

J. F. SMITHCORS STUDENT VETERINARY HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

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2021

1st Prize **Polly Weldon '22** University of Florida
Unexpected Allies: How an Original Thought from the 1930s Saved the Florida Key Deer from Getting Screwed
Published in:

2nd Prize **Conrad S. Schelkopf '24** Kansas State University
Scrapie: A Brief History of the First Prion Disease
Published in:

3rd Prize **Lydia Hall '21** Purdue University
Zoo Pathology: A Historic Lens on an Emerging Field
Published in:

4th Prize **Brooklyn Biese '22** Purdue University
The Journey to Corticosteroid Treatment
Published in:

2020

1st Prize **Anastasiya Missan '22** University of Prince Edward Island
The Un-BEE-lievable History of Beekeeping.
Published in: Vet Herit. 2020 Dec;43(2):

2nd Prize **Anna Adams '21** Purdue University
For the Love of Bastet: A History of Cats in Ancient Egypt.
Published in: Vet Herit. 2021 Jun;44(1):

3rd Prize **Polly Weldon '22** University of Florida
Looking Across Species: How One Veterinarian Revolutionized the Field of Public Health and Made Government Agencies Eat Crow.
Published in: Vet Herit. 2021 Jun;44(1):

4th Prize **Jennifer Fan '21** Cornell University
A Strange Bellwether: The Mysterious Incident of 6000 Sheep in the Desert.
Published in: Vet Herit. 2020 Dec;43(2):

2019

1st Prize [tie] **Jennifer Fan '21** Cornell University
Animals in Court: The Early Days of Veterinary Forensics.
Published in: Vet Herit, 1019 Nov;42(2):51-55.

1st Prize [tie] **Scarlett Denise Welfel '22** Iowa State University
Doctor of Donkeys: The Story of Claude Bourgelat Who Turned His Love of Equids into a Medical Profession.
Published in: Vet Herit, 42 Nov;42(2):56-60.

3rd Prize **Annelise Radzin '23** Ohio State University
Trypanosoma brucei brucei: The Parasite that Plagued a Continent.
Published in: Vet Herit. 2020 Jun;43(1):44-47.

4th Prize **Brooke Fourthman** '19 Purdue University
A Brief History of Interventional Cardiology.
Published in: Vet Herit. 2020 Jun;43(1):38-43.

2018

1st Prize **Jessica Zeiger** '18 Purdue University
Perceptions of Conception: The History of Artificial Insemination.
Published in: Vet Herit. 2018 Nov;41(2):49-54.

2nd Prize **Marta Zlotnick** '19 Virginia-Maryland Regional College, Virginia Tech
The Child's Vet: Veterinarians in Children's Media in 20th Century America.
Published in: Vet Herit. 2018 Nov;41(2):55-59.

3rd Prize **Ashley Russo** '21 Kansas State University
Who Let the Dogs Out of Orbit?: A Brief History of the First Dog in Space.
Published in: Vet Herit. 2019 Jun;42(1):28-31.

4th Prize **Janna Draper** '19 Purdue University
History of Ebola and the Role of Veterinarians.
Published in: Vet Herit. 2018 Nov;41(2):60-64.

Honorable Mention **Adam Mattick** '21 Kansas State University
The Final Charge –The History of Horses in World War II.
Published in: Vet Herit. 2019 Jun;42(1):32-40.

2017

1st Place **Jessica Zeiger** '18 Purdue University
Madness, Mystery, and Monsters—An Early History of Rabies.
Published in: Vet Herit. 2017 Nov;40(2):50-55.

2nd Place **Jessica Zeiger** '18 Purdue University
Sleep Away the Suffering—The Early Development of Veterinary Surgical Anesthesia.
Published in: Vet Herit. 2018 Jun;41(1):8-14.

3rd Place **Janna M. Draper** '19 Purdue University
The Development of Enrichment and Its Importance in Animal Research.
Published in: Vet Herit. 2017 Nov;40(2):56-61.

4th Place **Kara Simon** '19 Kansas State University
The Story of Mice and Men: The Evolution of Animal Experiments.
Published in: Vet Herit. 2018 Jun;41(1):15-18.

5th Place **Katya P. Luckenbach** '20 Kansas State University
Economics of the Veterinary Profession: The Tables Have Turned.
Published in: Vet Herit. 2018 Jn;41(1): 19-23.

2016

1st Prize **Alison Smith** '19, Tufts University
The Rise and Fall of "Wonder Drugs": The story of Antibiotics in Agriculture.
Published in: Vet Herit. 2016 Nov;39(2): 45-53.

2nd Prize **Laura Johnson** '17, North Carolina State University

The Origin and Legacy of Christian Petersen's Gentle Doctor
Published in: Vet Herit. 2016 Nov;39(2):54-62.

3rd Prize **Kelsey Madden** '19, Kansas State University
The Guinea Pig: Endearing, Enduring or Both?
Published in: Vet Herit. 2017 May;40(1):18-24.

4th Prize **Jessica Zeiger** '19, Purdue University
Making the Shoe Fit: A Brief Review of the History of Farriery.
Published in: Vet Herit. 2017 May;40(1):25-31.

2015

1st Prize **Jennifer Yu**, '16, University of California, Davis
West of West Nile: A Virus Conquers the New World.
Published in: Vet Herit. 2015 Nov;38(2):53-61.

2nd Prize (tie) **Ellen Kim** '17, Kansas State University
The Great Cattle Plague and Dr. John Gamgee: The Need for Historical Perspective on Trade and Public Health Policy.
Published in: Vet Herit. 2015 Nov;38(2):84-88.

2nd Prize (tie) **Alexander Neale** '17, Tufts University
In Sickness and In Health: A Marriage of Veterinary and Human Medicine, 1866-1881.
Published in: Vet Herit. 2016 May;39(1):20-24.

4th Prize **Stephanie Liao** '17, Kansas State University
Furry Valor: Tactical Dogs of World War I and II.
Published in: Vet Herit. 2016 May;39(1): 24-29.

2014

1st Prize **Sarah Oates** '16, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Uncloaking Cognitive Decline: The Emergence of Canine Cognitive Dysfunction in Veterinary Medicine and Its Implications for Understanding Alzheimer's Disease.
Published: Vet Herit. 2014 Nov;37(2):47-51.

2nd Prize **Jennifer Yu** '16, University of California, Davis
The Rise of Chinese Acupuncture in the West: How an Ancient Eastern Tradition Became an American Medical Staple.
Published: Vet Herit. 2015 May;38(1):1-9.

3rd Prize **Amanda Fox** '17 North Carolina State University
One Health: Back to Our Roots.
Published: Vet Herit. 2014 Nov;37(2):57-64.

4th Prize **Brittany Blattner** '16, Kansas State University
Helping Paws throughout History: The Evolution of the Service Dog.
Published: Vet Herit. 2015 May;38(1):17-24.

Honorable Mention **Michael P. Sanders** '16 Purdue University
The Worm Conqueror.
Published: Vet Herit. 2015 May;38(1):36-45.

Honorable Mention **Samantha Schimming** '16 Kansas State University
Hay, Oats, and Water?: A Brief Look at the History of Drug Use in Thoroughbred Racing.

2013

1st Prize **Jacqueline M. Paritte** '15 Oklahoma State University
On Formalizing Veterinary Technician Education: "A Noble & Necessary Movement"
Published: Vet Herit. 2013 May-Nov;36(1-2):17-23.

2nd Prize **Shira Rubin** '13 Cornell University
From Big to Little and Little to Big: The Early History of the *Guide to the Dissection of the Dog* and *Miller's Anatomy of the Dog*.
Published in: Vet Herit. 2014 May;37(1):12-24.

3rd Prize **Chris Liguore** '16 Purdue University
Lifestyles of the Furry and Famous: A Historical Analysis of the Care and Advancement of Animal Actors.
Published in: Vet Herit. 2013 May-Nov;36(1-2):9-16.

4th Prize **Jordan Daniels** '16 Cornell University
Dr. William Stewart Halsted: The Ultimate Prize of Innovation.
Published in: Vet Herit. 2014 May;37(1):25-30.

Honorable Mention **Laura Barrett** '16 University of California at Davis
Tracing the Origin and Evolution of the Domestic Dog.

Honorable Mention **Rebekah Landfried** '16 Kansas State University
Veterinary Anatomical Models: A Surgical Tool as Essential as the Scalpel.

2012

1st Prize **Amy Sents** '15 Kansas State University
The Covert Arsenal of Biological Agents throughout History.
Published in Vet Herit.2012 Nov;35(2):37-44.

2nd Prize **Tracey L. Mullins** '15 Kansas State University
The Humble Beginnings of the Corporate Companion Animal Hospital
Published in Vet Herit.2012 Nov;35(2):59-62.

3rd Prize **Katie Beach** '13, Kansas State University
The Dogs of War: History of the U.S. Military Dog.
Published in Vet Herit. 2013 May-Nov;36(1-2):1-8.

2011

1st Prize **Maite S. Torres** '14 Kansas State University
Animals in Space: Reaching for the Stars.
Published in Vet Herit.2011 Nov;34(2):25-32.

2nd Prize **Bruce Willbrant** '14 Kansas State University
The Emergence of Shelter Medicine in Veterinary Education: From Nonexistent to Necessary.
Published in Vet Herit. 2011 Nov;34(2):41-46.

3rd Prize **Suzanne Ford** '13, Oklahoma State University
South Carolina's School—What Went Wrong?
Published in Vet Herit.2012 May;35(1):1-6.

4th Prize **Kimberly Lynne Carren Pescosolido**'12 North Carolina State University

Equine Veterinary Medicine from Ancient Times through the Greco-Roman Period
Published in Vet Herit. 2012 May;35(1):20-25.

2010

1st Prize **Elizabeth Williams** '12 Kansas State University
The Forgotten Giants Behind Louis Pasteur: Contributions by the Veterinarians Toussaint and Galtier.
Published in Vet Herit. 2010 Nov;33(2):33-39.

2nd Prize **Gail Goble** '13 Kansas State University
Mad Cows & vCJD: A Tale of Two Epidemics.
Published in Vet Herit. 2010 Nov;33(2):44-49.

3rd Prize **Jaime Stevenson** '13, Kansas State University
West Nile Virus: A Progression from Unknown to Endemic.
Published in Vet Herit. 2011 May;34(1):7-11.

2009

1st Prize **Ashley Mitek** '11, University of Illinois
From Early Man to Man o' War: A History of the Cribbing Horse.
Published in Vet Herit. 2009 Nov;32(2):37-42.

2nd Prize **Valerie Livingston** '12 Kansas State University
Foot and Mouth Disease: A Story of Resilience.
Published in Vet Herit. 2009 Nov;32(2):48-52.

3rd Prize **Tiffany Lee** '12, Kansas State University
Brisket Disease in Cattle: A Brief Overview and History.
Published in Vet Herit. 2010 May;33(1):5-8.

2008

1st Prize **Hattie Kugler** '08, Washington State University
Scratches, Grease Heel, and Grapes: Or Chronic Pastern Dermatitis Then and Now.
Published in Vet Herit. 2008 Nov;31(2):26-32.

2nd Prize (tie) **Kevin Koernig** '09, Tufts University
The Bureau of Animal Industry and Veterinary Professionalization at the Turn of the 20th Century.
Published in Vet Herit. 2009 May;32(1):12-17.

2nd Prize (tie) **Michael Walsh** '11, Kansas State University
The Emergence of Animals Rights in Veterinary Medicine
Published in Vet Herit. 2008 Nov;31(2):37-39.

2007

1st Prize **Ellen P. Carlin** '07, Cornell University
The Gender Laws: Federal Legislation and the Feminization of Veterinary Medicine.
Published in Vet. Herit. 2007 Nov;30(2):21-27.

2nd Prize **Jeremiah Alma Burnett** '07, Washington State University.
Past, Present and Future Responses by the Veterinary Medical Profession to Socioeconomic Change.
Published in Vet Herit. 2007 Nov;30(2):33-38.

3rd Prize **Alphina J. Ho** '10, Kansas State University.
Shining Light on Foreign Animal Diseases: The Story of Plum Island.
Published in Vet. Herit. 2008 May;31(1):10-13.

2006

1st Prize **Amy Lynn** '06, Cornell University
Cats Are Not Small Dogs: The Emergence of Feline Medicine.
Published in Vet Herit. 2006 Nov;29(2):29-40.

2nd Prize **David William Gardiner** '06, Cornell University
The Age of Veterinary Specialization.
Published in Vet Herit. 2006 Nov;29(2):44-52.

3rd Prize **Melissa Bourgeois**, University of Florida
From 1946 to the Present – NASA's Contribution to the Veterinary Medical Sciences.
Published in Vet. Herit. 2007 May;30(1):4-8.

2005

1st Prize **David William Gardiner** '06, Cornell University
Canine Parvovirus: From Not There to Everywhere: An Historical Look at the Emergence, Media Coverage, and Vaccine Development of Canine Parvovirus.
Published in Vet Herit. 2005 Nov;28(2): 38-45.

2nd Prize **Sarah Melissa Dyson**, Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary
Medicine, Blacksburg, Virginia
Women Veterinarians Throughout the 20th Century.
Published in Vet Herit. 2006 May;29(1):8-14

3rd Prize **Greg A. Schmiesing** '05, Washington State University
Attempting to Make Practice Acts Perfect.
Published in: Vet Herit. 2005 Nov;28(2):46-51.

2004

1st Prize **Greg A. Schmiesing** '05, Washington State University
Transportation, Vaccination, Eradication, Consolidation: Reasons for Consternation?
Published in Vet. Herit. 2004 Nov;27(2):35-41.

2nd Prize **Kathryn Bradford** '06, Oklahoma State University
Elizabeth Atwood Lawrence: Veterinarian, Anthropologist, and Author.
Published in Vet. Herit. 2004 Nov;27(2):42-44.

3rd Prize **Jennifer Chediak** '06, Cornell University
Shaping the Profession: James Law and The Rise of Veterinary Professionalism in the United States.
Published in: Vet. Herit. 2005 May;28(1):1-5.

2003

1st Prize **Greg A. Schmiesing** '05, Washington State University
Independents' Days: Independent Colleges in the Foundation of Veterinary Education in the United States.
Published in: Vet. Herit. 2003 Nov;26(2):21-28.

2nd Prize **Rebecca E. Brahm** '05, Oklahoma State University
The Changing Face of Veterinary Medicine: Women in the Profession.
Published in: Vet. Herit. 2003 Nov;26(2):36-39.

3rd Prize **Jolene M. North** '05, Oklahoma State University
Dueling Serpents.
Published in Vet. Herit. 2004 May;27(1):10-14.

2002

1st Prize **Greg A. Schmiesing** '05, Washington State University
Protection of Animals Through Modern Legislation.
Published in Vet. Herit. 2002 Nov;25(2):30-36.

2nd Prize **Margaret M. Brosnahan** '02, Tufts University
One Hundred Years of Colic: The Diagnosis and Treatment of Equine Gastrointestinal Disease in
the Twentieth Century.
Published in: Vet. Herit. 2002 Nov;25(2):40-6.

3rd Prize **Ann H. Montague** '03, University of Minnesota
The Battle for a Veterinary School in Minnesota.
Published in: Vet. Herit. 2003 May;26(1):10-13.

2001

1st Prize **Jill Pruett** '03, Oklahoma State University
Evolution of Exotic Medicine Through Zoological Gardens.
Published in Vet. Herit. 2001 Nov;24(2):27-32.

2nd Prize **Michelle L. Quigley** '03, Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary
Medicine
Veterinary Medicine and the American Civil War.
Published in Vet. Herit. 2001 Nov;24(2):33-37.

3rd Prize **Arden J. Gillespie** '03, Oklahoma State University
Mark L. Morris, Sr., DVM Pioneer and Innovator.
Published in Vet. Herit. 2002 May;25(1):7-11.

2000

1st Prize **Glenn Allen Olah** '02, Oklahoma State University
From Scrapie to Prions: Veterinarians Pave the Way.
Published in Vet. Herit. 2000 Nov;23(2):38-42.

2nd Prize **Andrew M. Silverstone** '00, Atlantic Veterinary College
The New Light: Roentgen's Unusual Demonstrations and the Development of Diagnostic
Radiology in North America.
Published in Vet. Herit. 2000 Nov;23(2):46-51.

3rd Prize **Melanie J. Blystone** '01, University of Georgia
Rinderpest: One Virus's Impact on Veterinary History.
Published in Vet. Herit. 2001 May;24(1):8-12.

1999

1st Prize **Debbie Tacium Ladry** '00, Universite de Montreal
The Remarkable History of Treatment for Milk Fever.
Published in Vet. Herit. 1999 Nov;22(2):31-34.

2nd Prize **Heather Campbell** '00, Texas A & M University
The Portrayal of Veterinary Medicine in Films.
Published in Vet. Herit. 1999 Nov;22(2):35-37.

3rd Prize (tie) **Melanie J. Blystone** '01, University of Georgia
Veterinarians in Zoo Medicine: The Evolution of a Career.
Published in Vet. Herit. 2000 May;23(1):9-13.

3rd Prize (tie) **Pat R. Davis** '00, Auburn University
Coming Full Circle—A History of the 168th Medical Detachment (VS).
Published in Vet. Herit. 2000 May;23(1):21-27.

1998

1st Prize **Cydris Schaefer Manette** '00, Washington State University
Veterinary Ethics and the Changing Role of the Veterinarian: A Historical Review.
Published in Vet. Herit. 1998 Dec;21(2):25-33.

2nd Prize **Debbie Tacium Ladry** '00, Universite de Montreal
Winnie the Pooh and the Veterinarian Too: A Biographical Essay on the Life of Dr. Harry
Colebourn, BVSc, MRCVS (1887-1947).
Published in Vet. Herit. 1998 Dec;21(2):41-45.

3rd Prize (tie) **Jason M. Evans** '99 Oklahoma State University
A Retrospective of Veterinary Medicine at Oklahoma State University.
Published in Vet. Herit. 1999 May;22(1):14-19.

1997

1st Prize **Marilyn T. Waters** '97, Oregon State University
Hocus Pocus: A Pharmacologic Look at Patent Medicine Colic Cures.
Published in Vet. Herit. 1997 Nov;20(2):40-44.

2nd Prize **Amy M. Lesniak** '00, North Carolina State University
Animals and The Veterinarian in Ancient Rome.
Published in Vet. Herit. 1997 Nov;20(2):45-49.

3rd Prize (tie) **Diana Murphy Jordan** '98, Iowa State University
Hog Cholera: A Historical Review.
Published in: Vet. Herit. 1998 May;21(1):1-8.

3rd Prize (tie) **Stacy L. Pritt** '97, Washington State University
The History of the Guinea Pig (*Cavia porcellus*) in Society and Veterinary Medicine.
Published in Vet. Herit. 1998 May;21(1):12-16.

1996

1st Prize **Iilana Beth Furman Levinson** '99, Oregon State University
The History of Zoos and the Emergence of Zoo Veterinarians.
Published in Vet. Herit. 1996 Dec;19(2):20-23.

2nd Prize **G. Russell Danner** '98, University of Wisconsin

Elmer A. Woelffer, DVM, 1897-1995.
Published in Vet. Herit. 1997 May;20(1):27-29.

3rd Prize **Kelly J. Hoover** '98, Washington State University
Rabies Treatments and Preventives Through the Ages.
Published in Vet. Herit. 1997 May;20(1):30-34.

1995

1st Prize **Melinda S. Cumming** '95, Washington State University
Blisters, Beetles, and Beliefs.
Published in Vet. Herit. 1995 Jun;18(1):3-10.

2nd Prize **Stacy L. Pritt** '97, Washington State University
Norman Rockwell's Illustration of Pet Care and Veterinary Medicine.
Published in Vet. Herit. 1995 Dec;18(2):55-58.

3rd Prize **Joanne C. Martineau** '98 University of Pennsylvania
A Historical Survey of Vivisection from Antiquity to the Present.
Published in Vet. Herit. 1996 Jun;19(1):8-10.

1994

1st Prize **Sandra Coestar**, '95 Cornell University
The Magical and Mystical World of Atropine and Other Belladonna Alkaloids.

2nd Prize **Kim Taugott**, [Brooktondale, NY]
Florence Kimball—America's First Woman Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

3rd Prize **Ilene Shapiro**, [Ontario, Canada]
The Contributions of C.D. McGilvray.

1993

1st Prize **Jane Knoper** '95, Washington State University
The Thermometer: History and Application.
Published in 1993 Vet Herit. Dec;16(2):51-60.

2nd Prize **Angela K. Schoeming** '95, Purdue University
Robert Stroud: The Brains Behind the Birdman.

3rd Prize **Yvonne Kalifianos** '94, Purdue University
History of Veterinary Homeopathy

1992

1st Prize **Catherine Hibbett** '93, University of Minnesota
Artists and Anatomists in Renaissance Europe.
Published in Vet Herit. 1992 Dec;15(2):45-61.

Hon. Mention **Becky Manning** '??, University of Wisconsin
The New York Zoological Society's Veterinary History.