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Bob is a native Coloradoan. He enrolled at Colorado A&M in the Fall of 1941. World War II interrupted his schooling and he served 2 ½ years in the Navy, serving in the South Pacific Theater, which included Okinawa, Iwo Jima and the Philippines operations. He returned to Colorado A&M and graduated in 1948 with a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Shideler performed 25 years of private veterinary practice – 12 years in Illinois and 13 years in Mississippi. He served on the Board of Directors for the Illinois and Mississippi Veterinary Medical Association, serving as president of the Mississippi Veterinary Medical Association.

In 1973 he was named the Veterinarian of the Year in the State of Mississippi.

Dr. Shideler has served on numerous boards including the AVMA Economics Advisory Board, Board of Directors for the American Association of Equine Practitioners from 1967 to 1972 and President of that board in 1974. In 2000, he was named Distinguished Life Member of the AAEP.

On January 1, 1974, we were fortunate to have Bob join the faculty in Clinical Sciences at the CSU College of Veterinary Medicine as Head of Equine Medicine and Field Services. He served as a faculty member and researcher at the Equine Reproduction Lab from 1974-1995. He also served as Director of the Equine Teaching and Research Center from 1990-1995. In 1993 Bob was named the Colorado Veterinary Medical Association Outstanding Teacher of the Year.

While at CSU, Dr. Shideler has published over 100 scientific papers, has given nearly 500 presentations at international symposia, short courses, clinical presentations and workshops.

His contributions to CSU are outstanding. He is an 1870 Club member, served on the original funding raising committee for the McGraw Athletic Center, has been active in fund raising activities for over 10 years with our ERL faculty for construction of the building on the west campus, is a life member of the CSU alumni association, a life member of the Colorado Veterinary Medical Association and a 50 year club member of the Alumni Association.

Dr. Shideler is also very involved with his community. He is a 35 year member of the Roundup Riders of the Rockies, He has served as Director of the National Western Stock Show and Rodeo since 1999

Dr. Robert Shideler has accomplished a lot since that first day he came to Colorado A&M as a young man in 1941. We are honored to present him with the award of Colorado State University Livestock Leader of the Year.

Dr. Robert Shideler
For the 2004 Livestock Leaders Award