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*Presented to*

***Dr. Simone Johnally***

## ***Veterinarian of the Year 2020***

*Dr Simone Michelle Johnally has been a pet lover from a very young age. Dr Johnally first attended Sts. Peter and Paul Prep school in Kingston, she then moved on to Ardenne High School and upon graduation she transitioned to the University of the West Indies, St Augustine to pursue her degree in veterinary medicine which she completed in 2018. Aside from her veterinary medicine career she enjoys dancing, gym-ing, nature, art and music.*

*One of Dr. Johnally's primary inspirations to pursue veterinary medicine came from experiencing stray and neglected animals on the streets of Kingston and St. Andrew. She was so encouraged to gain a greater understanding of factors that influence and impact stray animal populations in order to contribute to instituting change in Jamaica's animal welfare landscape.*

*Dr. Johnally's areas of focus include small animal and equine medicine and surgery added to her special interest in animal welfare. Dr Johnally strives to develop her clinical skills in her preferred areas of small and equine medicine while pursuing to contribute towards the shift in mindset towards the care for animals in Jamaica by improving the education of laymen in particular children regarding animal care, welfare and one health. She also hopes to be able to be a mentor to students who are advancing their careers in the field of veterinary medicine. . She does this of course with the hopes of seeing the elevation of standards in our profession towards levels synonymous with other medical professions locally.*

*Since joining the JVMA in 2018 she has taken on the public relations position in 2019. She has dedicated efforts to fulfilling the role of marketing and promoting our cause within the profession as well as to the society at large. She has increased community awareness of animal health and welfare and she has represented the profession at a high standard in the media, the public and to our valued stakeholders. She has been committed to the association through spearheading fundraisers and management of events. The JVMA indeed has recognized the impact of her efforts and the undeniable contribution to the fraternity as a whole.*

***The Jamaica Veterinary Medical Association therefore takes immense pride in honouring Dr. Simone Michelle Johnally as Veterinarian of Year 2020 on this day the 20<sup>th</sup> of December 2020.***