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World Veterinary Day Award

The World Veterinary Association (WVA) and HealthforAnimals are proud to announce the 2022 World Veterinary Day theme:

Strengthening Veterinary Resilience

The 2022 World Veterinary Day will be held on 30th April 2022 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 2022's theme.

Applications are due by 30th May 2022.

The theme

The veterinary profession is a profoundly rewarding pursuit. Safeguarding animals against illness means protecting those who can suffer but cannot speak. Veterinarians are called upon to ensure these animals have a voice and an advocate who ensures their welfare is a priority.

Veterinarians are aware though that this burden can be physically and mentally taxing. Stress, burnout and other health issues have risen in recent years, particularly during the pandemic.

Veterinarians, much like their patients, need proper tools and support to maintain their personal health and wellness. Healthy animals require healthy advocates. Resilient veterinarians are better equipped to handle the daily challenges and crises that may occur in their practices.



Resilience cannot be facilitated solely by individual veterinarians though. It requires appropriate support by associations, institutions and governments to ensure adequate education, training, mentorship, and collegiality. It also requires ongoing research to better understand the mental and physical burdens veterinarians face and the opportunities to provide greater support.

The 2022 World Veterinary Day will celebrate efforts from veterinarians, veterinary associations and others to strengthen veterinary resilience and bring attention to this important cause

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 USD3500 to fund new activities, reward staff, provide scholarships, etc.
- Be honoured during a ceremony in your country/region/virtual or at the 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 that 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 2022 Theme. This could include local campaigns, educational seminars for the public, media campaigns, new research, or anything else that promotes the WVD Award 2022 theme.

The Award value of USD 3500 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 2022'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 emma@worldvet.org no later than **30th May 2022**.

Applications received after the deadline will be not be reviewed.

Criteria

The WVD 2022 Award will be given to the veterinary member association that best promotes the theme of *"Strengthening Veterinary Resilience"*.

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

The main criteria for evaluation are:

- Contribution and achievements on the WVD 2022 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, programmes related to the WVD 2022 theme.
- Seminars, webinars and workshops for veterinarians/physicians/public health workers on the theme.
- Release of studies, statistical data, surveys related to the WVD 2022 theme.
- Education sessions for the general public on WVD 2022 theme.
- Celebrate the works of a notable researcher or veterinarian on the WVD 2022 theme.
- Create an online source containing general information about the WVD 2022 theme.
- Concerts, public performances, fairs, virtual events etc. organised for the WVD 2022.
- Media involvement such as newspaper articles, radio and television discussion on WVD theme, etc.
- Promote activities on WVD 2022 theme through social media.
- Distribution of promotional materials related to the WVD 2022 theme.
- **Any other initiative would be most welcome!!!**

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