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Beacon College Science Instructor Recognized as Humane Educator of the Year

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Jenkintown, PA - Animalearn is pleased to announce that its 2016 Humane Educator of the Year is Beacon College science instructor Brian Ogle. Animalearn is honoring Ogle because of his dedication to promoting humane science education at Beacon College, located in Leesburg, Florida.

"We are proud to honor Brian Ogle as our Humane Educator of the Year because of his commitment to advancing science education without the harmful use of animals," said Animalearn Director, Nicole Green. "Brian has accomplished, in his own classroom, a shift in science education, which traditionally relies on animal labs for learning. And he provides a model for other instructors who strive to bring new tools to their teaching. It is exciting to see Brian's confidence in utilizing non-animal methods, inspiring his students to learn in a more compassionate way," continued Green.



Ogle teaching one of his classes using a synthetic bone model from Bone Clones.

"I am very honored to be recognized by this terrific organization. It can be difficult for educators to move beyond traditional, and often times stereotyped, practices in life science education. However, this award helps to demonstrate and bring awareness that you can provide students with authentic learning experiences while increasing learning gains and confidence in science. It is a great privilege to be an advocate for life science education in which the understanding and appreciation for living creatures is promoted not through dissection but rather alternative, humane practices," said Ogle.

As a part of the award, Animalearn will donate \$1,000 worth of humane alternatives for Ogle to use for his courses at Beacon College.

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Animalearn, the educational division of the American Anti-Vivisection Society (AAVS), works with educators, students, and others to achieve quality humane science education without the harmful use of animals. Animalearn's free loan program, The Science Bank, is the largest lending program in the U.S. and offers humane science products that enable educators to teach and students to learn anatomy, physiology, and psychology lessons without harming animals. For more information visit Animalearn.org.