



WORLD VETERINARY
ASSOCIATION



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WORLD VETERINARY DAY AWARD

The World Veterinary Association (WVA) and HealthforAnimals are proud to announce the 2020 World Veterinary Day theme:

Environmental protection for improving animal and human health.

The 2020 World Veterinary Day will be held on 25th April 2020 and is an opportunity to celebrate the contributions of veterinarians to the health of animals, people and the environment.

Applications are now open for the *World Veterinary Day Award*, which honours one WVA Member's activities related to 2020's theme.

Applications are due by 25th May 2020.

The Theme

For 20 years, World Veterinary Day has been an opportunity to celebrate the contributions of veterinarians to the health of animals and society.

As One Health advocates, veterinarians know that environmental, human and animal health are inextricably linked. Negative changes to our environment will ultimately harm ourselves and the animals in our care.

The 2020 World Veterinary Day will celebrate the work of veterinarians to protect our environment.

Veterinarians, in their role as advocates for animal health and welfare, have a responsibility as well as the opportunity to safeguard our environment for future generations. Their actions can help mitigate the effects of climate change, ensure proper disposal of medicines, and support responsible use of natural resources (e.g. water and feed) necessary in raising livestock.

Why Apply?

The World Veterinary Day Award is an opportunity to:

- Showcase your Association's diligent efforts to the global veterinary community
- Receive a prize of USD\$2500 to fund new activities, reward staff, provide scholarships, etc.
- Be honoured during a ceremony in your country/region or at the 2021 WVA Congress
- Improve the visibility and recognition of the veterinary profession in your country and worldwide.

The Award

The WVA Member Association that undertakes activities which best embody this theme will be recognized with the World Veterinary Day Award.

Provided by the World Veterinary Association and HealthforAnimals, the Award is open to all WVA Veterinary Associations who submit evidence of activities that demonstrate their support of the WVDA

2020 Theme. This could include local campaigns, educational seminars for the public, media campaigns, new research, or anything else that promotes environmental protection and innovation for better animal and human health.

The Award value of USD \$2500 will be provided directly to the Association, which may use it for activities, reward hard-working staff, provide scholarships, support their community, etc.

SELECTION PROCESS

ELIGIBILITY

The WVDA competition is open to all WVA member associations. WVA associations are encouraged to celebrate the World Veterinary Day 2020's theme with collaboration with any other entity.

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

All fields in the application form (click [HERE](#) to download the application form) shall be properly filled out and emailed to wva_assistant@worldvet.org no later than **27th May 2020**.

Applications received after the deadline will be not be reviewed.

CRITERIA

The WVD 2020 Award will be given to the veterinary member association that best promotes the theme of "*Environmental protection for improving animal and human health.*"

The organisers will also consider activities that took place in the recent past, still on-going or are planned to take place in the future.

Main criteria for evaluation are:

- Contribution and achievements on the WVD 2020 theme;
- Involvement of relevant stakeholders and the general public;
- Collaboration with the public health sector;
- Media coverage;
- Follow-up initiatives.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

Examples of activities (the list is not exhaustive):

- **Identification and implementation of good practices and programmes related to the WVD 2020 theme.**
- Seminars and workshops for veterinarians/physicians/public health workers on WVD 2020 theme.
- Release studies, statistical data, surveys related to the WVD 2020 theme.
- Education sessions for the general public on WVD 2020 theme.
- Celebrate the works of a notable researcher or veterinarian on WVD 2020 theme.
- Create an online source containing general information about the WVD 2020 theme.
- Concerts, public performances, fairs, etc. organised for the WVD 2020.
- Media involvement such as newspaper articles, radio and television discussion on WVD theme, etc.
- Promote activities on WVD 2020 theme through social media.
- Distribution of promotional materials related to the WVD 2020 theme.
- **Any other initiative would be most welcome!!!**

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