

2026 WSAVA Awards Nomination & Selection Process

WSAVA International Award for Scientific Achievement

Description

This award is based on outstanding contributions by a veterinarian who has had a significant impact on the advancement of knowledge concerning the cause, detection, cure and/or control of disorders of companion animals.

Nomination Process

Open call for the WSAVA Global Community

Nominees will be asked to provide:

- Completed nomination form
- The nominee's resume or curriculum vitae (not to exceed two double-sided typed pages)
- A letter or statement of nomination
- Letters of support containing relevant information on the nominee's suitability and qualifications for the award:
 - At least one, but no more than three letters (each not to exceed two single-sided typed pages) from the nominee's veterinary colleagues and/or local veterinary association(s)
 - At least one, but no more than five letters (each not to exceed two single-sided typed pages) from veterinarians or veterinary-team members, clients, members of the community, and/or representatives of relevant institutions

Criteria/Requirements:

- Self-nominations will not be accepted
- Serving WSAVA executive board, committee or assembly members are not eligible
- Recipients must be available and willing to attend a presentation ceremony and participate in other recognition activities

WSAVA Global Meritorious Service Award

Description

The Award, which is to be presented annually during the WSAVA Congress, is awarded to a veterinarian who in the opinion of the judges has contributed meritorious service to the global veterinary profession in the broadest sense, which may be as a general

practitioner, an academic veterinary surgeon, or a veterinarian working in management or for a company.

Nomination Process

Open call for the WSAVA Global Community

Nominees will be asked to provide:

- Completed nomination form
- The nominee's resume or curriculum vitae (not to exceed two double-sided typed pages)
- A letter or statement of nomination
- Letters of support containing relevant information on the nominee's suitability and qualifications for the award:
 - At least one, but no more than three letters (each not to exceed two single-sided typed pages) from the nominee's veterinary colleagues and/or local veterinary association(s)
 - At least one, but no more than five letters (each not to exceed two single-sided typed pages) from veterinarians or veterinary-team members, clients, members of the community, and/or representatives of relevant institutions

Criteria/Requirements:

- Self-nominations will not be accepted
- Serving WSAVA executive board, committee or assembly members are not eligible
- Recipients must be available and willing to attend a presentation ceremony and participate in other recognition activities

Selection

The judging committee will look for candidates with a history of serving the profession by taking voluntary roles on professional organizations over a period of years as well as exhibiting professional expertise within their working life. The award is international but the committee will consider strongly candidates from the WSAVA regions where the Congress is situated that year when making a choice for this award.

WSAVA Companion Animal Welfare Award

Description

This award is presented to a veterinarian (or veterinary-team member) in recognition of that individual's contribution to companion animal welfare at a local regional or international level. This contribution may relate to leadership, public service, education, research, product development, and/or advocacy. The award is intended to not only recognise this important contribution, but to increase the global community's

awareness of the essential role veterinarians and the veterinary team play as advocates of animal welfare.

Nomination Process

Open call for the WSAVA Global Community

Nominees will be asked to provide:

- Completed nomination form
- The nominee's resume or curriculum vitae (not to exceed two double-sided typed pages).
- A letter of nomination (not to exceed three single-sided typed pages) describing the nominee's contribution to animal welfare. The impact made in increasing the understanding of and furthering positive animal welfare states in companion animals should be clearly conveyed
- Letters of support containing relevant information on the nominee's suitability and qualifications for the award:
 - At least one, but no more than three letters (each not to exceed two single-sided typed pages) from the nominee's veterinary colleagues and/or local veterinary association(s)
 - At least one, but no more than five letters (each not to exceed two single-sided typed pages) from veterinarians or veterinary-team members, clients, members of the community, and/or representatives of relevant institutions

Criteria/Requirements:

- It is preferred nominees are from a WSAVA member association
- Nominations may be submitted by:
 - WSAVA member organisations
 - Individuals from WSAVA member organisations
 - WSAVA committees with the exception of the AWWC members.
 - Governmental and/or non-governmental organisations with an interest in animal welfare and the veterinary profession
- Self-nominations will not be accepted
- Serving WSAVA executive board, committee or assembly members are not eligible
- Nominations must reflect specific accomplishments in the field of animal welfare, as opposed to examples of quality veterinary practice
- Nominations may be based on a sustained effort or an extraordinary single achievement in any or all the following areas with relation to companion animal welfare:
 - Leadership
 - Public service (e.g., community programs, public policy development)
 - Research and/or product development
 - Education
 - Advocacy

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

WSAVA Future Leaders award

- This award is kindly supported by Hill's Pet Nutrition-

Description

This award acknowledges an exemplary young professional who has contributed to the betterment of animal life, the veterinary profession and society on a regional or international level.

Nomination Process

Open call for the WSAVA Global Community

Nominees will be asked to provide:

- Completed nomination form
- The nominee's resume or curriculum vitae (not to exceed two double-sided typed pages) highlighting the above qualification
- A letter or statement of intent or nomination
- 2 letters of reference confirming essential details of CV
- Reference letter from WSAVA member association
- Call for application/LHC source within region

Criteria/Requirements:

- Serving WSAVA executive board, committee or assembly members are not eligible
- Recipients must be available and willing to attend a presentation ceremony and participate in other recognition activities

Selection

- Has graduated with a veterinary degree within the past 10 years
- Work focusses on companion animals
- Has an active track record in local regional / international community
- Is Socially responsible (i.e. part of projects that emphasize either One Health, Animal Welfare or the Human-Animal Bond)
- Active in professional development (i.e. Involved in changing the way people do clinical practice, organize CPD etc)
- Record of public, professional or other veterinary related services
- Is a local pioneer to bridge the gap between their generation and the others
- Preference is given to recipients from the region of the congress but ultimately the best candidate will be selected.

Recipient Entitlement

- Travel to venue (economy)
- Accommodation at the congress headquarter hotel (or comparable hotel) 4 nights
- Complimentary registration to Congress and 2 tickets to all social events
- Certificate and Award plaque
- Financial donation of 500 USD to an initiative chosen by the candidate
- Offered a 45-minute lecture

WSAVA Global One Health Award

Description

This Award is based on exemplary service by an individual or organisation, who has promoted the global One Health Concept, and, in particular, has highlighted an aspect of small companion animal relevance to the One Health Agenda.

Nomination Process

Open call for the WSAVA Global Community

Selection

The recipient will be chosen on the basis of either:

1. Service to local, state, national and international One Health Organizations that have catalyzed scientific meetings, exchange of information and international goodwill, for the benefit of the medical and veterinary professions worldwide.
 2. A longstanding history of active research that exemplifies the role of small companion animals in One Health (i.e. in zoonotic infectious disease, comparative or translational medicine or the human-companion animal bond).
- Preference is given to recipients from the region of the congress but ultimately the best candidate will be selected.
 - Any individual who has demonstrated exemplary service to the association and activities within the past 5 years
 - Current EB, committees and assembly members are not eligible

Recipient Entitlement

- Certificate and Award plaque at the President's reception