



Thank Your Vet for a Healthy Pet Contest

National short essay contest runs through May 31.

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Every day, veterinarians provide special, personal care needed to help animals live healthier, happier, longer lives. Now, pet owners nationwide can say "thank you."

Merial Limited and Morris Animal Foundation are teaming up with BowTie, Inc., which is the publisher of CAT FANCY magazine and the owner of CatChannel.com, to recognize America's favorite veterinarian through the "Thank Your Vet for a Healthy Pet" contest.

The national short essay contest runs through May 31, 2007, and seeks essays of 300 words or less explaining why your nominee is the best vet in America. All practicing veterinarians in the United States are eligible for nomination.

"We want to say thank you to veterinarians for the skill, talent and dedication they employ to help our loved ones live better lives. By celebrating them, we celebrate responsible pet stewardship and wellness," Merial spokesman Bob Menard, DVM, said.

One national winner and five regional winners will be selected by a panel of judges. Winners will be announced at the February 2008 Western Veterinary Conference in Las Vegas.

The national winner and each of the five regional winners will receive a plaque. In addition, the national award winner will be named a co-sponsor on a Morris Animal Foundation animal health study of his/her choice and Merial will provide a \$3,000 donation toward that study.

Merial also will give a \$3,000 donation to the national winner's favorite animal-related local charity. The winner also will be highlighted in issues of CAT FANCY, DOG FANCY and Veterinary Practice News magazines as well as CatChannel.com and DogChannel.com.

The pet owner who nominated the winner will receive a year's supply of a Frontline brand flea and tick control product.

Visit the Thank Your Vet website for more information on the "Thank Your Vet for a Healthy Pet" contest or to submit a nomination.