

2021 Al and Carolyn Schiller Distinguished Service Award

The ACVS Board of Regents has selected Ann L. Johnson, DVM, MS, DACVS, as a recipient of the Al and Carolyn Schiller Distinguished Service Award for exceptional contributions to ACVS. Since becoming a Diplomate in 1983, Dr. Johnson has demonstrated her commitment to excellence in service and teaching, establishing herself as a highly respected small animal surgeon and visionary leader. Dr. Johnson's dedication to ACVS and her contribution to all aspects of its mission are reflected in her impressive service history.



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Diplomate, ACVS**

Dr. Johnson's service to the College began within two years of her certification, starting as a member of the Constitution, Bylaws & Protocols Committee, which she later chaired. She often served in several roles concurrently. While serving in the Office of Recorder, she chaired the Residency Program Committee and contributed to *Veterinary Surgery* as a member of the Editorial Review Board. Prior to her term on the Board of Regents, she served as chair to both the Surgical Education Forum and the Residents' Forum. She continued on the Board as president and chair. During her time on the Board, Dr. Johnson continued to share her expertise as part of the Symposium Committee, with numerous presentations at ACVS's Veterinary Symposia and Surgery Summits, and the Public Relations Committee. Following her role as chair of the Board, she was tasked with developing a curricular template and continued to serve for many years as Residency Program Facilitator. She was recognized as an Honored Mentor (ACVS Foundation), having greatly influenced the lives and careers of surgery residents and colleagues.

In service extending beyond ACVS, Dr. Johnson represented the community of veterinary surgeons in several other prestigious national and international organizations and was ACVS's representative to the American Board of Veterinary Specialties. She served as chair on the AO Vet International Commission and Education Committee, and as director and then president on the board of directors of the Western Veterinary Conference.

"Dr. Johnson has gained international recognition as an expert in fracture management and a leader in veterinary education. She has made unique contributions to the literature, including books that serve as references for students and residents ... a true inspiration to all who have worked alongside her," noted a former colleague.

Past recipients of the ACVS Al and Carolyn Schiller Distinguished Service Award:

1992: William J. Donawick, DVM, DACVS
1994: Ghery D. Pettit, DVM, DACVS
1997: John "Jack" F. Fessler, DVM, MS, DACVS
2009: Alan J. Lipowitz, DVM, MS, DACVS
2011: Robert A. Taylor, DVM, MS, MS, DACVS
2016: Nathaniel A. White II, DVM, MS, DACVS

The Al and Carolyn Schiller Distinguished Service Award allows recognition of anyone who has demonstrated unusual and meritorious service to the ACVS. Conferring this service award recognizes and honors recipients for outstanding contributions related directly or peripherally to the functions of the ACVS.