fraternity Auburn University, Inter-fraternity Council President, Auburn University.

PROFESSIONAL

Presentations at Veterinary Medical and Animal Health meetings and lay functions. Member of AVMA, USAHA and NCVMA.