

AWARDS

ACVS FOUNDERS' AWARD FOR CAREER ACHIEVEMENT



Steven Budsberg, DVM, MS
Diplomate, ACVS

The ACVS membership selected Steven C. Budsberg, DVM, MS, Diplomate, ACVS, to receive the ACVS Founders' Award for Career Achievement. The award recognizes the service of an ACVS Diplomate distinguished by contributions to the development of surgical techniques and methodology, and disseminating knowledge to colleagues, residents, and students.

Dr. Budsberg dedicated his career to research and training, becoming internationally renowned for his work in canine lameness with the use of gait analysis and pain management. During his more than 30 years at the University of Georgia (UGA), he received 65 grants totaling over \$11 million in research funding. His gait analysis laboratory has been used in many of his clinical trials and by pharmaceutical companies for pre-clinical product testing. He received the AVMA Career Achievement in Canine Research Award in 2021.

Since becoming an ACVS Diplomate in 1988, he has been actively involved in ACVS continuing education, participating as a Surgery Summit speaker, seminar chair, publicity chair, *Proceedings* chair, and program chair. He also served two terms on the *Veterinary Surgery* Editorial Review Board. Elected to the ACVS Board of

Regents as a large animal regent, Dr. Budsberg went on to serve as president-elect, president, chair of the board, and chair of the ACVS Nominating Committee. Dr. Budsberg became an ACVS Founding Fellow, Joint Replacement Surgery, in 2021, and continues to train UGA faculty on hip replacements.

Dr. Budsberg has served executive roles as a member of AO VET, the Veterinary Orthopedic Society, the American Veterinary Medical Association, and the Evidence-Based Veterinary Medicine Association. He has taught numerous AO courses to train residents and veterinarians. Dr. Budsberg mentored over 40 ACVS residents, serving as a resident advisor to 11 that are now ACVS Diplomates. He is an ACVS Foundation Honored Mentor.

"Whether you were a student, an intern, or a resident, if you opened your ears and listened, he'd be pouring gold."

—Marko Stejskal, DVM, PhD, DACVS (Small Animal), DECVS, MRCVS

The ACVS Founders' Award for Career Achievement was established to recognize the service of ACVS Diplomates who have distinguished themselves in the pursuit of surgery by making significant contributions to the development of surgical techniques and methodology, and disseminating knowledge to colleagues, residents, and students.