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AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY INTERNAL MEDICINE ANNOUNCES
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD WINNER AT THE 2012 ACVIM FORUM

New Orleans, LA – The American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) is proud to announce Joseph Taboada as the recipient of the ACVIM Distinguished Service Award at the 2012 ACVIM Forum.

Joseph Taboada, DVM, DACVIM (Small Animal Internal Medicine) board certified in 1989, is an active member of the ACVIM community and has provided distinguished service for over ten years in every sense of the word. “Joe,” as he is known, has assumed many roles in his specialty, the College and the ACVIM Foundation. He has served on numerous committees including: residency training, general examination, Academic Affairs, nominating and specialty exam. He also gave his service to ACVIM serving on its board of regents as president, president elect and vice president of the Small Animal Internal Medicine Specialty. For five years he also served as associate editor for ACVIM’s distinguished *Journal of Veterinary Internal Medicine*.

Joe has been a strong advocate for the College and has served as a mentor to numerous students, interns and residents, many of which are now ACVIM Diplomates. He’s also been a strong presence within the Foundation serving on the board as President and Past President, as a passionate advocate helping to raise support for the Foundation’s mission and co-chair of the Development Committee.

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Joe’s service extends beyond the realm of ACVIM, he has made vast contributions to the profession of veterinary medicine serving as a teacher both at Louisiana State University and the School of Veterinary Medicine and in his continuing education efforts as a mentor for house officers. He has also served as Louisiana’s representative on the North American Strategic Veterinary Education Task Force.

He has received the Carl Norden-Pfizer Distinguished Teaching Award, the Hill’s Pet Nutrition/VSIPP Spirit of Excellence Award, and the American Animal Distinguished Service Award, the Animal Medical Center Distinguished Alumni Award and the American Association of Veterinary Clinical Faculty Achievement Award.

The ACVIM Distinguished Service Award is given in recognition of outstanding dedicated volunteer service by a Diplomate to ACVIM. To learn more about Dr. Taboada please visit www.ACVIM.org

The ACVIM is the national certifying organization for veterinary specialists in Cardiology, Large Animal Internal Medicine, Neurology, Oncology, and Small Animal Internal Medicine. The ACVIM hosts an annual continuing education meeting (ACVIM Forum) where cutting-edge information, technology, and research abstracts are showcased for the veterinary community. For more information please visit www.ACVIMForum.org.

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