

The BVHA 2009 Practice Design Awards

THE British Veterinary Hospitals Association Design Awards for 2009 are intended to recognise – and reward – outstanding design.

If, within the last two years, you have opened new premises for a first opinion and/or referral practice, refurbished your existing premises or come up with an innovative design solution for an area of the practice, these design awards are for you.

- Are you proud of what you have achieved?
- Have you developed truly outstanding premises?
- Is there a particular feature or room with a remarkable design innovation that has made a significant difference to you, your staff, your clients and/or your patients?

Any practice that has completed a project on or after **1st April 2007** is eligible to enter. All that's required is that you send the following:

1. Your practice name, address, telephone number and e-mail address, plus the name and position of the person submitting the entry.
2. The numbers of veterinary surgeons, veterinary nurses and other support staff in the practice.
3. What area of veterinary practice you are involved in, whether referral or first opinion, companion animal, equine, farm animal or mixed practice.
4. A report, of not more than 500 words, about the project, emphasising its outstanding design and innovative features – listing clever solutions to problems, explaining why things were done in a particular way, plus an assessment of whether what you have done is living up to expectations.
5. Up to 12 photographs showing the finished project – including pre-improvement shots if available.
6. A floor plan of the premises.

7. An indication of the cost of the project.

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There are three categories:

1. New first opinion premises
2. New referral practice premises (where at least 75% of patients seen are

referrals)

3. Practice refurbishment or innovation in design of a specific area/feature

These Design Awards are open to any veterinary practice, whether within the RCVS Practice Standards Scheme or not, and regardless of Tier.

Prizes

Prizes in each category will include both cash and vouchers for new equipment; in addition, all three category winners will receive a certificate to display in the practice and free registration to the BVHA Congress 2009 in October where the results will be announced.

- Entries can be submitted by post to: BVHA Practice Design Awards, 30 Diamond Ridge, Camberley, Surrey GU15 4LD or by e-mail to teamwork@ukonline.co.uk, or by a combination of the two (e.g. send entry information by e-mail; photos and plan

by post). Photos sent by e-mail should be in the form of jpegs with a maximum size per photo of 500kb. Photos and plans sent by post will be

returned on request once judging is complete.

Judging will be carried out during the summer by a panel representing the BVHA and *Veterinary Practice*. The judges will compile a shortlist from the entries and visit the practices concerned.

The results will be announced during the BVHA Annual Congress in October. The judges' decisions will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.



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“Not prescribe more, but prescribe better among companion animals”

REQUEST is a very interesting initiative. I participate in this group because there are general requirements of quality, and there is a need to elaborate recommendations. Our group of experts is part of the evidence-based medicine approach. It is the future and it motivates me: I am interested in working with this new methodology and with experts from specialties other than mine (surgery). I am particularly interested in the incorrect, the inappropriate and the overuse of antibiotics. Two examples: veterinary practitioners prescribe antibiotics after surgery. All studies show that the infectious risk increases with this kind of practice. It is the same for the prescription of antibiotics when inserting a urinary catheter: it increases the infection rate by four to five times.

The problem is not to prescribe more, but to prescribe better. I expect from the group precise recommendations for the use and non-use of fluoroquinolones. I place my trust in the group not to make too many compromises, and to maintain its independence. Now we need time and distance to develop recommendations.

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