



British Veterinary Zoological Society

BVZS AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO 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 have fallen out of use.

Details of the award

The award for 'Outstanding contributions to the field of Zoological Medicine' may be made to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of zoological medicine, to include free-ranging and/or captive wildlife, zoo animals and/or Non-traditional companion animals ('exotic pets').

The Award shall be awarded no more frequently than biennially (approximately every 24mths), recommencing in 2023.

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 every other year, with the first award being made in 2023.
- If there are no suitable nominations at a given time, then an award will not be made and will instead next be made 2yrs later.
- Nominations for this award can only be received from current BVZS members
- Those nominated for the award do not need to be current, or previous, BVZS members
- Those nominated must have shown clear evidence of an outstanding contribution to the field of zoological medicine, usually over many years, 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 how the proposed recipient has made their outstanding contribution to the field, provided by the nominator.
- Applications for awards will be sought from the BVZS membership before the annual conference in November, with a closing date advertised during the call for nominations.
- 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.

*Note: BVZS also awards 'Honorary Membership' and this is considered a more appropriate award for those whose outstanding contribution has been to BVZS itself.

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.

