

## Young Veterinarian Award Criteria

### Introduction

The New Zealand Veterinary Association Te Pae Kīrehe (NZVA) recognises that certain individuals, or organisations, accomplish extraordinary achievements on behalf of the profession and as such need to be acknowledged. The Young Veterinarian Award was established in 2017.

### Award Criteria

This award category is open to veterinarians up to the age of 35 years. The Award will honour an individual who has shown outstanding veterinary, communication, and leadership skills since graduating as a veterinarian. Nominees should possess key professional accomplishments that differentiate them from their peers.

### Eligibility

Nominees are not required to be members of the NZVA. Nominees must be 35 years or younger at the closing date of nominations 31<sup>st</sup> January.

### 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 e.g. Employer, Professor, Colleague etc.
2. A cover letter with a brief statement outlining the nominees qualifications for the award.
3. A biography with the nominees key achievements within the veterinary profession.

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 Young Veterinarian 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.