

UTCVM Honors Convocation & Banquet

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The **31st Annual Honors Convocation** was held on the evening of April 14 at Hollingsworth Auditorium, with a number of individuals including Small Animal faculty, house officers, and staff receiving special recognition.



Dr. Alfred Legendre, Professor of Medicine (Oncology), was presented the **Twenty Year Faculty & Staff Appreciation Award** by the Class of 1989.

This award is given to the two faculty members who have had the most significant impact on the professional careers of members of the current twenty-year class.



Dr. Rebecca E. Gompf, Associate Professor (Cardiology), was honored with the **Brandy Memorial Award** for outstanding teaching achievement in the field of small animal practice.

Dr. Courtney W. Kleinhelter received the **Jessie's Memorial "Top Doc" Intern Award**.



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The Class of 2009 Clinical Awards included:

Best Small Animal Veterinary Assistant- Debra F. White, Veterinary Assistant II



Best Small Animal Licensed Veterinary Technician- Karen J. McLucas, LVMT, Veterinary Tech II



Best Small Animal Intern- Dr. Menolly R. Beittenmiller



Best Small Animal Resident- Dr. Scott A. Rizzo, Chief Resident, Internal Medicine



Best Small Animal Clinician- Dr. Beth M. Johnson, Clinical Instructor, Internal Medicine.



Clinical Projects <http://www.vet.utk.edu/studies/index.php>

Area	Study	Contact
Dermatology	Hypothyroid dogs on thyroid supplement needed for thyroid study	Dr. Linda Frank
Mycology	Treatment of systemic aspergillosis with a new anti-fungal drug, posaconazole	Dr. Al Legendre
Neurology	The benefit of hearing tests (i.e., brainstem-auditory evoked response/BAER) in dogs with vestibular disease	Drs. Christina Wolf or William Thomas
Neurology	New drug for initial treatment of idiopathic epilepsy in dogs	Dr. William Thomas
Oncology	Evaluation of the mTOR inhibitor Rapamycin in dogs with osteosarcoma	Dr. Jeffrey Phillips
Oncology	Identifying risk factors for the development of canine osteosarcoma	Dr. Jeffrey Phillips
Oncology	Immunocytokine therapy for dogs with oral melanoma (financial incentive for owners)	Dr. Amy LeBlanc
Oncology	Treatment with tyrosine kinase and chemotherapy of advanced malignancies	Dr. Al Legendre
Oncology	The UTCVM comparative oncology program tumor tissue and DNA databank	Drs. Jeffrey Phillips, Amy LeBlanc, or Al Legendre
Oncology	Whole-body PET/CT scans in dogs and cats with cancer (financial incentive for owners)	Dr. Amy LeBlanc
Physical rehab/ CARES	Clinical evaluation of extracorporeal shock wave therapy for management of canine osteoarthritis of the elbow joints (financial incentive for clients)	Drs. Marti Drum or Darryl Millis
Physical rehab/ CARES	Effects of transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS), low level laser treatment (LLLT), and acupuncture on hip and stifle osteoarthritis in dogs	Drs. Darryl Millis or Marti Drum
Physical rehab/ CARES	The effect of diet on muscle atrophy following surgery for cranial cruciate ligament rupture	Dr. Marti Drum
Radiology	Contrast enhancement patterns of intervertebral disc herniation in dogs on MRI	Dr. Andrea Matthews
Soft tissue surgery	Evaluation of intra-tracheal stenting in dogs with collapsing trachea www.yorkieangelpatrol.com	Drs. Mark Bohling or Patricia Sura
Soft tissue surgery	Silicone footpad implants in greyhounds with corns	Dr. Mark Bohling
Soft tissue surgery/ oncology	Investigation of sentinel nodes in cutaneous mast cell disease	Dr. Patricia Sura
Urinary	Cats with idiopathic hypercalcemia and calcium oxalate stones (monetary incentive for owners and referring veterinarians)	Dr. Joe Bartges
Urinary	Lithotripsy of kidney and ureteral stones in dogs and ureteral stones in cats	Drs. India Lane or Joe Bartges