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### **The American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) Announces 2025 Recognition Award Recipients**

**Denver, CO (June 24, 2025)** – [The American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine](http://TheAmericanCollegeofVeterinaryInternalMedicine.org) (ACVIM) recently announced the recipients of the 2025 ACVIM Recognition Awards during the 2025 ACVIM Forum in Louisville, Kentucky. The winners are accomplished veterinary internal medicine professionals and ACVIM Diplomates who have demonstrated professional excellence, dedicated service, and expertise, making a significant impact on the wellbeing of animals and advancing the veterinary profession. Please join us in congratulating this year's esteemed awardees.

**Joan R. Coates, DVM, MS, DACVIM (Neurology)**, Professor of Veterinary Neurology and Neurosurgery at the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine, is the recipient of the [Robert W. Kirk Award for Professional Excellence](#) for her outstanding career and lifetime of contributions to the ACVIM and veterinary internal medicine.

**Wendy A. Ware, DVM, MS, DACVIM (Cardiology)**, Professor Emerita at the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine, is the recipient of the [Lee & Inge Pyle Service Award](#) for her record of outstanding and dedicated service in a volunteer capacity to the ACVIM.

**Raelene M. Wouda, BVSc, DACVIM (Oncology), MANZCVS**, Veterinary Oncologist at Veterinary Specialist Services of Queensland, Australia, is the recipient of the [William R. Fenner Early Career Award for Outstanding Service](#) for her exceptional service to the ACVIM in a volunteer capacity within the first 10 years following Board-certification.

**Warwick M. Bayly, BVSc, MS, PhD, DACVIM (LAIM)**, Professor of Equine Medicine at the Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine, is the recipient of the [Specialty Lifetime Achievement Award](#) in large animal internal medicine (LAIM) for his significant contributions and years of leadership in the LAIM specialty.

Each year, ACVIM Recognition Award recipients are selected by a rotating committee of ACVIM Diplomates, based on peer nominations and the honorees' outstanding contributions to the field.

To learn more about the ACVIM Recognition Awards and past recipients, visit [www.acvim.org/grants-awards/recognition-awards](http://www.acvim.org/grants-awards/recognition-awards)

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### **About the ACVIM**

Based in Englewood, Colorado, the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) is the certifying organization for veterinary specialists in cardiology, large animal internal medicine, neurology, nutrition, oncology and small animal internal medicine. With more than 3,800 members internationally, 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. [ACVIM.org](http://ACVIM.org)

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