

# About the Animal Welfare Award

The Animal Welfare Award is given annually to an AVMA member veterinarian who has advanced animal well-being, shown exemplary dedication to animal care, and contributed to the community and society. Nominations may be based upon a sustained effort or an extraordinary single achievement, and may be in any or all of the following areas:

## Leadership

**Public Service** (public policy, community programs)

## Research/Product Development

## Education

## Animal Advocacy

# Award

- A physical award,
- A \$500 stipend, and
- Reimbursement of expenses (in accord with AVMA policy) for travel of the recipient to the venue where the award will be presented.

# Criteria

- Veterinarians nominated for the Animal Welfare Award must be AVMA members.
- Nominations may be submitted by individuals 18 years or older (AVMA members and non-members) or organizations (governmental and nongovernmental).
- Nominations must reflect specific accomplishments in the field of animal welfare, as opposed to examples of quality veterinary practice or promotion of the human-animal bond. The latter, while laudable, are not the focus of this award.
- Nominations may be based on a sustained effort or an extraordinary single achievement in any or all of the following areas:

## Leadership,

**Public Service** (e.g., community programs, public policy development),

## Research,

**Product Development,**

**Education,** and/or

## Advocacy.

- Recipients must be available and willing to attend a presentation ceremony and participate in other recognition activities.

# Nomination Materials

- A completed nomination form,
- A copy of the nominee’s curriculum vitae/resume (not to exceed 2 double-sided typed pages),
- A color photograph or digital image of the nominee that is suitable for publication, and
- A detailed letter of nomination (not to exceed 3 single-sided typed pages), which describes how the nominee has met the award criteria mentioned above.

The nomination package may also include up to 3 letters of support (not to exceed 3 single-sided typed pages each) for the nomination from colleagues, clients, or organizations.

## Completed nomination materials should be submitted to:

Animal Welfare Award  
AVMA Animal Welfare Division  
1931 North Meacham Rd, Suite 100  
Schaumburg, IL 60173-4360

Entries must be received by **February 1, 2012**

All materials submitted become the property of the AVMA and may be used in ways the organization deems appropriate.

# Nomination Procedure

Anyone may nominate an eligible veterinarian by completing a nomination form and returning the form with the appropriate supporting material by February 1, 2012 to Animal Welfare Award, AVMA Animal Welfare Division, 1931 North Meacham Rd, Suite 100, Schaumburg, IL 60173-4360.

The recipient of the Animal Welfare Award is selected by the AVMA Executive Board.

## Preference will be given to nominees who:

- Recognize that science, ethics, and culture all contribute to how animals are used and cared for by people, and respect those contributions in arriving at solutions to animal welfare challenges,
- Work with a variety of stakeholders to raise awareness of issues of concern and engage those stakeholders in seeking solutions to challenges,
- Work actively to improve understanding of animal welfare needs and, when necessary, change human attitudes and behavior to ensure proper stewardship, and
- Communicate information about animal welfare challenges and propose solutions with courage and integrity.

At the discretion of the Executive Board, an award may not be presented in any given year.

**Direct questions** regarding this award to Kathy Sikora, Animal Welfare Division, ext. 6635 (ksikora@avma.org).

# Nomination Form

2012 AVMA ANIMAL WELFARE AWARD  
(please type or print legibly)

Nominee’s Name

Address

Telephone Number Fax

Email Address

The nominator or nominating organization should attach commentary (not to exceed three single-sided typed pages) describing the basis for the nomination. Clearly identify the nominee’s achievements and accomplishments that you believe qualify him/her for the award. In addition, please attach the nominee’s current curriculum vitae or resume. Up to three letters of support for the nomination may also be provided.

Please note:

- Only the first 3 single-sided typed pages of commentary submitted by the nominator/nominating organization will be reviewed during the evaluation process.
- CVs/resumes must not exceed 2 double-sided typed pages.
- Each letter of support must not exceed 3 single-sided typed pages.
- The color photo or digital image, as well as all materials submitted, are the property of the AVMA

*I understand that to be eligible for the award, the nominee must be an AVMA member.*

*\*Nominator must be 18 years or older*

Date

Nominator/Organization

Address

Telephone Number

Email Address

Return nomination to:  
Animal Welfare Award  
Animal Welfare Division  
American Veterinary Medical Association  
1931 N. Meacham Road, Suite 100, Schaumburg, IL 60173-4360

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT IS FEBRUARY 1, 2012**

## Recent past Recipients

2011	Dr. Jan Shearer	Iowa
2010	Dr. Thomas Lenz	Kansas
2009	Dr. Kathryn Bayne	Maryland
2008	Dr. Lila Miller	New York
2007	Dr. James Reynolds	California
2006	Dr. John Madigan	California
2005	Dr. Ilona Rodan	Wisconsin
2004	Dr. John New	Tennessee
2003	Dr. Franklin M. Loew	Massachusetts
2002	Dr. Murray E. Fowler	California



American Veterinary Medical Association

## 2012 Animal Welfare Award

This award is given annually to an AVMA member veterinarian to recognize his/her achievements in advancing the welfare of animals via leadership, public service, education, research/product development, and/or advocacy.

By doing so, the AVMA hopes to raise public awareness of the important role veterinarians play in

- Improving understanding of animal welfare-related science and ethics,
- Ensuring that animal use for human purposes is conducted responsibly, and
- Attending to and promoting animal welfare within the context of responsible animal use.



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Deadline for Entries Feb 1, 2012

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