

# ACVS FOUNDATION



## Planned Giving—Think About It!

When and how to estate plan—it is an issue each of us must consider, whether in our thirties, approaching or in retirement. As Chair of the ACVS Foundation Board of Trustees, I would like you to consider the value that the College has brought to your life, both professionally and personally. If following that deliberation you conclude that your ACVS membership and board certified surgeon designation has been an

important component of your success, I would like you to consider selecting the ACVS Foundation as a beneficiary of a portion of your estate. Other Diplomates and I have elected to designate a percentage of our estates (or a specific dollar amount) to be distributed to the ACVS Foundation upon our passing. Over the course of the next year, the Board of Trustees will begin conversations with our donors and Emeritus Diplomates and ask them to consider estate planned giving and its

potential impact and benefit to ACVS. You will hear more on this issue from the Foundation Board of Trustees in the coming months. If, at any time, you have any questions regarding planned giving, please do not hesitate to give me a call at (608) 262-3573.

Mark D. Markel, DVM, PhD  
Chair, Board of Trustees  
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## Opportunities for New Diplomates

The ACVS Foundation congratulates the 74 new 2013 Diplomates! In order to celebrate their success, the Foundation is offering several opportunities for them at the 2013 ACVS Veterinary Symposium. All 2013 Diplomates will receive a \$100 discount that can be applied toward their 2013 Symposium registration fee. In addition, new Diplomates will find a complimentary drink ticket in their on-site Symposium registration materials for Friday evening's Celebration of Surgical Success.

Finally, the Foundation invites you to attend a special session, "Compensation, Contracts and Personal Finance — The Basics Every Diplomate Should Know." This unique and practical session, presented by Dave Gersholowitz, MBA, Chief Operating Officer, BluePearl Veterinary Partners, will provide information so that participants may more thoroughly understand compensation considerations, new employment contracts and personal finance implications. New Diplomates should register specifically for this Symposium session. The registration fee for recent Diplomates (2011-2013) and ACVS residents is \$15, a 67% discount on the regular registration fee. Lunch is included for pre-registered attendees.



David Gersholowitz

## Join Us For a Southwest Fiesta!

 **CELEBRATION OF SURGICAL SUCCESS**   
Friday, October 25, 6:30–8:30pm  
San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter

This year's Celebration will prove to be the social highlight of the ACVS Symposium. Score a great raffle or silent auction win at the Celebration of Surgical Success. Our photobooth is back (generously sponsored by MedVet Surgery: Past and Present) and this year prints will be available immediately as well as online. *New this year, all Celebration of Surgical Success donations of \$50 dollars or more with pre-Symposium registration will receive a free Celebration of Surgical Success drink ticket!* If you are interested in donating an item or making a cash donation, please see the ACVS website for details.

Some of this year's featured silent auction and raffle items:

- Vacations
- Artwork
- Veterinary CE & Books
- "I Love NY" Gift Basket (includes hotel, dining, theater)
- Electronics
- Surgical Equipment
- Fine Wines

AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!!! Check the ACVS website regularly for updated auction items. Funds raised at this annual event support the ACVS Foundation and its goal of advancing animal surgical care.

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# LEGACY TOUR 2013—SAN ANTONIO REFLECTIONS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 11:00AM–5:00PM

The 2013 Emeritus Diplomate Legacy Tour will explore the heritage, culture and cuisine of San Antonio. We will begin with a short walk from the San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter hotel to the Maria Mia Mexican Bistro on the San Antonio River Walk. Here we will enjoy authentic contemporary Tex-Mex cuisine.



After lunch and a short bus ride we will stop at the Buckhorn Museum and the Texas Ranger Museum. The Buckhorn Museum houses a collection featuring hundreds of fish and animals, including many oddities, from all over the world. The adjacent Texas Ranger Museum houses a collection of Texas Ranger artifacts showing the history of this important part of Texas heritage.

Next, we will visit Mission San José. Spanish missions in Texas were not churches, but a center of the community with the church as a focus. Known as the “Queen of the Missions,” this is the largest of the missions and was nearly fully restored to its original design in the 1930’s by the Works Projects Administration (WPA). Mission San José looks much

like it did 250 years ago.

We will then travel a short distance to the Alamo, which is probably the most famous spot in Texas. Here, Davy Crockett, Colonel William Barrett Travis, Jim Bowie, and 186 others died fighting for independence on March 6, 1836. Originally established in 1718 as San Antonio’s first mission, the Alamo is located in the heart of the city, inside beautifully landscaped grounds.

After our trip to the Alamo, we will depart for Market Square in downtown San Antonio. Market Square consists of three markets: Farmers Market, El Mercado, and Produce Row. Shops and stalls sell Mexican fabrics, pottery, leather goods, toys, and jewelry. El Mercado is the largest Mexican market outside of Mexico.

Legacy Tour participants wishing to stay and shop at Market Square



*Mission San José*



*Market Square*

beyond the bus departure time of 4:45pm can make arrangements for their own transportation back to the Marriott Rivercenter hotel. It is about a one mile walk.



We invite you to follow the American College of Veterinary Surgeons’ Facebook page for the latest news and opportunities within the College. In addition, 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 connect with colleagues and friends.

**Celebration of  
Surgical Success**

**San Antonio**

*An ACVS Foundation Benefit*

**Donate \$50 or more with your advance Symposium registration and receive a complimentary drink ticket for the Celebration of Surgical Success!**