Dr. Terrence M. Curtin’s Journey

Dr. Terrence M. Curtin is a native of Spencer, South Dakota. He holds the degrees of B.S. and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from the University of Minnesota and a M.S. and Ph.D from Purdue University. He was professor and chairman of veterinary physiology and pharmacology at the University of Missouri.

Dr. Curtin came to N.C. State in 1973 to start the veterinary school’s forerunner, the veterinary science department in the School of Agriculture and Life Sciences. On February 1, 1979, he began his appointment as the first dean of the new N.C. State School of Veterinary Medicine. Six days later, groundbreaking ceremonies were celebrated next to the Dairy Pavilion.

Dr. Curtin was recognized by the NCVMA with the following awards:

- 1980 - Martin Litwack Award (inaugural recipient)
- 1983 - Veterinarian of the Year
- 1990 - Distinguished Veterinarian of the Year

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