

## ACVS FOUNDATION LEGENDS AWARD

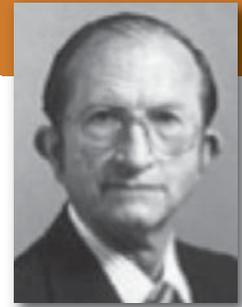
The ACVS Foundation is pleased to announce that **H. Phil Hobson, DVM, MS, ACVS Diplomate**, is the recipient of the 2012 *ACVS Foundation Legends Award* for his dedication and contributions to the field of veterinary surgery.

Dr. Hobson became a member of ACVS in 1973, eight years after the College was founded. He received a BS (1954) and then a DVM degree from the University of Illinois (1956). After graduating, he joined the faculty of Auburn University for two years while concurrently earning an MS by completing a thesis investigating angiocardiology in *Dirofilaria*-positive dogs. He returned to his origins in Carrollton, IL, entering a general practice where he applied his expertise for seven years. He was then recruited by Texas A&M University as a member of their clinical faculty. He ascended the ranks from assistant to full professor; performing as service chief he guided the advancements of many committees and the university over the next 45 years.

Inspiring others with his passion for the profession and surgery, Dr. Hobson has served as a role model and mentor for many veterinary surgeons and students. He is a creative man who has provided numerous innovative ideas to resolve some of the surgical challenges of his time. He developed procedures for the external ring prosthesis for tracheal collapse, permanent tracheostomy, pectus excavatum, and other reconstructive techniques for congenital abnormalities, which have “withstood the test of time.” Expecting little recognition, he has provided innumerable concepts for residents and graduate students to research and subsequently document the resulting affects. To ensure research dollars for these research projects, he established and directs the Doris and Harry Starr Fund, which has grown to nearly a half million dollars. His sharing of knowledge, tolerance, and professionalism should be emulated by all.

Throughout Dr. Hobson’s career he has contributed numerous articles to the veterinary journals and chapters to books while presenting his expertise throughout the world. He has remained active in professional organizations

including: ACVS, Texas Veterinary Medical Association, Brazos County Veterinary Medical Association, International Ear Nose and Throat Association, and the Society of Veterinary Soft Tissue Surgery.



H. Phil Hobson

*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, while 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.*

### Past recipients of the ACVS Foundation Legends Award:

- 2005 – George P. Wilson, VMD, MSc
- 2006 – Martin P. DeAngelis, DVM
- 2007 – Charles W. Raker, VMD
- 2008 – Marvin L. Olmstead, DVM, MS
- 2009 – George E. Eyster, VMD, MS
- 2010 – Larry R. Bramlage, DVM, MS
- 2011 – Robert L. Leighton, VMD

