

## **ACVS FOUNDATION LEGENDS AWARD**

**Lloyd “Jock” P. Tate, Jr., VMD, DABLSM, MFH**

**Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Surgeons**

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Lloyd “Jock” P. Tate, Jr. VMD, Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Surgeons, DABLSM, MFH, is the recipient of the 2020 ACVS Foundation Legends Award for his dedication and contributions to the field of veterinary surgery.

Dr. Tate is a North Carolina State University Professor Emeritus of Equine Surgery. An internationally known equine surgeon, he has presented papers and participated in laser surgery meetings and symposia throughout the US, Europe, Japan, South America, and the Soviet Republics. He is the author or co-author of numerous works in the field of equine surgery. His most innovative and important accomplishment is the introduction of transendoscopic laser ventriculectomy.



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Transendoscopic laser ventriculectomy was, and remains, the most significant modification to the original ventriculectomy technique originally published in the late 1800s. It is the treatment of choice today for the removal of the equine ventricle and vocal cord. Use of a laser allows the animal to remain standing under sedation, and the procedure is outpatient. The complication rate is low and the animal recovers without the same risk of complication or need for owner intervention.

In addition to his work on ventriculectomy, other innovative uses of transendoscopic surgery in the horse have been introduced by Dr. Tate. Uses include the treatment of guttural pouch tympanites in the foal, the treatment of equine pharyngeal lymphoid hyperplasia and other obstructive masses in the upper airway, rapid removal of mycotic plaques within the guttural pouch, and the ablation of endometrial cysts in breeding mares.

Other noteworthy accomplishments include surgical methods for tracheal resection in horses, work on cleft palate in the foal, and the study of extensive small intestinal resection in the horse. Dr. Tate’s writings are influential when considering oronasal fistula formation, cervical lacerations, management of horses with cecal dysfunction, and palmar digital neurectomy.

As noted by a friend and colleague: “Dr. Tate is an accomplished and unique equine surgeon, kind and compassionate colleague, and fierce advocate and mentor.”

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