J. F. SMITHCORS STUDENT VETERINARY HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST
WINNERS
Last updated 18-May-2018

2018
1st Prize  Jessica Zeiger ’18 Purdue University
Perceptions of Conception: The History of Artificial Insemination.

2nd Prize  Marta Zlotnick ’19 Virginia-Maryland Regional College, Virginia Tech

3rd Prize  Ashley Russo ’21 Kansas State University
Who Let the Dogs Out of Orbit?: A Brief History of the First Dog in Space.

4th Prize  Janna Draper ’19 Purdue University
History of Ebola and the Role of Veterinarians.

Honorable Mention  Adam Mattick ’21 Kansas State University
The Final Charge –The History of Horses in World War II.

2017
1st Place  Jessica Zeiger ’18 Purdue University
Madness, Mystery, and Monsters—An Early History of Rabies.

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.

4th Place  Kara Simon ’19 Kansas State University

5th Place  Katya P. Luckenbach ’20 Kansas State University
Economics of the Veterinary Profession: The Tables Have Turned.

2016
1st Prize  Alison Smith ’19, Tufts University
The Rise and Fall of “Wonder Drugs”: The story of Antibiotics in Agriculture.

2nd Prize  Laura Johnson ’17, North Carolina State University
The Origin and Legacy of Christian Petersen’s Gentle Doctor

3rd Prize  Kelsey Madden ’19, Kansas State University
The Guinea Pig: Endearing, Enduring or Both?
2015

1st Prize
Jennifer Yu, ’16, University of California, Davis
West of West Nile: A Virus Conquers the New World.

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.

4th Prize
Stephanie Liao ’17, Kansas State University
Furry Valor: Tactical Dogs of World War I and II.

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.

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.

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

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”
2nd Prize  Shira Rubin '13 Cornell University

3rd Prize  Chris Liguore ’16 Purdue University
Lifestyles of the Furry and Famous: A Historical Analysis of the Care and Advancement of Animal Actors.

4th Prize  Jordan Daniels ’16 Cornell University
Dr. William Stewart Halsted: The Ultimate Prize of Innovation.

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

3rd Prize  Katie Beach ’13, Kansas State University

2011
1st Prize  Maite S. Torres ’14 Kansas State University
Animals in Space: Reaching for the Stars.

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?

4th Prize  Kimberly Lynne Carren Pescosolido’12 North Carolina State University
Equine Veterinary Medicine from Ancient Times through the Greco-Roman Period

2010
1st Prize  Elizabeth Williams ’12 Kansas State University
The Forgotten Giants Behind Louis Pasteur: Contributions by the Veterinarians Toussaint and Galtier.

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.

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.

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

2007
1st Prize  Ellen P. Carlin ’07, Cornell University

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.
2006
1st Prize  **Amy Lynn** '06, Cornell University
Cats Are Not Small Dogs: The Emergence of Feline Medicine.

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.

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.

2004
1st Prize  **Greg A. Schmiesing** '05, Washington State University
Transportation, Vaccination, Eradication, Consolidation: Reasons for Consternation?

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.

2003
1st Prize  **Greg A. Schmiesing** '05, Washington State University
Independents’ Days: Independent Colleges in the Foundation of Veterinary Education in the United States.

2nd Prize  **Rebecca E. Brahm** '05, Oklahoma State University
The Changing Face of Veterinary Medicine: Women in the Profession.

3rd Prize  **Jolene M. North** '05, Oklahoma State University
Dueling Serpents.  

2002  
1st Prize  Greg A. Schmiesing ’05, Washington State University  
Protection of Animals Through Modern Legislation.  

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.  

3rd Prize  Ann H. Montague ’03, University of Minnesota  
The Battle for a Veterinary School in Minnesota.  

2001  
1st Prize  Jill Pruett ’03, Oklahoma State University  
Evolution of Exotic Medicine Through Zoological Gardens.  

2nd Prize  Michelle L. Quigley ’03, Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine  
Veterinary Medicine and the American Civil War.  

3rd Prize  Arden J. Gillespie ’03, Oklahoma State University  
Mark L. Morris, Sr., DVM Pioneer and Innovator.  

2000  
1st Prize  Glenn Allen Olah ’02, Oklahoma State University  
From Scrapie to Prions: Veterinarians Pave the Way.  

2nd Prize  Andrew M. Silverstone ’00, Atlantic Veterinary College  

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.

3rd Prize (tie)  Melanie J. Blystone '01, University of Georgia
Veterinarians in Zoo Medicine: The Evolution of a Career.

3rd Prize (tie)  Pat R. Davis '00, Auburn University
Coming Full Circle—A History of the 168th Medical Detachment (VS).

1998
1st Prize  Cydria Schaefer Manette '00, Washington State University
Veterinary Ethics and the Changing Role of the Veterinarian: A Historical Review.

2nd Prize  Debbie Tacium Ladry '00, Universite de Montreal

3rd Prize (tie)  Jason M. Evans '99 Oklahoma State University
A Retrospective of Veterinary Medicine at Oklahoma State University.

1997
1st Prize  Marilyn T. Waters '97, Oregon State University

2nd Prize  Amy M. Lesniak '00', North Carolina State University
Animals and The Veterinarian in Ancient Rome.

3rd Prize (tie)  Diana Murphy Jordan '98, Iowa State University
Hog Cholera: A Historical Review.

3rd Prize (tie)  Stacy L. Pritt '97, Washington State University
The History of the Guinea Pig (Cavia porcellus) in Society and Veterinary Medicine.

1996
1st Prize  Ilana Beth Furman Levinson '99, Oregon State University
The History of Zoos and the Emergence of Zoo Veterinarians.

2nd Prize  G. Russell Danner '98, University of Wisconsin
Elmer A. Woelffer, DVM, 1897-1995.

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.

2nd Prize Stacy L. Pritt '97, Washington State University
Norman Rockwell's Illustration of Pet Care and Veterinary Medicine.

3rd Prize Joanne C. Martineau '98 University of Pennsylvania
A Historical Survey of Vivisection from Antiquity to the Present.

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.

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