

## Kudos

The 2000 El Blanco Award was presented to **Charles Anderson** in recognition of his role in the development of a unique large animal sling used in air-lift rescues, restraint, surgery and recovery from anesthesia.

**Bill Bizzini** (DVM '58), owner of the Atwater-Merced Veterinary Clinic, received the CVMA Distinguished Life Member Award last July.

**Larry Cowgill**, professor in Medicine and Epidemiology, was elected to receive the 2001 American College of Emergency and Critical Care Scientific Achievement Award for his work that focuses on kidney dialysis in the management of renal failure.

**James Cunningham** (PhD '71), associate professor of physiology at Michigan State University, received the Excellence in Teaching Award from the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

**Clare Gregory**, professor in Surgical and Radiological Sciences, was elected to receive the 2001 American College of Emergency and Critical Care Scientific Achievement Award for his work that focuses on kidney transplantation in the management of renal failure.

**Michael Floyd** (DVM '61) was the 2000 recipient of the CVMA Registered Veterinary Technician's Outstanding Veterinarian of the Year Award.

**Michael Guinan**, lecturer in the School of Veterinary Medicine and the UC Division of Biological Sciences, won the 2000 Academic Federation Award for Excellence in Teaching. He has taught at all levels, ranging in subjects from elementary human physiology to advanced comparative anatomy.

**Jack Harkema** (PhD '85), professor of veterinary pathology at Michigan State University, received the Pfizer Animal Health Award for Research Excellence for his work on inhalation toxicology.

**Stephanie Mathis**, a fourth-year veterinary student, received the Lloyd's London Bursary Award, presented annually to a senior student in the equine track who intends to specialize

in an area related to the equine industry. Ms. Mathis was selected by the equine clinical faculty on the basis of her commitment to equine practice, academic performance and leadership.

Assistant Dean **George Peavy** (DVM '74) was the 2000 recipient of the AVMA Political Action Committee's Russell H. Anthony Award, in recognition of his many years of leadership for the AVMA at the congressional level.

**Randall Singer**, (DVM '95), assistant professor of epidemiology at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, received a Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers during an October 2000 ceremony at the White House.

In 1992, while studying veterinary medicine at UC Davis, Dr. Singer cofounded the Mercer Veterinary Clinic for the Homeless.

**Sally Vivrette** (DVM '82, PhD '94), assistant professor of equine medicine at North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine, received the 2000 Norden Distinguished Teaching Award.



**Stephen White**, professor in Medicine and Epidemiology, received the Award for Excellence for Outstanding Contributions to Science and Education from the American College of Veterinary Dermatology. He is the 12th recipient of the college's highest honor since it was initiated in 1991.

Dr. White is the third UC Davis faculty member to receive the award. The school's veterinary dermatology program is unique in the nation in having more than one faculty recipient of the award.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Richard K. Waters** (DVM '62), retired equine practitioner, died in March 2000. He was a member of the California Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) since 1963.

**Patton L. Smith** (DVM '56, MPVM '68), died peacefully at home August 9, 2000, at the age of 69. Dr. Patton served the state for 36 years as field veterinarian, chief of the Bureau of Animal Health, California state veterinarian and assistant director of the Division of Animal Industry, Department of Food and Agriculture. In 1990 he received the school's Alumni Achievement Award in recognition of distinguished achievement in service to the public and livestock industry through disease control and eradication programs.

**Steve Tischler**, who completed a Don Low-CVMA Fellowship in ultrasound in 1999, died suddenly of a massive heart attack August 13, 2000, while running with his dogs. Dr. Tischler was past president of the Contra Costa County Veterinary Medical Association, was active on the CVMA Ethics and Professional Conduct Committee, and served on the Board of Directors of the Contra Costa Emergency Clinic.

**Ann Bowling**, executive associate director of the Veterinary Genetics Laboratory, died December 8, 2000, following a massive stroke. Dr. Bowling, 57, an internationally known geneticist, had served UC Davis since 1974 as a researcher and faculty member. Considered one of the world's foremost horse geneticists, she was a leader in the international effort to map the horse genome. Her research on molecular genetics related to her varied interests in parentage identification, coat color, genetic diseases and cytogenetics.

**Philip Koblik**, professor in Surgical and Radiological Sciences, died at his home December 16, 2000, after a long battle with brain cancer. Dr. Koblik, 52, was a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Radiology. A faculty member since 1985, he taught radiology to veterinary students and carried out research in computed tomography and magnetic resonance imaging. His studies included indirect CT lymphography using iodinated nanoparticle suspensions, and correlation of MRI characteristics and properties of equine hyaline cartilage. He was involved in a long-term project to catalog and digitize brain tumor radiographs from the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital.