

Biosketch – Joan R. Coates DVM, MS, Diplomate ACVIM (Neurology):

Dr. Joan Coates is an associate professor in the Department of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery at the College of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Missouri. She received her BS degree in General Agriculture in 1987 and DVM degree in 1990 from the University of Missouri. She then went on to a small animal rotating internship at Texas A&M University and then completed a residency in neurology and neurosurgery at Auburn University where she also acquired Master's of Science degree in neurosurgery in 1994. She is a board certified in neurology by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. She has served on a number of committees and as secretary in the Neurology Specialty of the ACVIM. She has served on the faculty at the University of Georgia from 1994 to 1997 and at Texas A&M University from 1997 to 2003 before returning as a faculty member to the University of Missouri. Currently, she is Service Leader for the Neurology and Neurosurgery Service at the University of Missouri Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital and Co-Director for the Physical Rehabilitation Program. She is a member of the Comparative Neurology Program at the University of Missouri which explores the impact of genetics in developmental and neurodegenerative diseases of the nervous system. She most recently has co-authored with Drs. Mike Lorenz and Marc Kent the *Handbook of Veterinary Neurology 5th edition*.