Dr Phil Edler was raised on a livestock and grain farm in State Center, Iowa. He received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Iowa State University in 1972. For two years thereafter he was an intern and equine ambulatory clinician at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. In 1974 Phil joined the Hudson Veterinary Clinic in Hudson, Iowa where he practiced until 2012. While this is a mixed practice Phil specialized on the equine species including reproduction and lameness. From 1980 till 2000 he was also the sale vet on duty at the Waverly Midwest Horse Sale: where 1200 to 1500 draft, light driving horses and saddle horses were sold every spring and fall.

Phil is a life member of the Iowa Veterinary Medicine Association, the American Veterinary Association, and the American Association of Equine Practitioners. In 2009 he was inducted into the International Equine Hall of Fame.

Phil has been married to his best friend Pat for 49 years. They have lived on an acreage near Cedar Falls since 1981. They have been blessed with 4 children and 11 grandchildren. As a family, the Edlers raised and showed many Quarter Horses over the years. The family was involved in local saddle clubs, 4H and FFA at the state and local levels. Phil has devoted his career to the health and welfare of all his clients. He continues to learn and loves to visit about his favorite topics which are many.