



RCVS Honours & Awards

2026

RCVS COMPASSION AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Please note that any information supplied in this application will form the basis of a citation for the successful nominees to be read by the President of the RCVS at Royal College Day in July 2026.

The deadline for making a nomination is **5pm on Wednesday 7 January 2026**.

Nominations for the Compassion Award can only be made by MsRCVS or RVNs – **although current RCVS Council and VN Council members, and close family members of the nominee (including spouses) are excluded**. Nominees for the award can be any MRCVS or RVN who fits the criteria - excluding current members of RCVS Council and VN Council.

This award is also open to self-nomination. If you are self-nominating, please be sure to complete this form in the third person using your own name and preferred pronouns in place of 'I' to avoid bias.

Before completing this form, please make sure you read the information and guidance on our dedicated Honours and Awards page at www.rcvs.org.uk/awards

PART ONE: NOMINEE INFORMATION

The RCVS Compassion Award was first bestowed in 2021 to reflect the focus of the RCVS on compassion, as part of the 2020-2024 and 2025-2029 strategic plans.

It will be awarded to a veterinary surgeon or veterinary nurse at any stage of their career who has demonstrated compassion towards fellow professionals and/or members of the animal-owning public. This may be as part of a one-off initiative or sustained over a longer period of time, but the individual needs to have made a significant impact and shown genuine compassion above and beyond what might have been expected of them as part of their day-to-day work.

In no more than 250 words describe the compassionate action your nominee took – previous examples include working with the homeless community and their pets and providing mental health support to students.

In no more than 250 words describe the difference your nominee's compassionate actions have made to the individual/s concerned.

In no more than 250 words tell us how your nominee would be an excellent ambassador for kindness and compassion within the veterinary sector.

NOMINEE'S CAREER HISTORY: in no more than 250 words please give us an overview of your nominee's career as a veterinary surgeon or veterinary nurse, including any relevant voluntary or part-time work.

Any other relevant information: in no more than 250 words please provide us with any further information you feel may support this application – this could include, for example, anecdotes about your interactions with the individual or information about their hobbies, interests or personal life.

PART TWO: NOMINATOR INFORMATION

NOMINATOR SUMMARY: in no more than 150 words please tell us a bit about yourself including your name, current job title, and your connection with the nominee. Please note: only MsRCVS or RVNs (excluding current members of RCVS Council and VN Council) may make a nomination for the RCVS Compassion Award.

SUPPORTERS' STATEMENTS

Nomination applications require two supporting statements of **no more than 250 words** which may be from an MRCVS, RVN or layperson. At least one of these must be someone who is not a close working colleague of the person nominated, to demonstrate breadth of support. The supporting statements should be entered in the text boxes below and should include: the supporter's name, their job role, relationship to the nominee, and information about why they believe the nominee deserves the Compassion Award.

SUPPORTER STATEMENT ONE

SUPPORTER STATEMENT TWO

Submitting your nomination

Please fill out the web form for the relevant award and submit your nomination form at www.rcvs.org.uk/forms/honours-and-awards-2026/

For any queries, please contact Kieran Thakrar, Executive Assistant to the CEO, on k.thakrar@rcvs.org.uk