Established in 2018, this award recognizes remarkable members of the Association who have been outstanding in their role as a veterinarian to improve community animal health and well-being. The ASV's intent in conferring this award is to bring attention to excellence in shelter medicine by recognizing those who serve as exceptional role models of the profession. Veterinarians serving in municipal, private, and/or non-profit shelters and other community animal endeavors are eligible; current ASV Board Members are ineligible. The award designee will receive a plaque, a shelter medicine textbook, and a $250.00 donation to an organization of his/her choice.

Nomination and Selection Procedures:

ASV members and non-members may nominate qualified individuals who are current members of the ASV for this award. Current ASV Board members are not eligible for nomination for this award.

Nominated individuals, and the individual making the nomination, must agree to the posting of the nominee’s curriculum vitae (CV) and nominator’s cover letter on the ASV website for consideration by the membership. Contact information on the nominee and nominator, the nominee’s CV, and a cover letter by the nominator with a brief sketch of the nominee's professional background and a statement pertaining to the individual's qualifications for the award, not to exceed 500 words, should be submitted by e-mail to info@sheltervet.org. Letters seconding, endorsing, or otherwise supporting the nomination will not be accepted for consideration.

Nominations should be submitted by e-mail no later than July 1, 2018. The Nominations committee will review the nominations for completeness and submit them to the website committee for posting on the website for consideration by the membership. Two weeks following the posting of the nominees on the website, a survey monkey vote will be sent out to the current membership. The award will be granted to the nominee that receives the most votes. The awardee will be immediately notified thereafter, and will be honored at the ASV Annual Meeting, held in conjunction with the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners Symposium. An awardee may not be selected in a given year if no nominee for that year meets the criteria for selection.