

The Prince Edward Island Veterinary Leadership Award

The Prince Edward Island Veterinary Leadership Award is the highest award given by the PEIVMA. It recognizes a veterinarian's strong career of achievement and dedication to the profession, his or her Prince Edward Island community, and the health and welfare of animals.

The award consists of a commemorative plaque, an inscription on a perpetual plaque housed in the Atlantic Veterinary College, and a contribution of \$500 toward a regional or national continuing education meeting.

Veterinarians may be nominated by animal owners, colleagues, or community organizations on Prince Edward Island.

The award is given in recognition of achievements or contributions in at least one of the following criteria:

- Accomplishments in veterinary medicine over several years.
- A single outstanding identifiable contribution to veterinary medicine within the preceding five years.
- Outstanding expertise within a specific branch of veterinary medicine as recognized by his or her peers or the community at large.
- A recognized outstanding contribution to society outside the field of veterinary medicine.

Examples of accomplishments that may meet the criteria for this award include:

Practice—He/she is actively engaged in practice for at least five years and has exhibited professionalism and sensitivity to the human-companion animal bond through documented work with various types of client- or animal-related organization; or has exhibited professionalism and dedication in the health, care, and welfare of horses and/or other farm animals through documented work with various types of client or related organization (e.g. 4-H).

Community & Public Service—He/she has assumed a leadership role for at least five years in a veterinary organization, animal health, or welfare organization or program, or a humanitarian organization or program that serves the community. (e.g. visiting, therapy, or resident animal programs in healthcare facilities; special population programs such as those for prisoners, children or people with disabilities; school or community-based programs that educate the public about animal health and welfare; volunteer support of animal shelter programs; distinguished service in a provincial or federal animal health organization).

Teaching—For five years or more, has actively incorporated the study of animal health and welfare into veterinary or other curricula and/or continuing education, school, or community education so as to benefit animals and their owners and/or to enhance the reputation of the profession on Prince Edward Island.

Research—For five years or more has actively participated in research, including scholarly publication, which increases understanding of animal health or welfare with applicability to veterinary medicine, so as to benefit animals and their owners and/or to enhance the reputation of the veterinary profession on Prince Edward Island.

Nomination

The nominated veterinarian:

- Must be a licensed veterinarian, in good standing, in Prince Edward Island.
- Must have been an active PEIVMA member for the five years immediately preceding nomination.
- Must be recognized as an outstanding veterinarian by his or her colleagues in the veterinary community or by members of the PEI community at large.
- Should also be a recognized contributor, or of service, to his or her community.

Criteria for ineligibility

- Received this award within the preceding five years
- PEIVMA member currently serving on the PEIVMA Council.

Anyone may nominate an eligible veterinarian by completing and returning the nomination form and a detailed letter of nomination (up to two typed pages), which describes how the veterinarian has met the award criteria. The impact he/she has made on the profession of veterinary medicine on Prince Edward Island, or the significance of their contribution to animal health and welfare, and/or the public should be clearly conveyed. These two documents should be submitted by August 31 to PEIVMA Veterinary Leadership Award, Prince Edward Island Veterinary Medical Association, Box 21097, 465 University Avenue, Charlottetown PE, C1A 9H6

Supporting Materials

The following could be requested from the nominee on acceptance of the nomination form:

1. Letters of support containing relevant information on the nominee's qualifications for the award:
 - At least one, but no more than three letters (up to two typed pages each) from the nominee's veterinary colleagues and/or local veterinary or animal health-related organization.
 - At least one, but no more than three letters (up to two typed pages each) from clients, staff, members of the community, and/or representatives of relevant institutions.
2. A copy of the nominee's resume or curriculum vitae.

Award Recipient Selection

All nominees and their supporting documentation will be evaluated by a committee of council. Following the evaluation, the committee will recommend a nominee, defer the selection of an award-winner until the following year, or elect not to make an award. Each nominee will receive a letter from the PEIVMA recognizing their nomination. Nomination in any one year does not guarantee that a nominee will receive the award. Nominees who are unsuccessful may submit their updated nomination the year following their initial nomination once only.

Recipients of the PEIVMA Veterinary Leadership Award are expected to make themselves available for selected media opportunities to publicize the receipt of the award.