

IN OTHER COVID-19 NEWS

- The Animal Welfare Foundation (AWF) has announced new grants for desk-based animal welfare research projects to help support research at a time when ongoing Covid-19 social distancing measures have made field work difficult.

The vet-led charity is offering five grants of up to £10,000 each, with the flexibility for funding to be extended up to £30,000 for one exceptional proposal.

Examples of projects that would be welcomed by the AWF include scoping exercises to assess the impact of delayed euthanasia in farm animals, dogs or cats, and the validity, reliability and impact of quality of life assessment tools for companion animals.

Research into welfare issues that have

become evident during the Covid-19 pandemic would also be encouraged.

The deadline for applications is 12 July 2020. More information can be found at <https://bit.ly/3cleqy7>

- The RCVS Mind Matters Initiative (MMI) and the Society of Practising Veterinary Surgeons (SPVS) are calling on practices to nominate their 2020 Practice Wellbeing Stars.

The nominations allow practices to recognise someone at their workplace who has helped to hold up morale during challenging times and who has fostered a positive work environment.

The Practice Wellbeing Star nominations

were launched in 2019 to accompany the Practice Wellbeing Awards, which recognise practices with management systems and initiatives that promote wellbeing. However, these awards will not run this year due to the current pressures on practices and because many practice staff have been furloughed.

Members of the vet team who are nominated as a Practice Wellbeing Star will receive a certificate in recognition of their colleagues' appreciation of their achievements and all recipients will be entered into a prize draw for a pair of tickets to attend the joint SPVS and Veterinary Management Group congress next year.

The closing date for nominations is 20 November and further information can be found at <https://bit.ly/2XHxYDs>

