

ACVS FOUNDATION LEGENDS AWARD

Presented at the Mark W. Allam Lecture & Awards Ceremony



Donald L. Piermattei, DVM, PhD, Diplomate ACVS, is the recipient of the 2015 *ACVS Foundation Legends Award* for his dedication and contributions to the field of veterinary surgery.

Dr. Piermattei is internationally recognized in veterinary medicine for his scientific contributions, innovative diagnostic and surgical skills, and dedication to teaching and service to the profession. Dr. Piermattei is coauthor of two highly regarded and influential books on veterinary surgery, *An Atlas of Surgical Approaches to the Bones of the Dog and Cat*, now in its fifth edition, and *A Handbook of Small Animal Orthopedics and Fracture Repair*, also in its fifth edition. The *Atlas* has been considered an essential resource in veterinary education for more than 40 years.

Dr. Piermattei has held positions on the veterinary faculties of Michigan State University, Texas A&M University, the University of Minnesota, and Colorado State University. In 1972, he left the University of Minnesota to enter private practice in Denver, Colorado, where he conducted a referral surgical practice while maintaining an adjunct appointment at Colorado State University. After returning to full-time teaching for twelve years, Dr. Piermattei retired from the university to maintain a part-time surgical practice.

The ACVS Foundation Legends Award recognizes ACVS Diplomates who have developed a surgical or diagnostic procedure of significant value, proven by becoming the treatment or test of choice for a given condition. The procedure or test has "withstood the test of time" and, although possibly modified over time, remains the treatment or diagnostic method of choice or the scientific basis for the current treatment of choice. The procedure or test is novel and involves advancements in veterinary surgical science and not reapplication of general medical science.



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