



## WORLD VETERINARY DAY AWARD 2014

*World Veterinary Day was instigated by the World Veterinary Association (WVA) in 2000 to be celebrated annually on the last Saturday of April. In 2008 the WVA and the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) agreed on the creation of the World Veterinary Day Award aimed at rewarding the most successful celebration of the contribution of the veterinary profession to society. The competition is open to all WVA veterinary associations, alone, or in cooperation with any other selected veterinary body.*

*The winner of the 2014 World Veterinary Day Award will be invited to the OIE 82nd General Session of the World Assembly of National Delegates to be held in Paris, France on 25 May 2014 where he/she will receive the WVD 2014 Award and a price of 1000 US\$.*

### **SELECTED THEME 2014: ANIMAL WELFARE**

In the last decades, there is a global increase of societal interest and concern on how animals are used and treated.

The societal expectation from the veterinary profession regarding Animal Welfare now expands well beyond simply individual veterinary daily practices.

The veterinary profession has a unique position between man and animal to deliver animal welfare services to the benefit of all animals and society.

The theme of Animal Welfare was chosen to highlight the role of veterinarians in Animal Welfare in line with OIE standards and the great contribution of the veterinary profession to animals and society around the globe.



## SELECTION PROCESS

### Eligibility

World Veterinary Association member organisations that celebrate World Veterinary Day alone or in cooperation with other veterinary bodies can participate in the competition of being selected as the WVD 2014 Award winner.

### Criteria

The WVD 2014 Award will be given to the veterinary association who will best promote the theme “Animal Welfare”.

Main criteria for evaluation are:

- Contribution and achievements on Animal Welfare;
- Involvement of veterinary students, relevant stakeholders and general public;
- Media coverage;
- Follow up initiatives

### Nomination of candidates

All fields in the application form (attached to this document) shall be properly filled out and emailed at [secretariat@worldvet.org](mailto:secretariat@worldvet.org) no later than **7th May 2014** (applications received after the deadline will be automatically rejected).

The winner will be notified by e-mail and informed as to the logistical aspects of the award ceremony.

### Suggested activities and celebrations

Examples of activities (the list is not exhaustive):

- Concerts, public performances, marches, camping etc.
- Media involvement such newspaper articles, radio and television discussion on WVD theme etc.).
- Seminars and workshops in universities on WVD 2014 theme.
- Education sessions for public and children on WVD 2014 theme.
- Release studies, statistical data, surveys related to the WVD 2014 theme.
- Celebrate the works of a notable researcher or veterinarian on WVD theme.
- Run workshops and set up booths in the street to inform the general public on WVD 2014 theme.
- Create a website containing general information about WVD 2014 theme.
- Promote activities on WVD 2014 theme through social media.
- Distribution of promotion materials related to WVD 2014 theme.
- **Any other initiative will be most welcome!!!**



### **Important notice**

WVA believes that bringing together people and domestic animals enhances the human-animal relationship and facilitates animal welfare education of people including children.

WVA emphasizes that such events shall be done with maximum attention to the basic requirements of animal welfare (providing the animals with sufficient water, food, space and avoiding as much as possible stress of the animals) and biosecurity measures (avoiding spread of diseases).

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