



RCVS Honours & Awards

2026

INSPIRATION 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 Inspiration Award can only be made by MsRCVS and RVNs, **excluding current members of RCVS Council and VN Council, and close relatives (including spouses) of the nominee**. Nominees for the award must be MsRCVS or RVNs, excluding current RCVS Council and VN Council members. Supporting statements can be supplied by non-veterinary professionals.

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/award

PART ONE: NOMINEE INFORMATION

The Inspiration Award was launched in 2017. It is awarded to veterinary surgeons or veterinary nurses who have demonstrated the ability to inspire and enthuse others consistently throughout their careers.

In no more than 250 words, describe how your nominee inspires others, whether they be fellow professional colleagues, students or members of the public.

In no more than 250 words, describe the impact of your nominee's inspirational behaviour on others, with clear examples of their influence.

In no more than 250 words, describe how your nominee will be an ambassador for the power of inspiration within the veterinary professions.

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, as well as close relatives) may make a nomination for the RCVS Inspiration 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 Inspiration 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