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AMERICAN VETERINARY MEDICAL HISTORY SOCIETY ANNOUNCES 2022 STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

The AVMHS is pleased to announce winners of the 2022 J.F. Smithcors Student Veterinary History Essay Contest (<https://www.avmhs.org/essay-contest>). They include:

- 1st Place - \$1,200** **Kristyn Burton**, Class of '25 Oklahoma State University
Out of the Ice Age and Into the Ice Box: Przewalski's Horses Emerge From Frost a Second Time
- 2nd Place - \$1,000** **Ginifer O'Bryan-Schultz**, Class of '23 Oklahoma State University
The Wonder Drug: The History of Ivermectin from a One Health Viewpoint
- 3rd Place - \$800** **Hadley Watson**, Class of '24 Kansas State University
Developments in the Understanding and Treatment of Feline Infectious Peritonitis: 1963-2021
- 4th Place (tie) - \$500** **Victoria Hoaglin**, Class of '24 Oklahoma State University
Fish through the Scales of Time - Diving into the Origins of Aquaculture
- 4th Place (tie) - \$500** **Nathan Jackson**, Class of '24 Kansas State University
Glanders: A History
- Honorable Mention** **Danielle Keerbs**, Class of '26 Cornell University
One Health, Bushmeat, and Illegal Wildlife Trafficking: An Overview

Named in honor of the Society's founder Dr. J. Fred Smithcors, the annual student history essay contest was established in 1992 and has awarded cash prizes each year for meritorious essays on a broad range of topics related to veterinary history. Students who are enrolled in DVM programs at colleges of veterinary medicine in the United States and Canada are eligible to submit essays of 3500 words or less. Essays are evaluated blindly by a panel of 4 or 5 knowledgeable and experienced judges. Prize winning essays are published in issues of *Veterinary Heritage*, the Society's semi-annual bulletin.

According to Dr. Jessica Garrett, chair of the Essay Contest Committee, "*through this contest, students have an exciting opportunity to research topics of their own choosing, gaining a knowledge that may even surpass some of their professors. Learning the history of our field is an amazing way to gain a deeper understanding of our modern medicine, ethical decisions, business practices, and even ongoing research.*"

About the AVMHS: Established in 1978, the AVMHS (<https://avmhs.org/>) is a non-profit organization dedicated to education, research, and service in the field of veterinary medical history.

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