

Petplan[®] the pet people **Veterinary Awards**

Winners Announced for the 2009 Vet Awards



The Petplan[®] Veterinary Awards

Following a nationwide search to find the UK's top veterinary professionals for 2009 and judged by an independent panel of experts, Petplan announced the winners of the prestigious Veterinary Awards at their annual awards dinner at the Burlington Hotel in Birmingham, to coincide with the BSAVA Congress.

The Petplan Veterinary Awards, the 'Oscars' of the veterinary world, recognise and applaud staff and practices throughout the country which have delivered an exceptional level of care to the nation's pets, and their owners.

Simon Wheeler, Petplan's Head of Marketing, said: "Britain is known to be an animal-loving nation and with millions of households owning cats and dogs, pets play a central part in family life. The Petplan Veterinary Awards give us the opportunity to thank the veterinary profession for the outstanding level of care they provide to our animals."

The winners of the 10th annual Petplan Veterinary Awards are featured on this page together with other photographs illustrating this fabulous black tie night enjoyed by all on the Thursday prior to the BSAVA conference held in Birmingham.



Photos by Vince Hogan

Kate Mallett PR Executive and Charlotte McIntyre Communications Manager of PetPlan organising the big raffle on the night....



...winning the big raffle on the night... the iPod (pay as you go!) was the editor of Dogs Monthly Caroline Davis together with her colleague Jenny Chaffer.



Douglas Hutchison and David Simpson (founder of PetPlan, 30 years ago) enjoying the evenings festivities.



Alison Andrew, Marketing Manager of PetPlan, together with well known West Country vet and past president of the BSAVA Mr John Bower.



It's that man again! John Bower clearly has an eye for the ladies (don't tell his wife!) pictured here with Emily Mills, PetPlan representative for the West Country.



Yasmin Morowa Vet Receptionist of the Year from Melton Veterinary Surgery, Woodbridge, Suffolk pictured with Mike Vaughan Corporate Development Manager of CVS and Simon Innes Chief Executive of CVS (right).



Vet of the Year - Ben Jones (vet of the year) receiving the award from Richard Hillman (SPVS President) pictured with Jason Manford (compere).

VET OF THE YEAR

Ben Jones,
Ben Jones Veterinary Surgery,
Chester, Flintshire

Ben's understanding and compassion for his clients' pets impressed the judges. Whilst being extremely knowledgeable, Ben can reassuringly explain the most complicated procedures to clients. Ben continuously goes above and beyond the call of duty, such as establishing a home visit scheme for pensioners and visiting a nursing home when an owner was there as a day patient. Ben fully deserves the title 'Vet of the Year 2009'.



Vet Nurse of the Year - Karen McQuoid (vet nurse of the year). Bonny Millar, (BVNA President) made the award pictured with Jason Manford (compere).

VET NURSE OF THE YEAR

Karen McQuoid,
The Old Golfhouse Veterinary
Group, Watton, Norfolk

The judges believed Karen was an excellent role model for her team of nurses. Karen was noted for her positive attitude and good humour even under extreme pressure of being head nurse of four different practices. She maintains that her top priority is to always ensure animals are not in distress.



Vet Receptionist of the Year - Yasmin Morowa (receptionist of the year) pictured with Chris House (BEVA President) who made the award pictured with Jason Manford (compere).

VET RECEPTIONIST OF THE YEAR

Yasmin Morowa,
Melton Veterinary Surgery,
Woodbridge, Suffolk

Yasmin's attention to detail made her stand out as the winner of Vet Receptionist of the Year. Yasmin always checks to see how patients have progressed when she returns from holiday so she can help clients appropriately when they call or visit. Her kind approach makes her highly appreciated by both clients and colleagues.



Vet Practice of the Year - Ian Paterson, Sylvia Robertson, Jill Nute (RCVS President) Neil Geddes and Jason Manford (compere).

VET PRACTICE OF THE YEAR

St Clair Veterinary Group,
Kirkcaldy,
Fife

St Clair Veterinary Group was described as having exceptional customer care and uses every opportunity to educate their clients. The team stood out for their environmental consciousness.