

Tennessee Animal Hall of Fame

About the Animal Hall of Fame

This Annual Program is sponsored by the Tennessee Veterinary Medical Association (TVMA), the professional organization of more than 850 veterinarians in the state. It was established to honor domestic animals who exemplify the strength and value of the human-animal bond. Has your animal shown exceptional loyalty, affection, unselfishness, or courage? If so, your animal might belong in the Tennessee Hall of Fame! We invite you to help spread the word about the importance and strength of the bond between animals and humans. Nominate your special animal today for the Tennessee Animal Hall of Fame!

Objectives

The goals of the Tennessee Veterinary Medical Association and the Tennessee Veterinary Medical Foundation in sponsoring the Animal Hall of Fame are as follows:

- To honor the outstanding contributions our animal companions make to human lives
- To heighten public awareness of the human-animal bond
- To allow TVMA members to share in celebrating their patients' accomplishments

Recognition

Nominations are being sought for animals who have saved or preserved human life; who have provided a benefit to their human companions or their community; and specially trained assistance animals. **Nominations are also being sought for the John C. New Service Award.** This award is presented to a person who promotes the well-being of people, through the interaction of people and animals. Inductees will be recognized and plaques awarded at a special dinner in their honor during a TVMA event. A photograph will become part of a permanent Tennessee Animal Hall of Fame exhibit and included on the TVMA website Tennessee Animal Hall of Fame inductees may be featured in newspaper articles, veterinary publications, or on television programs. Animals and their owners/stewards must be available to receive the awards and participate in the public recognition activities (at no expense to owners.) All nominees will receive a Certificate of Appreciation.

Requirements

Nominees must be living in Tennessee who, through unselfish and courageous accomplishments, exemplify the affection, loyalty, security and value of the human-animal bond. Each nomination for membership in the Tennessee Animal Hall of Fame is to be submitted on an Official Application, with the signature of the animal's owner/steward and sponsored by a TVMA member. (The nomination may include up to three additional letters of support for membership in the Hall of Fame. Nominations may come from anyone as long as a TVMA member supports

the nomination.) A description of why they should be considered for induction into the Tennessee Animal Hall of Fame must accompany the Official Application. You may wish to explain how they exhibited special abilities when it mattered or made a difference, how they demonstrated unselfish and/or courageous accomplishments, examples of their affection, loyalty and companionship, or the ways in which they provide healthful benefits, confidence, or opportunities for exercise, socialization, or laughter. Ongoing and/or heroic actions may be considered.

Selection

Not more than one inductee will be selected. This year's inductee into the Tennessee Hall of Fame will be selected from nominations received by a Selection Panel consisting of two members from the Tennessee Veterinary Medical Foundation Committee and two members from the TVMA Public Relations Committee. Supporting documents/photos may be sent to the TVMA office at PO Box 803, Fayetteville, TN 37334, email info@tvmanet.com, or fax 931-433-6289.