

Veterinary Impact Award Criteria

Introduction

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

Award Criteria

The Award will be bestowed on an individual who has made a considerable positive impact for the veterinary profession, animal health or welfare, or public health during the past two years. Such impact could have been made through any field of veterinary endeavour, for example clinical practice, research, education, or veterinary politics.

Eligibility

Nominees are not required to be members of the NZVA.

Nominations

Nominations for the award will be called for in November with information included in *VetScript* 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 nominee's qualifications for the award.
3. A biography with the nominee's 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 Veterinary Impact 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.