

Environmental Sustainability Award Criteria

Introduction

The New Zealand Veterinary Association Te Pae Kīrehe (NZVA) 2030 Strategy indicates that we have the core idea that the wellbeing of animals, humans and the environment is inseparable.

Veterinarians can, should, and often do, play an increasingly more influential role in our communities. One of the key principles is that the profession should and deserves to be, the most valued and trusted at the intersection of animal and human life, and the environment. Consumer surveys indicate that in New Zealand sustainability is becoming an increasingly important factor when we make decisions whether they be dietary, financial, environmental or for personal consumption and use.

As veterinary practitioners we are increasingly aware that many of our suppliers and service providers are actively embracing a sustainable business network path and are making significant inroads. However, small businesses, which is where a significant number of veterinary practices fit into are significantly lagging behind in the global movement towards sustainability.

Award Criteria

This award category is open to any individual, veterinary business or group within New Zealand to recognise leadership and/or collaboration to improve environmental sustainability. The Award will recognise and acknowledge positive steps taken by a company associated with the veterinary industry, individuals or practices towards making some practical application of the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs).

Eligibility

Nominees are not required to be members of the NZVA.

Nominations

Nominations for the award will be called for annually with information advertised in VetNews and on the NZVA website. Nominators must be a member of the NZVA.

At a minimum each nomination must be accompanied with the following;

1. The name, email, telephone number of the nominator as well as your relationship to the nominee.
2. A cover letter with a brief statement outlining how the clinical practice has demonstrated business excellence in practical application to make a positive contribution to one or more of the UNSDGs.

Nominations may also be accompanied with the following;

1. Media articles written about the nominee (in pdf format or by web link).
2. Letters of support (maximum of 500 words in each).
3. Articles written by the nominee (in pdf format or by web link).

Nominees should not be made aware of their nomination, to avoid disappointment in the event that their nomination is unsuccessful.

Selection and Presentation

The selection of who may receive the Environmental Sustainability Award sits with the Awards Committee of the NZVA. The Committee's decision on who will receive awards is final and binding, and no correspondence will be entered into about the decision. The award is presented at an appropriate occasion chosen by the President.