Knowledge Awards 2020: Quality Improvement in Practice

Terms and conditions

These conditions define the basis on which RCVS Knowledge offers support. RCVS Knowledge seeks to establish a partnership with award winners in which each party is clear as to its rights and obligations. Accepting an award from RCVS Knowledge implies the understanding and acceptance of the following terms and conditions.

Award winner obligations

1. The award winner is assumed to be the person/practice stated in the ‘Applicant details’ or ‘Nominee details’ of the application/nominee form.
2. The award winner/s will win £250. If an award winner is a practice, £250 will be paid to the practice’s bank account.
3. The award winner/s will be invited to attend an awards ceremony. If an award winner is a practice, a representative from the practice will be invited to attend. If an award winner is unable to attend, notification must be sent in writing to ebvm@rcvsknowledge.org as soon as possible.
4. Previous applicants/nominees (including previous winners) of the 2019 Knowledge Awards are permitted to apply to the 2020 round either with a new initiative focusing on quality improvement (QI) or with further developments relating to the QI initiative that the previous application was based on.
5. Multiple applications are permitted.
6. RCVS Knowledge will consider all submissions (from direct applicants or from nominees) that are received on or before 29th November 2019.
7. The winners of the award will receive a Confirmation Form, which must be returned within two weeks of receipt. Once the completed Confirmation Form has been received, the winner will be booked in to attend the awards ceremony and will receive an Expense Claim Form. The applicant must send their Expense Claim Form and receipts to RCVS Knowledge in order to be reimbursed up to £200 towards reasonable travel costs to attend the event. All payments, including the prize and expenses, will be made via BACS.
8. The award is provided for the approved submission.
9. Award winners and some other applicants/nominees may be invited to assist in the promotion of QI as agreed between the award winner/applicant/nominee and RCVS Knowledge. This promotion of QI might include – but is not limited to – presenting the award winner’s/applicant’s/nominee’s QI initiative and methods at conferences (for which RCVS Knowledge will cover reasonable expenses), sharing their experiences through our blog, podcasts and interviews and even publishing their findings in our journal, Veterinary Evidence.
10. The award winner/s will be announced by RCVS Knowledge; the award winner/s should not reveal or promote their receipt of the award until the official RCVS Knowledge announcement has taken place.

RCVS Knowledge obligations

11. The Knowledge Awards are administered by RCVS Knowledge, under the general guidance of the RCVS Knowledge Awards Panel.
12. RCVS Knowledge may publicise details of the award and the names of award winners in our annual report, website, and other relevant publications.
13. Information set out in the application/nominee form may be used by RCVS Knowledge to assist in the delivery of its priorities, namely to facilitate a culture change towards the implementation of QI in veterinary practice and to enhance the awareness and dispersion of QI skills in the profession. As such, the material may be used in diverse published media, and may be published on the RCVS Knowledge website under the Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International Public Licence. Users may copy and redistribute this material, provided that they comply with the terms of
the Licence including in particular giving appropriate credit to the creator of the material in line with your permission agreement.

### Withdrawal of the award

14. RCVS Knowledge reserves the right at any time and without notice to withdraw an award, either in full or in part, if the award winner fails to comply with these terms and conditions. This includes failure to confirm acceptance of the award.

### Modification or variation of regulations

15. RCVS Knowledge reserves the right to modify, add to, or vary these regulations, as it sees fit, and undertakes to give prior notice to the award winner of any change. RCVS Knowledge will seek to ensure that the award winner is not disadvantaged by such changes.

### Acceptance of these terms and conditions

16. In accepting a Knowledge Award, the award winner is bound by these terms and conditions.