



2008 SVME Shomer Award Winner Andrew N. Rowan, D. Phil.

This award is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Robert Shomer, who graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine in 1934. Dr. Shomer was a co-founder, and first President of the Society for Veterinary Medical Ethics. He was very passionate about the ethics of veterinary practice. He served the animal kingdom, the veterinary community and humankind with veracity, wit and passion. His intellect, passion, courage, and eloquence are hallmarks of true leadership in the field of veterinary medical ethics.

The award is bestowed upon an individual who has made a significant contribution to the field of veterinary medical ethics. The recipient must have a distinguished career as a leader in the field of veterinary medical ethics through scholarship, advocacy, or mentorship. Recipients should be outstanding individuals who throughout their professional careers have promoted and embodied the qualities of a true professional including veracity, compassion, courage, and integrity.

Dr. Rowan was educated at Cape Town University in South Africa where he received his B.Sc. in Chemistry and General Physiology and at Oxford University where he obtained his D. Phil in biochemistry.

Dr. Rowan is the Senior Vice President of Research, Education and International Issues for the Humane Society of the United States, Adjunct Professor at Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine, Senior Fellow at the Tufts Center for Animals and Public Policy and a Faculty Member at the Center for Alternatives to Animal Testing at Johns Hopkins University, School of Public Health.

Over a 10-year period, Dr. Rowan was an assistant professor, professor, and assistant dean at Tufts University and he was the Director for the Center for Animals and Public Policy at Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine for 14 years.

Dr. Rowan has spoken more than 50 times as an invited speaker on subjects including alternatives to animals in research, lab animal welfare, pet overpopulation and farm animal welfare. He is currently on the board of organizations as diverse as Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research, Humane Society International, Animal Rights International and Earthvoice.

Some of the prestigious awards Dr. Rowan has received during his career include the Russell and Burch Award for contributions on alternatives, the Felix Wankel Prize, Recognition from the Johns Hopkins Center for Alternatives to Animal Testing and a Rhodes Scholarship.

Dr. Rowan's entire Curriculum Vitae can be found online at <http://caat.jhsph.edu/about/staff/rowan/index.htm>

Quotes from colleagues and friends of Dr. Rowan:

Andrew is the activist role model. In the mode of Henry Spira, Andrew advocates on the basis of facts and hard scientific evidence. He challenges ethically and philosophically and Andrew effects change. Andrew's sensitivity

for animals and his understanding of their intrinsic value, although not unique in the animal protection community, is exceptionally well thought out and fully applied to his work, his life and his dreams. Andrew is a brilliant scholar. He has contributed in so many ways and with many impressive publications. Almost unique in the animal protection community Andrew is an educator. The highest compliment I can offer any person. When he effects change it is permanent as he changes beliefs based on science, ethics, and morality.

Andrew is a colleague, a mentor and a true friend. I have known and worked with Andrew for more than 25 years. I have enormous respect for his positions and activities. He is a driving and influential force in the animal protection world. The Shomer award honors Andrew and Andrew honors the Shomer Award.

Alan M. Goldberg, Ph.D. The Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health

Anyone contemplating writing a history of the animal research controversy since the late 1970s will need to get to know Andrew Rowan, both for his encyclopedic knowledge of the issues and his impact on the course of events. He has worked primarily at the interface of science and advocacy, combining his scientific background with a passion for animals. Whether from the vantage point of academia or the animal protection movement, he has consistently studied the issues, compiled the facts and figures, identified the pressure points, and clearly laid out the case for reform. He has given countless speeches, written numerous articles and books, and managed well-crafted campaigns. Over the years he has mentored students, supervised advocacy staff, and otherwise counseled scores of people seeking advice on how best to make their mark in this field. Andrew has made his own mark in many different fields, but even within the confines of animal research reform, many people familiar with only one part of his work may not be aware of his other contributions. He is a leading figure in the worldwide movement for alternative testing methods, in national and international efforts to identify best practices in animal research, and in efforts to bridge the polarizing gulf between the scientific and animal protection communities. As someone who has worked closely with Andrew for the past 10 years, I would be grateful if, by osmosis, I absorbed some of his curiosity, analytical prowess, insight, and professionalism.

Martin Stephens, Ph.D.; Vice President, Animal Research Issues
The Humane Society of the United States

*I first met Andrew Rowan when he came to the US to work with HSUS on developing the Institute for the Study of Animal Problems. Under Dr. Rowan's leadership, the Institute became what was desperately needed in the animal movement--a think tank that provided a forum for intellectually, philosophically, and scientifically based publication and discussion on fundamental issues essential to raising the moral status of animals. Dr. Rowan inspired my work on animal consciousness and animal pain, and gave me a forum for codifying and disseminating my thoughts. I would never have written my best book, *The Unheeded Cry*, without his encouragement.*

Dr. Rowan almost single-handedly worked successfully to acquire intellectual credibility for animal welfare issues among working scientists. Tapped by Dr. Frank Loew to help him create an exemplary veterinary school, Andrew was spectacularly successful, and also developed the highly respected MA program in Animals and Public Policy. Eventually he returned to HSUS and continued to provide what is virtually universally recognized as the leading rational voice in the American humane movement. I can think of no person more deserving of this award.

Bernard E. Rollin, University Distinguished Professor, Professor of Philosophy, Professor of Animal Sciences, Professor of Biomedical Sciences, University Bioethicist; Colorado State University