In selecting Stephen J. Withrow, DVM, Diplomate ACVS, for the 2012 ACVS Founders’ Award for Career Achievement, the ACVS membership recognizes one of the most world-renowned veterinary surgical oncologists.

Many of the national and international awards and honors Dr. Withrow has received give evidence to this fact including: American Animal Hospital Association National Award of Merit; Fellow – Musculoskeletal Tumor Society; Q Award, American Cancer Society, Service and Rehabilitation; Gaines Research Award, selected by American Veterinary Medical Association; Mark L. Morris, Senior Lifetime Achievement Award; and Bourgelat Award by the British Small Animal Veterinary Association.

Dr. Withrow graduated from the College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Minnesota in 1972 and completed an internship and surgical residency at the Animal Medical Center. He is currently a faculty member of the College of Veterinary Medicine, Colorado State University. Dr. Withrow became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons in 1978, and a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (Oncology) in 1988.

Dr. Withrow has been the primary or co-author of 238 papers in referred journals and the author or co-author of 40 textbook chapters. Dr. Withrow has given more than 273 invited presentations, including the Mark W. Allam Lecture at the 1999 ACVS Veterinary Symposium, in nine countries.

A colleague noted, “Dr. Withrow is a life model for the tenets of teaching, research and service developed by the founders of ACVS.”

In selecting A. Simon Turner, BVSc, MS, Diplomate ACVS, for the 2013 ACVS Founders’ Award for Career Achievement the ACVS membership recognizes a leading authority in equine orthopedic surgery. He is a well-known and legendary figure both nationally and internationally among not only veterinary surgeons but human surgeons and orthopaedic researchers.

Following a successful career as an equine surgical clinician, Dr. Turner transitioned into an orthopedic research career when, in 1989, he created the Small Ruminant Comparative Orthopaedic Research Laboratory at Colorado State University (CSU). Since that time, Dr. Turner has performed research totaling near $25 million at the CSU College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. These research dollars have produced nearly $10 million of indirect funds used to expand areas within clinical sciences and improve the veterinary and surgical training programs at CSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital. His preclinical research has played a vital part in the development of 11 FDA-approved products now on the market and available to the medical profession.

Education is another of Dr. Turner’s passions. He employed nearly 30 students each year in his research laboratory and mentored countless veterinary students during some of their most informative, impressionable years—many of which have gone on to pursue a career in veterinary surgery.

Recently, Dr. Turner became Professor Emeritus at CSU and has “retired” from his preclinical research laboratory. He left behind a thriving laboratory that shines in the field of preclinical research.

A colleague noted, “Not only has Simon been a successful equine clinician and ovine orthopedic researcher, he has also been an exceptional educator and mentor to many surgeons, residents, veterinarians, veterinary students and pre-veterinary students.”

The ACVS Founders’ Award for Career Achievement was established to recognize the service of ACVS Diplomates who have distinguished themselves in the pursuit of surgery by making significant contributions to the development of surgical techniques and methodology, and disseminating knowledge to colleagues, residents, and students.

Past recipients of The ACVS Founders’ Award for Career Achievement:
2005 – Wade O. Brinker, DVM, MS
2006 – C. Wayne McIlwraith, BVSc, PhD
2007 – Fred P. Sattler, DVM
2008 – William Lumb, DVM, PhD, DSc
2009 – Donald L. Piermattei, DVM, PhD
2011 – Steven P. Arnoczky, DVM