# GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATION FOR THE

#### FELLOW AWARD

Fellows of the Australian Veterinary Association are members who have rendered outstanding service to the **Association**.

**Criteria**

This is the Association’s most senior award for service to the **Association** and should only be given for truly outstanding service that involves a contribution to:

1. National AVA through service on the AVA Board or to a National Committee;
2. An AVA Division or Special Interest Group; and
3. The AVA in the local community, e.g. animal welfare groups, local council, community promotion.

That there is a limit to 70 active Fellowship places. The National Awards Committee would remain cognisant of limiting the number of awardees.

**Procedures**

Nominations are from Divisional Awards Committees who are responsible for selecting members for nomination for Fellows. Suitable CVs are to be produced to support the nominations.

Recommendation for election is by the National Awards Committee for ratification at a meeting of the AVA Board. The Division and Special Interest Group Committees are responsible for ensuring that nominations are of a suitable standard. Unsuccessful nominees from the previous two years may be included.

No member shall be elected as a Fellow unless a simple majority of the votes of the AVA Board is cast in the affirmative.

Secrecy shall be maintained in relation to nominees.

**The Award consists of:**

* Certificate
* AVA ‘Fellow’ lapel pin
* The authorised use of post-nominal FAVA (Fellow of the Australian Veterinary Association)
* Complimentary AVA Conference registration on the day of the award presentation
* The Fellows name to be included in the “Honour Roll” on the AVA website
* Any discounts and concessions that apply to the membership category of Fellowship as determined by the Board.

**Nominees will be judged on:**

* National Service
* Division and/or SIG Service
* Local Community Service