Congratulations to Mark Pass

Elanco Farm SQP of the year

Mark Pass from Beeston Animal Health has had huge success winning the title of Farm SQP of the year award and finishing runner up in the Customer Care category. The award ceremony took place on 23rd October, at the London Marriott County Hall overlooking Westminster Bridge and the London Eye.

What is an SQP?

A Suitably Qualified Person (SQP) is an animal medicines advisor, a legal category of professionally qualified persons who are entitled to prescribe and/or supply certain veterinary medicines under the Veterinary Medicines Regulations. It is the duty of an SQP to ensure that the statutory requirements in respect of the prescription and/or supply of certain veterinary medicines are respected, advising on choice of medicine and their safe and effective use. There are currently over 5600 SQPs in the UK and Mark Pass is one of the very best.

Mark displayed a strong understanding of the industry and the challenges it faces over the next few years, judges said, coupled with the belief that the industry needed to co-operate for mutual benefit. The judges also liked the way he was very careful to ensure customers understood his advice and went away with a clear understanding of the solutions he proposed. An excellent contender in all respects, the judges said. Mark offered a very good set of testimonials in support of his customer service that demonstrated his on-going commitment to learning at every stage.

With the ever changing rules and regulations regarding drug use in farm animals and the increasing issues of fluke and wormer resistance on farms it is crucial that you get the right advice and use the right products at the right time for good health, welfare and productivity.

Mark has established that he is the very best in delivering this to our clients and we are delighted that he has received these prestigious awards. Well done Mark!!
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Betley Village Hall

Robert Craig
“Solu/g415on s to combat food chain dysfunc/g415on al ity”
Cumbrian dairy farmer, former Cumbrian NFU Chairman & Nuffield Scholar
10th February
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After the success of last year, John Dawson again captained an “elite” team to come 2nd out of 55 teams in the Vet Charity Challenge, a place higher than last year. Consisting of running, orienteering, cycling and canoeing, Jonny Duncan, Sandra Cullen and Rachel Adams made up the “dream team” and in the process raised over £600 for three charities. “It was a great day and we are definitely up for the challenge again next year where hopefully it will be third time lucky and we will win” said John. The small animal and equine teams also did well, coming 7th and 12th respectively.

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