



RCVS Honours & Awards

2026

QUEEN'S MEDAL 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 Queen's Medal can only be made by MsRCVS or 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, **also excluding current RCVS Council and VN Council members**. Supporting statements can be supplied by non-veterinary professionals.

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 Queen's Medal was launched in 2013, with the permission of the late Queen Elizabeth II, as the highest honour that can be bestowed by the RCVS upon an individual veterinary surgeon. The Medal recognises a highly distinguished career with sustained and outstanding achievements throughout.

In no more than 250 words, describe why your nominee has had such an exemplary career, deserving of the Queen's Medal.

In no more than 250 words, describe the impact that your nominee has had on others - whether that be on professional colleagues, the animal-owning public, policy and politicians, academia, or overall animal health and welfare.

In no more than 250 words, describe how your nominee would be an ideal ambassador for the veterinary surgeon profession through the Queen's Medal.

NOMINEE'S CAREER HISTORY: in no more than 250 words please give us an overview of your nominee's career as a veterinary surgeon, 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 RCVS Council and VN Council members, as well as close relatives) may make a nomination for the Queen's Medal.

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 Queen's Medal

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/

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