

About the Bustad Companion Animal Veterinarian of the Year Award

This award was developed to recognize the outstanding work of veterinarians in increasing understanding of, preserving, and protecting human-animal relationships.

The late Leo K. Bustad, DVM, PhD, a past president of the Delta Society and former dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Washington State University, was instrumental in furthering recognition and understanding of the important relationships between people and animals. The American Veterinary Medical Association, the Delta Society, and Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc. are pleased to cosponsor this award as an appropriate tribute to a veterinarian who so successfully mingled compassion with science to the great benefit of animals, society, and his profession.

Award

Physical award and \$10,000 to be distributed as follows:

- \$5,000 to award winner
- \$5,000 to veterinary school or not-for-profit service program of winner's choice to further work in the human-animal bond

Up to \$5,000 travel reimbursement (for family travel to presentation ceremony and/or approved human-animal bond speaking engagements for 12 months following receipt of award)

Criteria

The nominee must be a graduate veterinarian, an AVMA member, and have demonstrable accomplishments in *at least one* of the following areas:

Practice — Active for at least 5 years in practice and has exhibited a special sensitivity to the human-companion animal bond through documented work with various types of clients (including children, the elderly, people with disabilities, those grieving the loss of a pet, or other at-risk populations).

Community Service — Has assumed a leadership role for at least 3 years in human-companion animal interactive programs that serve the community. Examples include visiting, therapy, or resident animal programs in healthcare facilities; special population programs such as those for people with disabilities, prisoners, or children; and school or community-based programs that educate the public about the human-companion animal bond.

Teaching — For at least 3 years has actively incorporated the study of human-animal interactions into veterinary curricula and/or continuing education, as evidenced by continuous development of courses focused on increased sensitivity to human-companion animal bond issues.

Research — For at least 3 years has actively participated in research, including scholarly publication, which increases understanding of human-companion animal interactions, with applicability to veterinary medicine.

Nomination Materials

The following must be included with the completed nomination form:

1. A detailed letter of nomination (not to exceed 3 single-sided typed pages), which describes how the veterinarian has met the award criteria. The impact he/she has made in increasing understanding of the importance of the human-companion animal bond by veterinarians and/or the public should be clearly conveyed.
2. Letters of support containing relevant information on the nominee's qualifications for the award (criteria described must be addressed) :
 - At least one, but no more than 3 letters (not to exceed 2 single-sided typed pages each) from the nominee's veterinary colleagues and/or local veterinary association.
 - At least one, but no more than 5 letters (not to exceed 2 single-sided typed pages each) from clients, staff, members of the community, and/or representatives of relevant institutions.
3. A copy of the nominee's resume or curriculum vitae (not to exceed 2 double-sided typed pages).
4. Two color photographs (3" x 5") or digital images of the nominee which are suitable for publication.

Completed nomination materials should be submitted to:

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

(Entries must be received by March 1, 2010)

All materials submitted become the property of the AVMA and the Delta Society and may be used in ways these organizations deem appropriate.

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

Nomination Procedure

Anyone 18 years or older may nominate an eligible veterinarian by:

- Completing the nomination form
- Returning the form and **appropriate supporting materials** (as described in this brochure) by March 1, 2010 to Bustad Award Committee, AVMA Animal Welfare Division, 1931 North Meacham Rd, Suite 100, Schaumburg, IL 60173-4360.

Nominations will be evaluated by a distinguished panel of six judges (three selected by the AVMA and three selected by the Delta Society).

Nomination Form

for the 2010 Bustad Companion Animal Veterinarian of the Year Award
(please type or print legibly)

Name of nominee

Address

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Office Phone Home Phone

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Fax Email Address

Nominator's Name

Address

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Office Phone Home Phone

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Fax Email Address

past Recipients

2009	Brian Forsgren, DVM	Ohio
2008	Jane Shaw, DVM	Colorado
2007	Samuel Costello, DVM	Ohio
2006	Richard Meadows, DVM, DABVP	Missouri
2005	Marie Suthers-McCabe, DVM	Virginia
2004	Kathy Mitchener, DVM	Tennessee
2003	Brenda Griffin, DVM, MS, DACVIM	Alabama
2002	Marty Becker, DVM	Idaho
2001	Bonnie V. Beaver, DVM, MS, DACVB	Texas
2000	Caroline B. Schaffer, DVM	Alabama

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To recognize the outstanding work of veterinarians in promoting the human-animal bond. . .

- in practice through a special sensitivity toward clients and patients in their communities
- by leadership in programs that bring people and animals together, or
- through education or research on human-animal interactions.

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