



The Deb Reeder Innovation Award
for Creativity, Dedication, Diligence, and Resilience
In Honor of Deborah Reeder, RVT, VTS-EVN
Information, Criteria and Application Form

Deb Reeder was one of the original founders of the AAEVT in 2004. Since inception, she has grown this organization and moved mountains in this industry with her dedication and resilience. This award was created in Deb's name to continue her legacy of commitment as she has transitioned to an Emeritus Consultant role within the AAEVT.

The intent of this award: This award is to recognize a person or organization within the equine veterinary industry who has proven to improve the veterinary profession and health care team as a whole.

The winner of this award should be a person or organization that has demonstrated immense creativity, dedication, diligence, and resilience.

Criteria: This recognition award will be chosen annually by the Deb Reeder Innovation Committee.

1. The award may be given to an individual or organization that must be working for or within the equine veterinary industry and has proven to advance and improve the equine veterinary profession and healthcare team.
2. The winner of this award will receive:
 - a. An inscribed plaque at the AAEVT Membership Luncheon during the AAEVT Annual Convention.
 - b. Have their name and award-year placed on a brass plate affixed to The Deb Reeder Innovation Award Trophy. The trophy will reside with the AAEP, on display at their offices in Lexington, Kentucky.
 - c. Complimentary registration to attend the AAEVT Annual Convention in the year awarded, as well as, complimentary Meal Tickets to each of the AAEVT events that would be applicable.
3. Closing date for nominations is **September 30th**. The *Deb Reeder Innovation Committee* will review all of the nomination packages and select a recipient within 15 days of the nomination deadline. The recipient will receive notification within 7 days of the selection, followed by an official award letter.
4. The Deb Reeder Innovation Award Trophy will be awarded to the recipient at the AAEVT's Membership Luncheon during the AAEP/AAEVT Annual Convention. If the recipient is not able to make the award presentation in person they can send in a video acceptance speech to be played during the Luncheon and Plaque mailed to the recipient.

Members of both the AAEP and AAEVT may nominate a person or organization for this prestigious award.

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS: All applications must be received no later than **September 30**.

Complete nomination packages shall include:

1. **Completed nomination form** below.
2. **Short Essay** describing the nominee and why this person or organization is deserving of this prestigious award. This essay should include:
 - How the nominee has made a lasting and meaningful CONTRIBUTION to the Equine Veterinary Industry and Healthcare Team.
 - What was the IMPACT of the nominee's efforts? Explain the major benefit to the community. What was exceptional about the contribution made by the nominee?
 - Describe nominee's DILIGENCE toward any challenges that were met and obstacles that were overcome.
 - How is the nominee an INSPIRATION to others and deserving of this award?

NOMINATION FOR THE DEB REEDER INNOVATION AWARD

Name of **Nominee**:

Address:

State/Province:

Zip/Postal Code:

Daytime Phone:

E-mail:

Name of **Nominator**:

Address:

State/Province:

Zip/Postal Code:

Daytime Phone:

E-mail:

Nominator's Signature _____ Date _____

Please return this form via email or fax, along with all required documentation and information, to:

AAEVT Executive Director, Wiss Costanza

Subject: The Deb Reeder Innovation Award Nomination

Email: wcostanza@aaevt.org

Fax: (760) 301-0349

Deadline: Complete Nomination Package must be received by September 30, 2023