



British Veterinary Zoological Society

## BVZS AWARD FOR BEST SCIENTIFIC PAPER IN THE FIELD OF ZOOLOGICAL MEDICINE

### Background

In the past BVZS has made two recurring awards:

*BVZS Prize for 'The best Zoological Medicine paper published in a Journal in English'*

*BVZS Award for 'Outstanding contributions to the field of Zoological Medicine'*

These awards were made, under various sponsor names, through the late 1970's and into the 2000's, but since then had fallen out of use.

### Details of the award for "Best scientific publication in the field of zoological medicine"

This award shall be made to a current BVZS member who is considered to have authored or co-authored the best scientific publication in the field of zoological medicine, to include free-ranging and/or captive wildlife, zoo animals and/or Non-traditional companion animals ('exotic pets'), in the preceding 12 months.

The Award may be awarded annually.

### Award committee

The award committee shall be made up of the following current members:

Current BVZS Officer (Chair, Nathalie Wissink-Argilaga)

Past president representative (Liz Mullineaux)

Past award winner (Jamie Samour)

Council member (Elliot Simpson)

BVZS member (not on Council, Martin Whitehead)

(The maximum term for all members shall be four years)

### Sponsorship

The award may, from time-to-time, be sponsored by a relevant commercial sponsor, to be approved by the Award Committee and BVZS Officers.





### Nomination guidelines

- One award may be made annually
- If there are no suitable applicants, then an award in a given year will not be made and will instead next be made the following year.
- Nominations can only be received from current BVZS members
- The nominated person(s) must be a current BVZS members
- Co-authors who are both BVZS members can be nominated together and awarded a joint award.
- Those nominated must have published the paper within the 12 months leading up to the call for award nominations. The publication should be in the form of paper in a peer reviewed journal or a chapter in a scientific textbook. Those editing a multiauthor scientific textbook may also be nominated. All nominations must be in at least one of the species subject areas relevant to BVZS.
- Nominations should be in the form of a statement, of a maximum of 3-400 words (approximately one side of A4 paper), on why the paper is important to BVZS, provided by the nominator. A window for nominations will be opened annually and these submitted via the BVZS website
- Applications will be considered by the Awards Committee and, if appropriate, a suitable applicant chosen
- The current Officer team and council shall approve the winner before formal notification of the award
- The successful Award winner will be notified of this by the chair of the committee and invited to receive the award at the annual BVZS conference in November.

### Award winners

- Will be invited to attend the BVZS conference where the award will be presented. Free conference registration will be provided, together with attendance at the Saturday conference dinner and overnight accommodation on the Saturday night.
- The award winner may also, at the discretion of the conference organising committee, be invited to speak at the conference as appropriate.
- A certificate of achievement will be awarded, together with any additional prize from time-to-time agreed.

