

Quick Guide for Participants

How to Participate

A brief guide to the Regulations on the International Award in the Field of Veterinary Medicine for Small Companion Animals "VetTORIA". In the event of any discrepancy, the Regulations prevail.

1. Who Can Participate

- Practicing veterinarians working with small companion animals.
- Higher veterinary education in Veterinary Medicine or a related discipline.
- At least 3 years of professional experience; for the "Young Professional of the Year" nomination — 3 to 5 years.
- Participants from Russia and other countries, regardless of place of work.
- The working language of the Award and of application materials is Russian.

Members of the Jury and employees of the Organizer are not eligible. The absence of an unexpunged or outstanding criminal conviction is confirmed by a certificate when the shortlist is formed.

2. How to Apply: Two Stages

Stage 1. Short Application

- Complete the short form on the official online platform: the nominee's basic details, contact information, the selected nomination and a brief description of the professional achievement.
- A full document package is not required at this stage — the application can be submitted from any device.
- The Organizer conducts preliminary moderation of the application.

Stage 2. Full Document Package

- After preliminary moderation, a personal manager contacts the participant.
- The participant receives a personalized link through which they submit the full document package and competition materials in electronic form.
- Nominee status is granted only after all mandatory documents have been reviewed and verified.

Self-nomination — the veterinarian submits the application independently. A veterinarian may also be nominated by a work team, the management of an organization, a professional association, or an industry university or academy. A clinic's application is submitted by its chief veterinarian or head. One participant may be nominated in no more than two nominations.

3. Nominations

Nomination	Awarded for
Veterinarian of the Year	Significant impact on the treatment and prevention of animal diseases over the past year.
Best Clinical Project	An implemented project with clinical data, number of patients and measurable results.
First Discovery / Innovative Method	A new method of diagnosis, treatment or prevention, with confirmation of novelty and practical application.

Nomination	Awarded for
Professional Excellence of the Year	Professional skill, recognition by colleagues, teaching, publications and participation in professional events.
Young Professional of the Year	A significant professional result by a veterinarian with 3 to 5 years of experience.
NITA-FARM Choice	Contribution to veterinary pharmaceutical practice.
Best Veterinary Clinic	Quality of processes, level of the team, equipment, reputation and client experience.

4. What to Prepare for Stage 2

After preliminary moderation, the personal manager will send the participant a personalized link for uploading the full package of materials.

- A portrait photo of at least 1200 × 1200 px in JPG or PNG format.
- A copy of the higher veterinary education diploma.
- A scan of the employment record book or an extract from it confirming work experience.
- A description of the competition entry of 1,500–5,000 words.
- At least 3 documents confirming professional achievements: medical histories, discharge summaries, treatment protocols or production records.
- All submitted documents must be anonymized and must not contain the full names, contact details or other personal data of animal owners or third parties.
- Consents to personal data processing, publication of materials and their transfer to the General Partner.

Structure of the entry description

- A brief summary of the achievement — no more than 300 words.
- The problem or initial situation.
- The approach and methodology used.
- Results with specific indicators.
- Significance for the profession or industry.

You may additionally attach a video application of up to 3 minutes in MP4 format, up to 3 letters of recommendation, professional publications, attestations, diplomas and certificates of training.

For foreign participants

- A Russian translation of the diploma and other application documents. Notarization of the diploma translation is not mandatory but may be requested.
- Confirmation of employment as of the application date.

5. Submission and Review

- Submit the short application and select no more than two nominations.
- After preliminary moderation, receive a personalized link from your personal manager and use it to submit the mandatory documents.
- The Organizer reviews and verifies the full package of materials. Only after successful verification is the participant granted the status of Award nominee.

- If deficiencies are identified, 5 business days are given to correct them, counting from the day following the date the notice is sent.
- An application may be withdrawn up to and including the end of the application period.

6. Key Dates

Stage	Dates
Acceptance of short applications and preliminary moderation	September – November 2026
Collection and verification of the full document package	After preliminary moderation, via the personalized link
Jury work and shortlist formation	December 2026 – January 2027; shortlist published no later than 31 January 2027
Public voting	February – March 2027
Awards ceremony	April 2027

Before submitting an application, please read the full Regulations of the Award.