BSAVA Awards praise 'inspiring work' of veterinary peers

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The veterinary profession's unsung heroes received a degree of much-deserved recognition during the 2016 BSAVA Awards ceremony, which took place during the association's annual congress in Birmingham.

According to the association, the BSAVA Awards are an important opportunity to recognise the inspiring work of our veterinary peers.

The 2016 recipients were honoured during the opening ceremony of BSAVA Congress, hosted by outgoing president Patricia Colville.

Of the awards, Dr Colville said: "This is a highlight for me – being able to publicly thank some of the vets and veterinary nurses who promote our profession and keep it moving towards ever-higher standards of science and welfare. Congratulations to our recipients this year – I hope we continue to get nominations from across the profession for future years."

Award winners

The worthy winners who, as BSAVA stated, "set the standards the rest of us aim to live up to" were:
Feline medicine specialist Rachel Dean was awarded the £2,000 Frank Beattie Travel Scholarship, allowing her to undertake a trip abroad to study a particular aspect of veterinary practice.
Kieron Salmon received the Amoroso Award, which is presented for outstanding contributions to small animal studies by a non-clinical member of university staff.
Jeremy Queen received the Melton Award, which is presented for meritorious contributions by a veterinary surgeon to small animal veterinary practice.
Jacqueline Reid was presented with the Simon Award, which is bestowed on a member of the BSAVA for outstanding contributions in the field of veterinary surgery.
Claudia Hartley received The Woodrow Award, which is presented to a member of the BSAVA for outstanding contributions in the field of small animal veterinary medicine.
David Grant received the JA Wight Memorial Award – presented by Blue Cross to recognise outstanding contributions to the welfare of companion animals.
Laura Blackwood was presented with the Blaine Award, which is bestowed upon a member for outstanding contributions to the advancement of small animal veterinary medicine or surgery.
RVC clinical director Holger Volk received the Bourgelat Award, presented as the primary recognition for really outstanding international contributions to the field of small animal practice.
Gillian Calvo was the lucky recipient of the PetSavers Award, presented to the author of the best clinical research paper published in the *Journal of Small Animal Practice (JSAP)* during the 12 months ending 30 Sept 2015.
Mike Martin was presented with the JSAP Achievement Award, which is designed to recognise outstanding contributions to the JSAP. The award is decided by the editor and associate editors, and is open to all bar the current editor and associate editor team.
Jean Morris became the first recipient of the Ray Butcher Award, named in memory of the former BSAVA president who died in 2015. The award recognises an individual who has made a significant contribution to animal welfare in the community.
RVN Katherine Kissick received the Bruce Vivash Jones Veterinary Nurse Award, which is presented by the BSAVA as the primary recognition for outstanding contributions to the advancement of small animal veterinary nursing.

Other winners who received awards at the ceremony on April 7 included:

- Louise O'Dwyer – who also received the Bruce Vivash Veterinary Nurse Award
- Micha Simons – who received the Dunkin Award for authoring the most valuable article published in the JSAP in the year ending 30 September 2015, entitled "Postoperative complications and owner satisfaction following partial caudectomies"

**Clinical abstract winners**
Each year the BSAVA receives several hundred submissions and many become part of the congress programme.

The clinical abstract presentations are a valued part of BSAVA Congress that inspire delegates by illustrating new studies and the latest research.

Submitted by vets, VNs and practice managers, these abstracts – submitted for oral or poster presentation at congress – can be on any veterinary subject, such as announcing the preliminary results of a new study, describing interesting cases or discussing new techniques.

The winners were:

- **Practitioner Award**: *Investigations into the effect of feline upper respiratory tract disease on length of stay in a rehoming centre* by Jocelyn Toner
- **Intern/Recent Graduate Award**: *Comparison of quality of sedation in dogs using dexmedetomidine combined with methadone or butorphanol: preliminary results* by Toby Trimble
- **Medicine Resident Award**: *Owners’ perception of their dogs’ quality of life during and after radiation therapy for cancer* by Ana Rita Serras
- **Surgery Resident Award**: *Intra- and inter-observer reliability and repeatability of computed tomographic changes affecting the medial coronoid process in the canine elbow* by Naomi Shimizu
- **Poster Award**: *Feline meningoencephalomyelitis of unknown aetiology (FMUA): a retrospective analysis of 14 cases* by Sarah Spencer
- **Nurse Award**: *A clinical analysis of complications associated with peripheral intravenous catheter placement in cats and dogs* by Gina Parkes