Bette J. Animal Technician of the Year Award

The Washington Branch Animal Technician of the Year Award was re-named in 1993 as a tribute to Bette J. Varnam. Bette was an Animal Technician with the Division of Animal Medicine (now the Department of Comparative Medicine) at the University of Washington for 14 years. She lost her fight with cancer in June, 1991.

Bette defined the true meaning of why many of us entered the field of Laboratory Animal Science and remain in it for so many years; she loved the animals and they were her first priority.

Throughout her struggles and challenges, Bette never lost sight of her devotion and commitment to being an advocate for those that could not fend for themselves—the animals. The recipients of this Award carry on the legacy of a true professional and compassionate colleague.

Nomination Application for the Bette J. Varnam Animal Technician of the Year

Name of Nominee: ____________________________________________________________

Employer: ________________________________________________________________

Submitted by: ____________________________________________________________

Provide a short sentence that best describes the nominee’s character that makes him/her deserving of this Award.

Demonstrated examples of exceptional performance by__________________________________________________________

Continues professional growth by__________________________________________________________

Shows concern for animal welfare by__________________________________________________________

Participated as a team player by__________________________________________________________

I think_________________________________ fulfills the spirit and intent and should receive this Award because he/she:__________________________________________________________