

# AWARDS

## ACVS FOUNDATION LYNN WHEATON PHILANTHROPY AWARD



**Dominic Marino, DVM  
Diplomat, ACVS**

Dominic J. Marino, DVM, Diplomat, ACVS, is the inaugural recipient of the ACVS Foundation Lynn Wheaton Philanthropy Award. The award recognizes ACVS Diplomates who demonstrate intentional and altruistic social responsibility through their work with their community, an association, or other nonprofit organization. Recipients give their time and talent to positively impact the quality of life of people and animals and show a generosity of spirit and civic responsibility.

Dr. Marino's volunteerism, accomplishments, and accolades are impressive. His affiliations include veterinary and human medical foundations and law enforcement foundations. He is a NY State Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). In 2009, he was awarded Certificates of Meritorious Service for "risking life in service to fellow man" from the Police Surgeons Benevolent Foundation and for "placing himself in harm's way" from the Fraternal Order of Police in NY for his actions following a vehicular accident.

Dr. Marino has served as a veterinary surgeon for many of the region's law enforcement departments for decades and is responsible for developing medical protocols for multiple jurisdictions, including police and fire departments and airports. His volunteer work with the law enforcement community includes tactical emergency care K9 training for human physicians, nurses, EMTs, and paramedics. He is a volunteer tactical K9 medical training consultant for the ATF and FBI.

Dr. Marino was one of the first veterinary responders to the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. The lessons learned at the site motivated his desire to improve the health care and treatment of police dogs. He trains first responders how to save the lives of their canine partners. His programs are mandatory training in many law enforcement agencies. In 2021, Dr. Marino accepted a commission as a major in the United States Army to expand his training to military personnel.

*"Bringing honor and distinction to the veterinary profession is without question the common thread of his personal life and professional career."*

—Michael E. Bergman, Esquire, Suffolk County Sheriff's Foundation Board Member

The ACVS Foundation Lynn Wheaton Philanthropy Award recognizes ACVS Diplomates who demonstrate intentional and altruistic social responsibility through their work with a community, association, or other nonprofit organization. The award is given to an individual who has given their time and talent to positively impact the quality of life of people or animals and who shows a generosity of spirit and civic responsibility.