

ACVS FOUNDATION



Spring 2012

Congratulations New Diplomates!

The ACVS Foundation would like to congratulate the 103 new Diplomates who passed the 2012 ACVS credentialing examination! The ACVS Foundation is offering our new Diplomates several exciting opportunities at the 2012 ACVS Veterinary Symposium. We will provide them a discount of \$100 off their registration fee for the Symposium. Additionally, new Diplomates will receive a complimentary drink ticket for use at Friday evening's *Monumental Celebration!*, the premier social event at the Symposium.

Finally, the ACVS Foundation invites new Diplomates to attend a special session, "Compensation, Contracts, and Personal Finance." This session will be presented by David Gersholowitz, MBA, Chief Operating Officer, BluePearl Veterinary Partners. The session will be held on Friday, November 2, 2012, following the

Residents' Forum. New Diplomates should register specifically for this session when they register for the Symposium. The registration fee for recent Diplomates (2010-2012) and ACVS residents is \$15, a 67% discount off of the regular registration fee. Lunch is included for all pre-registered attendees. We encourage Diplomates and residents to pre-submit questions they would like to have answered at the seminar to Dr. Sara Colopy, New Diplomate Representative of the ACVS Foundation (colopys@svm.vetmed.wisc.edu).

Again, congratulations to our 2012 Diplomates. We look forward to meeting each of them in National Harbor, MD!



David Gersholowitz



We invite the 2012 Diplomates to follow the American College of Veterinary Surgeons Facebook page for the latest news and opportunities within the College. The ACVS Foundation recently established a Social Network Committee to assist with increasing awareness to our animal owners and referring veterinarians regarding what ACVS Diplomates have to offer. All Diplomates and residents are encouraged to become members of the Diplomates of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons and American College of Veterinary Surgeons residents groups respectively to reconnect with colleagues and friends.

HOW THE ACVS FOUNDATION SERVES YOU!

Little Known Facts

The ACVS Foundation...

- Has provided over \$800,000 in grant support over the last 15 years.
- Co-publishes the Advances in Veterinary Surgery series with Wiley-Blackwell.
- Supports the Outstanding Surgical Residents' Awards and Student Surgical Proficiency Awards.
- Supports our new Diplomates through discounted registration and the new Diplomate session offered annually at the ACVS Veterinary Symposium.
- Partners with the ACVS Veterinary Symposium to present the premier social event at the Symposium, which generates approximately \$30,000 in donations to the ACVS Foundation annually.

- Connects with the College's Emeritus Diplomates through the annual Legacy Tour, Legacy Reception and the Foundation's Emeritus Representative.
- Has grown the corpus to \$1.25 million through your generous donations, generating over \$50,000 annually in support of Diplomate and resident research.
- Through educational endowment funding, presents annual ACVS Veterinary Symposium continuing education such as the cutting edge panel "Limb Sparing Concepts and Realities for Appendicular Neoplasia."

Free Pet or Equine Memorial

Give your special client a pet or equine memorial on us. A prepaid, one time, offer will arrive soon so you can learn how valuable this service can be to you and your practice.



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Monumental Celebration!

ACVS Foundation Silent Auction and Raffle

Once again, the excitement is building as we prepare for the annual silent auction and raffle

to benefit the ACVS Foundation at this year's ACVS Veterinary Symposium in National Harbor, MD. You may be the one to go home with fantastic raffle or silent auction treasures! *Monumental Celebration!* is set for Friday, November 2, 2012, 6:30–8:30pm. The perennially popular photobooth™ is back thanks to sponsorship by MedVet

Surgery: Past and Present. Cocktails will flow and we will have delicious hors d'oeuvres for the entire family. Items will be on display Thursday and Friday for your bidding and raffle pleasure.

The ACVS Foundation is putting together a great mix of electronics, cutting edge educational courses, special wine groupings, fabulous vacations and unique art. There will be special items for the kids as well. We are actively seeking donations of desirable items and experiences of high value. If you would like to

make a contribution to the silent auction or raffle, visit the ACVS Foundation web page at www.acvs.org/ACVSFoundation/ACVSCelebration/ and click on "Donate an item." Cash donations are also welcome and will be used to purchase items for the silent auction or raffle. All donors will receive recognition and many thanks! For further information you can contact the ACVS Foundation Program Coordinator, Scott Litten at (301)-916-0200 x 110 or slitten@acvs.org.

See you at the *Monumental Celebration!* in National Harbor, MD.

Emeritus Diplomates Now Total 162!

We welcome our 20 new Emeritus Diplomates into the College's most prestigious group. The 2012 Legacy Program, hosted by the ACVS Foundation, is designed specifically for Emeritus Diplomates and is held in conjunction with the ACVS Veterinary Symposium. The program includes special seating at the Mark W. Allam Lecture, the ACVS Diplomates' Business Meeting, the Welcome Wine & Cheese Reception, the Legacy Reception, the opportunity to register for the Legacy Program Tour, the Scientific Poster Presentation, Judging and Reception and the *Monumental Celebration!* Look for the opportunity to register for the Legacy Program when Symposium registration opens in early June 2012.

For the Legacy Program Tour this year, "A Glimpse of Washington, DC," Emeritus Diplomates and their guests will enjoy a guided program that includes the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, National World War II Memorial, FDR Memorial and the West Front of the US Capitol. The tour will take place Friday afternoon, November 2. Pre-registration for the tour is required and space is limited. Registration for the other Legacy Program events is complimentary.

The Emeritus Diplomates that were able to attend know that the 2011 Legacy Reception was a tremendous success, where stories were told, mentors were thanked and colleagues were reunited. A special treat was a historical photographic

presentation of Emeritus Diplomates past and present. As part of the effort to maintain our historical perspective, we encourage Emeritus Diplomates to mail relevant historical ACVS photos to Scott Litten at the ACVS office or by email to: slitten@acvs.org.

The leadership of the Foundation and College has undertaken the process of preserving the history of the ACVS through historical documentation of the last 25 years. Ann L. Johnson, past President, has agreed to undertake this valuable addition to Dr. Ghery Pettit's "The American College of Veterinary Surgeons: The First Twenty-Five Years." The timing of this tribute is particularly appropriate in that the ACVS will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2015.

Past Presidents' Conference Room—We're Almost There!

Having a permanent home for ACVS is a milestone in the development of the College, and provides an opportunity to recognize the important individuals who were instrumental in growing the ACVS to its current success. We have successfully raised over \$70,000 toward our goal of \$100,000 for naming of the Past Presidents' Conference room in the office.

Perhaps a past president mentored or guided your career? If so, take this occasion to show your appreciation with a tribute donation. If the past president that made the difference in your life has passed away, consider making a gift in memory of this special person.

Please consider participating in this important endeavor by donating toward the Past Presidents' Conference Room.

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