



Dave Walker Award Nomination

Dr. David Walker was a second-generation Vermont veterinarian. He practiced with his father in Morrisville for many years. He cared passionately about his profession and was intent on making it the best it could be. Dr. Walker wore many hats. He served for fifteen years as Vermont State Veterinarian at a time when the State Veterinarian was also expected to serve as VVMA Secretary/Treasurer. While serving the VVMA, Dr. Walker organized the continuing education meetings for the organization. Everything from securing speakers to arranging venues and lecture notes, if anything had to be done, "let Dave do it" became the motto. He was also the designated representative for veterinarians in the state legislature. He was often called upon to testify on veterinarians' behalf and did so tirelessly.

Dr. Walker became a highly respected man across the state and the nation. He contributed further by serving on the Board of Directors of the national State Veterinarians Association. Colleagues remember him as an honest, sincere, man, who enjoyed telling a good joke. He was a man of character, willing to listen to anyone with a concern. He honored his chosen profession and served with integrity.

When Dr. Walker passed away, the veterinary community lost a powerful advocate for our profession, but even more important, we lost a wonderful man.

In honor of the principles, devotion, commitment and spirit of this highly respected Vermont veterinarian, the VVMA created the Dave Walker Award. Established in 1990, this award is not presented annually. It is reserved for those who have served the Vermont veterinary community and professional organizations in the same spirit as Dr. Dave Walker. Past winners are listed on the VVMA website, vtvets.org.

If you know of someone deserving of this prestigious award, please complete the following and submit it to Kathy Finnie at linda@vtvets.org. Each nomination will be forwarded to the VVMA Nominating Committee for consideration. Nomination is not a guarantee of bestowment of the award.

My nomination for the Dave Walker Award is: _____

Nominee address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Is the nominee a VVMA member? Yes [] No [] Don't know []

On a separate page, please describe why you feel this person is deserving of the award. Please include as many details as possible about his/her service to the VVMA, the Vermont veterinary community, and the significance of his/her contributions.