CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

North Dakota Veterinary Medical Association's Animal Hall of Fame

The ND Veterinary Medical Association's Animal Hall of Fame is an annual program that honors animals and their caregivers who exemplify the strength and value of the human-animal connection.

Objectives

The goals of the North Dakota Veterinary Medical Association (NDVMA) in holding the Animal Hall of Fame Awards are:

- To honor the outstanding contributions our animal companions make to human lives.
- To heighten public awareness of the human-animal connection.
- To allow NDVMA members to share in the celebration of their patients' accomplishments.

Categories

Nominations are being sought in five categories:

- **Hero Award:** Animals who have saved or preserved human life.
- **Companion Award:** Animals who have provided a benefit to their human companions or their community.
- **Professional Award:** Animals specially trained to assist humans (seeing eye dog, therapy, etc.).
- **Working Award:** Animals specially trained to assist police, medical units, military, etc.
- **Survivor of the Year Award:** Animals that beat the odds of living.

Recognition

- Inductees will be recognized at the NDVMA's Annual Family Dinner, **Monday, August 10, 2026 at the Fargo Holiday Inn.**
- Owners will be presented with a plaque at the event and the animal will receive an appropriate token of recognition.
- **Animals and their owners are encouraged be available to receive the awards.**

Requirements

- Nominees must reside in ND.
- Each nomination must be on a nomination form, with the signature of the animal's owner.
- **A photograph of each animal is required.** Please submit digital photos to execdir@ndvma.com.
- Permission must be granted for NDVMA to use photos for award presentation and news releases.
- **A brief description of why the animal should be considered for induction into the NDVMA's Animal Hall of Fame must accompany the nomination form.** Explain how they exhibited special abilities when it mattered or made a difference; how the animal demonstrated unselfish or courageous accomplishments; or the ways in which the animal provided healthful benefits, socialization, etc.

Deadline

The nomination deadline is June 22, 2026.

Selection

Nominees will be reviewed by NDVMA's awards' committee.

NOMINATION DEADLINE: JUNE 22, 2026

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North Dakota Veterinary Medical Association's
27th Annual Animal Hall of Fame
Nomination Form

2026 Award Categories (Check one)

☐ Hero ☐ Companion ☐ Professional ☐ Working ☐ Survivor of the Year

Nominee

Animal's Name _____ **Year of Birth**_____ **Sex**_____

Species _____ **Color**_____ **Breed**_____

Owner

Name_____

Address _____

City _____ **State**_____ **Zip**_____

Phone _____ **E-mail**_____

I grant permission for NDVMA and sponsors to use photos for award presentation and news releases.

Signature of Owner: _____

Veterinarian

Name_____ **Clinic**_____

Address _____

City_____ **State**_____ **Zip**_____

Phone_____ **E-mail**_____

Please submit this form, digital pictures of the nominee and a 1-2 page description of why the animal should be considered for induction into NDVMA's Animal Hall of Fame. Give examples of why the animal is being nominated under the chosen category. Describe how they benefit their human companion or their community, the courageous accomplishment or heroic action they did or the ways in which the animal provided healthful benefits, such as socialization, etc.

Please email nomination form, documents and photos to execdir@ndvma.com. Award winners will be notified by July 15 and asked to attend the NDVMA Family Dinner on Monday, August 10 (evening) at the Fargo Holiday Inn.

Questions? Call 701-221-7740 or email execdir@ndvma.com