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**American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine Announces  
Robert W. Kirk Award for Professional Excellence Recipient Sharon Center**

(Denver, Colo.) The American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) is proud to announce Dr. Sharon Center, professor of internal medicine at Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine, as the recipient of the ACVIM Robert W. Kirk Award for Professional Excellence at the 2016 ACVIM Forum. This award is presented annually to an ACVIM Diplomate with an outstanding career in veterinary medicine including national and international recognition for contributions and service in activities such as clinical medical practice, instruction, research and/or public service.

Sharon Center, DVM, DACVIM (Small Animal Internal Medicine) is a remarkably skilled clinician and brilliant researcher. She has in-depth knowledge of hepatology, having achieved clinical brilliance and making significant scientific contributions to the field of small animal hepatology in the past three decades. She was recognized as the Outstanding Woman Veterinarian of 2012 by the Association for Women Veterinarians Foundation. She is one of only six James Law professors at the College of Veterinary Medicine, Cornell University. Her clinical and research studies have been documented in more than 100 peer-reviewed publications, 50 scientific abstracts and 50 book chapters.

Center has served as a teacher and mentor to many veterinary students and ACVIM Diplomates and she was awarded the Norden-Pzifer Distinguished Teaching Award. She has served on numerous national association and ACVIM committees. She also serves on multiple medical/editorial/advisory boards.

Center's dedication to the field of small animal hepatology makes her a truly distinguished contributor to the field of veterinary medicine and to the ACVIM. As one of her supporters wrote, "She is quite simply one of the best all around small animal clinicians on the planet. She is superlative teacher who fosters the development of both students and veterinarians."

Center has made significant contributions to her specialty through clinical research, academic expertise, teaching and impact on the veterinary field worldwide. The ACVIM is proud to present her with the 2016 ACVIM Robert W. Kirk Award for Professional Excellence. [View a video](#) highlighting Dr. Center's accomplishments.

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**About the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM)**

The American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of animals and people through 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.

The ACVIM hosts the ACVIM Forum, an annual continuing education meeting where cutting-edge information, technology and research abstracts are showcased for the veterinary community. More than 3,200 veterinary specialists, veterinarians, technicians and students attend.

The ACVIM is the certifying organization for veterinary specialists in cardiology, large animal internal medicine, neurology, oncology and small animal internal medicine.

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