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TAHC Promotes Dr. Carrie Jo Koonce to Amarillo Region Director

AUSTIN, TX – The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) is pleased to announce that Carrie Jo Koonce, D.V.M., was named the Amarillo Region Director on May 1, 2022.

“We look forward to the continued leadership of Dr. Koonce as the Amarillo Region Director,” said Dr. Angela Lackie, Assistant Executive Director for Animal Health Programs. “She has proven to be a great asset to our agency, and we are confident she will continue to work hard and expertly serve the animal agriculture industry in this new role.”

Dr. Koonce grew up in Southwest Kansas and attended Kansas State University where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science followed by a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degree.

After graduating, Dr. Koonce left Kansas and spent four years working at a mixed animal practice in the Oklahoma Panhandle. She has worked for the TAHC since 2019, when she began her career as a field veterinarian.

“I’m honored and happy to step into this roll at the TAHC,” said Dr. Koonce. “From the agency mission to the staff and the Panhandle livestock industry, I am honored to get to work for such a great cause.”

When Dr. Koonce is not at work, she and her husband, Ty, enjoy traveling and playing polo.

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