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2023 WSAVA Awards Open for Nominations

Closing date – April 30 2023

The [World Small Animal Veterinary Association](https://www.wsava.org/) (WSAVA) is now accepting nominations for its 2023 Awards. These prestigious Awards recognize veterinary professionals from any background, generation or region of the world, who are creating positive change for companion animals and people.

Nominations are invited in the following categories:

The WSAVA Award for Companion Animal Welfare. This Award is presented to a veterinarian or veterinary team member in recognition of their contribution to companion animal welfare at a local, regional or global level.

The WSAVA Future Leader Award. This Award, kindly supported by [Hill's Pet Nutrition](https://www.hillspet.com/), acknowledges the work of a veterinarian, graduated within the last ten years, who has contributed significantly to the betterment of companion animals, the veterinary profession and society at large.

The WSAVA Award for Global Meritorious Service. This is awarded to a veterinarian who has contributed meritorious service to the veterinary profession in the broadest sense.

The WSAVA Award for Global Scientific Achievement. This Award is presented annually to an individual judged to have made an outstanding contribution to the field of small animal medicine.

In addition, the WSAVA One Health Committee selects the recipient of **the WSAVA One Health Award**, which recognizes exemplary service by an individual in promoting the global One Health concept, particularly in relation to the importance of small companion animals.

All WSAVA Award recipients receive free registration for [WSAVA World Congress](https://www.wsava.org/congress/), which, this year, takes place in Lisbon, Portugal, from September 27-29. They also receive support with travel and accommodation.

During the Congress, they will be presented with an engraved plaque. Recipients of the Global Scientific Achievement, Companion Animal Welfare, Future Leader and One Health Awards will also be invited to give an Award Winner Lecture during the event.

An explanation of the nomination process can be found on the WSAVA website at <https://wsava.org/about/awards/>. The deadline for nominations is April 30 2023.

Commenting on the launch of the 2023 WSAVA Awards, the association's President, Dr Ellen van Nierop said: "It is an immense privilege for the WSAVA to recognize some of the most outstanding professionals working in companion animal veterinary medicine today.

"With so many exceptional colleagues going the extra mile to support their patients and their colleagues, we hope to receive a record number of nominations this year. Reading them is always an inspirational experience and it will then be a great honor to welcome those selected as this year's Award winners to our Congress in Lisbon later this year and to hear first-hand about the amazing work they are doing."

Note to editors:

The [WSAVA](#) represents more than 200,000 veterinarians worldwide through its 114 member associations and works to enhance standards of clinical care for companion animals. Its core activities include the development of WSAVA Global Guidelines in key areas of veterinary practice, including pain management, nutrition and vaccination, together with lobbying on important issues affecting companion animal care worldwide.

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