



Award Criteria

Members are invited to nominate one or more of their colleagues for one or more of the following awards. These awards have been established to recognize and honour individual members of the association. Initial nominations for an SVMA award must come from a member of the association. Additional information in support of a nomination can be submitted by another member, a veterinary technologist, lay staff or family and friends of the nominee.

The nominator must identify the specific award and submit a written overview of the member's achievements or contributions related to that specific award. All submissions will be dealt with in confidence by members of the awards committee.

The **J.J. Murison Distinguished Veterinarian** award is the highest level of recognition the SVMA can bestow on a member and is presented annually. The criteria for selection include service to the SVMA, the profession and the public as well as competency, personality and character. Only SVMA members in good standing and not currently serving on council are eligible. Nominations for previous recipients of this award will not be considered. Nominees not selected in the year nominated will be considered during the selection process for the following two years. Life and honorary members are eligible for awards.

Past J.J. Murison Distinguished Veterinarian recipients are listed on the website on the members' side.

The **Meritorious Service Award(s)** recognizes a member in good standing who has made an outstanding single or long-term contribution to the quality of life in their community or province. This achievement(s) may be in the area of youth or senior programs, philanthropic organizations or the arts. This award can be presented to more than one member in any year. This award may not be presented every year.

The **Communications/Public Relations Award** provides recognition for a member's efforts to bring information, knowledge or advice related to veterinary medicine or the profession to the public. This award might recognize a member being repeatedly called upon by the media to be a spokesperson providing information regarding a specific situation, or for a member who participates in any form of public education. This award may not be awarded annually.

The **SVMA Technologist of the Year Award** is a **NEW** award to recognize technologists that play an integral part in the practice of veterinary medicine. This person must be an active member in good standing of the SAVT; be active and have made a significant contribution in the field of animal health and demonstrate outstanding performance and dedication to their profession. The nominee(s) cannot be a current SAVT executive member.

Send nominations to smurray@svma.sk.ca or fax to 306.975.0623

Deadline for nominations is **August 19, 2011**

