



GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

OFFICIAL AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Please complete this form and submit by mail, email or fax, along with a one-page description of why this nominee should be given the award, a recent photo of the nominee, and up to three items of supporting documentation to TVMF (address below).

The award committee will review the nominees and announce the winners of this year's awards on or before January 1, 2009.

Category (please check one; see award descriptions on back)

◇ Good Samaritan Award

◇ Community Service Award

◇ Visionary Award

Nominee (Non-Veterinarian)

Name _____

Address _____

City, State & Zip _____ Telephone _____

Nominee (Veterinarian)

Name _____

Hospital/Clinic Name _____

Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Nominator

Name _____

Address _____

City, State & Zip _____ Years you have known nominee _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

DEADLINE NOMINATION

NOVEMBER 15, 2008

Please return nomination forms to:

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Using this form, please nominate any veterinarian or Good Samaritan that you feel exemplifies an award category. The nominee must be living when this form is submitted. Nominations received after November 15, 2008 will be considered for the next year's award. Prior award nominees may be nominated again.

For more information about the Texas Veterinary Medical Foundation, please visit www.tvma.org.

GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM AWARD CATEGORIES

1. The Good Samaritan Award is given each year to the individual who best exemplifies the ideals of selfless compassion toward stray or abandoned animals that have been seriously injured or have life-threatening health conditions. To be eligible for this award the individual must have found an animal without an apparent owner that is in immediate and serious need of medical attention, delivered the animal to a veterinary clinic for treatment and assumed all or a significant portion of the financial responsibility for treatment. The attending DVM must make some contribution of uncompensated time or effort to the treatment of the animal and must nominate or support the nomination of the Good Samaritan. The person recognized in this manner will receive a plaque or similar recognition together with the opportunity to name an animal charity of their choice to receive a \$5,000 contribution in their name. The DVM providing the medical attention required by the animal and his/her clinic will receive a recognition object suitable for display and will be featured in veterinary and public media.

2. The Community Service Award is given each year to the DVM who best exemplifies the virtues and ideals of community service and social responsibility. To be eligible for this award, the DVM must be nominated by a member of the veterinary profession and must have a significant and impressive record of community and volunteer service. Both depth and breadth of service will be considered in making the final selection of the recipient. Community service recognized by this award can consist of any unpaid activity that is generally accepted as a benefit to the community, such as elected office, service club membership, youth activity coach or sponsor, service in a humane organization, service on behalf of non-profit organizations, volunteerism of various sorts, and other similar activities. The award recipient will receive an impressive plaque or similar recognition, will receive appropriate notice in veterinary and public media, and will be given the opportunity to name an animal-related charity which shares the mission and values of TVMF for receipt of a \$5,000 contribution to be given in their name.

3. The Visionary Award is given annually to the individual who has made contributions to animal charitable causes that best exemplify the ideals of generosity and compassion toward the animal world in ways most likely to motivate and encourage others to do the same. Thus it is not the magnitude of the gift that is being recognized in this award, but the emotional impact and sacrificial example of the contribution. A true-life example of what we seek to spotlight and encourage with this award is the case of a young girl who asked her family to give contributions to the Texas Veterinary Medical Foundation instead of spending the money for presents on her birthday. The person selected for this award will receive an impressive plaque or similar recognition, will receive printed recognition in veterinary and public media, and will be given the opportunity to name an animal-related charity which shares the mission and values of TVMF for the receipt of a \$5,000 contribution given in the recipient's name.