

AWARDS

ACVS FOUNDATION LEGENDS AWARD



Timothy McCarthy, DVM, PhD
Diplomate, ACVS

Timothy C. McCarthy, DVM, PhD, Diplomate, ACVS, is the recipient of the ACVS Foundation Legends Award. The award recognizes Diplomates who have developed a surgical or diagnostic procedure of significant value, proven by becoming the test or treatment of choice for a given condition. Dr. McCarthy's impact on minimally invasive surgery (MIS) in its application to ectopic ureters and pericardiectomy in the treatment of chylothorax is groundbreaking.

In 2006, Dr. McCarthy was the first to report cystoscopic diagnosis and treatment of ectopic ureter in female dogs. He demonstrated the utility of cystoscopy as a diagnostic tool; he then impulsively tried to fix ectopic ureters using a cystoscope. Although others reported cases, Dr. McCarthy published the first case and should receive full credit for a procedure that is now the preferred treatment.

Dr. McCarthy's technique for pericardiectomy in animals with chylothorax has been a vital addition to management of these cases. The technique has resulted in an increased resolution of pleural fluid in animals affected with this frustrating disease. The procedure that Dr. McCarthy introduced is the treatment of choice for animals with chylothorax. There are numerous potential procedures for treatment, but a recent study found that in dogs with idiopathic chylothorax and constructive pericardial physiology, patients benefitted from pericardiectomy. Dr. McCarthy was an early and staunch advocate of this procedure.

Dr. McCarthy has lectured and taught MIS worldwide. He has published textbooks on MIS procedures and authored numerous periodical articles on his application of MIS. His knowledge of general and orthopedic surgery made him valuable as an instructor of both and has guaranteed that his wisdom in MIS will be passed on to generations to come.

"I found myself frequently contacting Tim for advice. Tim achieved so much as a specialist in a small practice without academic or large corporate support. His contributions as a surgeon and an endoscopy teacher are impressive."

—Clarence A. Rawlings, DVM, PhD, DACVS

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