

## President's 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. This Award recognises meritorious service to the veterinary profession in the broadest sense.

### Award Criteria

The criteria for the Award encompass areas of service to the profession including;

- Professional competence
- Recognition of the recipient's outstanding contribution to the NZVA
- Positive impact on animal, human or public health, veterinary organisations and the profession
- Outstanding leadership in building stronger Regional Branches, Special Interest Branches or the NZVA
- Contribution to the improvement of the Regional Branches, Special Interest Branches or the NZVA
- Public honour and distinction brought to the veterinary profession through personal, professional, or community service activities.

### 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 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 President's 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.