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## The American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) Announces 2022 Award Recipients

Denver, CO (July 06, 2021) – [The American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine](http://www.ACIVM.org) (ACVIM) is pleased to announce the recipients of our 2022 recognition awards, to include the [Robert W. Kirk Award for Profession Excellence](#), the [Lee & Inge Pyle Service Award](#) and the recipients of our [Specialty Lifetime Achievement Awards](#). Please join us in congratulating the following esteemed ACVIM Diplomates on their accomplishments.

The ACVIM is proud to present Dr. Mark Kittleson with the 2022 Robert W. Kirk Award for Professional Excellence. View the [video](#) honoring Dr. Kittleson's accomplishments and join us in extending our congratulations.

*"Dr. Kittleson has dedicated his life to discovery, teaching, and service. His prolific and pivotal research in cardiology has dramatically improved veterinary cardiology. He has passed his intellectual curiosity and critical thinking to all he has trained. He has donated limitless time to serve the ACVIM and the cardiology community. He always has, and always will, have a yearning and commitment to make veterinary medicine better." Kristin MacDonald, DVM, PhD, Diplomate ACVIM (Cardiology)*

The ACVIM is pleased to present Dr. William (Bill) Fenner with the 2022 ACVIM Lee & Inge Pyle Service Award. View a [video](#) honoring Dr. Fenner's accomplishments and join us in extending our congratulations. In addition to being honored as the recipient of the Pyle Service Award, the ACVIM announced a new award named in Dr. Fenner's honor, the William R. Fenner Early Career Award for Outstanding Service. Recipients of this award must be a Diplomate exemplifying exceptional service in the College and/or their Specialty in a volunteer capacity within the first 10 years following Board-certification.

*"Dr. Bill Fenner has a long history of service to the ACVIM, and served on the constitution, nominating, forum program and appeals committees. When Dr. John Oliver stepped down, Bill accepted the position of Professional Liaison for the ACVIM – a job he held for 18 years until retiring in 2021." Steven DiBartola, DVM, DACVIM (SAIM)*

The ACVIM is also honored to present the recipients of the Specialty Lifetime Achievement awards in the specialties of cardiology and large animal internal medicine. Congratulations to cardiology recipient, Dr. Philip Fox and the large animal internal medicine recipient, Dr. Philip Johnson.

*"Dr. Phil Fox is a true leader in veterinary cardiology. His career highlights are numerous and include; substantial contributions to patient care, training and mentorship at all levels of veterinary professionals, service to the community, the ACVIM and the specialty of veterinary cardiology, landmark publications in both veterinary and human scientific literature as well as his most recent passion of advancing the science of cardiac pathology and imaging. Dr. Fox's efforts are an integral part of our current understanding of the natural history, pathology, and treatment of veterinary cardiac disease. He has positively influenced the careers of many cardiologists and the lives of their patients around the globe." Steven Rosenthal, DVM, DACVIM (Cardiology)*

*"I have been exceptionally fortunate to have worked with Dr. Johnson throughout my veterinary career. You cannot find a more approachable, enthusiastic and passionate mentor in the clinic or classroom, and his continuous curiosity naturally leads to research and discovery. Just a brilliant individual!" Lynn Martin, DVM, MPH, DACVIM (LAIM)*

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### **About the ACVIM**

Based in Greenwood Village, Colorado, the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) is the certifying organization for veterinary specialists in cardiology, large animal internal medicine, neurology, oncology and small animal internal medicine. With more than 3,000 members, the ACVIM is dedicated to improving the lives of animals and people through the education, training and certification of specialists in veterinary internal medicine, discovery and dissemination of new medical knowledge and increasing public awareness of advances in veterinary medical care. [www.ACVIM.org](http://www.ACVIM.org)

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