



Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association

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MVMA Merit Awards MVMA Distinguished Service Award

The MVMA is requesting nominations for 2025 MVMA Awards. This is the association's opportunity to recognize someone who has contributed significantly to the veterinary profession or the animals and clients it serves.

Scan the QR code for the digital nomination form!

These awards reflect MVMA's high ideals and recognize those who enhance the profession's positive image. Help bring attention to the worthy efforts and accomplishments of people in our community: make your nomination by using the form on the reverse. **The Advisory Committee will consider all nominations submitted by March 4, 2026.**

The **Distinguished Service Award** is the most prestigious award MVMA confers on a member. The Award was first presented in 1974 to Massachusetts veterinary legend Dr. Cornelius Thibeault, and through the years to other MVMA All-Stars, most recently to Dr. Greg Wolfus this past year at the Celebrate Veterinarians event.

These members have been integral to MVMA's progress and success; the DSA is our most visible way to recognize them for their dedication.

Criteria: The Distinguished Service Award may be presented annually to no more than one individual who: is a living MVMA member in good standing; is known for their accomplishments to the profession and the association; and has made an outstanding contribution to the service of humankind.

Since 1996, **MVMA Merit Awards** have recognized a variety of personal and professional contributions by veterinarians and others in the veterinary and animal-caring communities. In addition, there is a Merit Award designated specifically for veterinary technicians to recognize extraordinary work, skills, dedication, and/or contributions to veterinary practice, animal care, or the field of veterinary technology.

Recent recipients include, among others, veterinarians and others honored for their work internationally and for local and state government entities; for advancing animal welfare; for wildlife conservation; and for addressing needs of stray, feral, homeless, and neglected animals.

Criteria: The recipient of a Merit Award need not be a veterinarian or a member of MVMA, but the nominator must be both. Merit Awards recognize contributions in the areas of human-animal companion bond, public relations, colleagues, humane endeavors, animal welfare, and veterinary technology. In most cases, the recipient will be a Massachusetts resident and/or the endeavor will have taken place in Massachusetts.

Please Fax Your Completed Nomination Form to 508-460-9969 or email to staff@massvet.org.

MVMA ANNUAL AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Your Name:

Your Email:

Your Phone:

Nomination For:

Merit Award Distinguished Service Award

If for a Merit Award, check the most appropriate area(s) of your nominee's contribution(s):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> animal welfare | <input type="checkbox"/> public relations | <input type="checkbox"/> human-animal companion bond |
| <input type="checkbox"/> legislative | <input type="checkbox"/> humane endeavors | <input type="checkbox"/> veterinary technician |
| <input type="checkbox"/> service animals (special needs/fire/police/bomb/etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> research & discovery | <input type="checkbox"/> volunteerism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> species conservation | | |

Nominee's Name:

Nominee's Workplace:

Nominee's Address:

Nominee's Phone:

Nominee's Email:

Why should this person be considered for an award? Please describe what this person has achieved and why you believe they deserve special recognition. Please be specific about their relevant efforts, accomplishments, and impacts.

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If not a veterinarian, what is this person's occupation or relevant professional or volunteer activities?

Who else might we talk to about this nominee's accomplishments?
Please provide phone and/or email.

If this person is selected, will you participate in the presentation ceremony?

Yes No

Signed:

Date: