

## 2019 President's Award

*As presented by Doug Bechtel at the New Hampshire Audubon Annual Meeting, September 21, 2019.*

The President's Award recognizes a strong friend of NH Audubon whose actions and commitment have significantly furthered the work of the organization. The recipient of the 2019 award is Dr. Michael Dutton.

Dr. Dutton is a stalwart friend of NH Audubon who has provided invaluable service to our captive wildlife. His knowledge and experience with all kinds of animals has been indispensable. Early in his veterinary career he worked as a veterinarian for the former Bensons Animal Park in Hudson, NH. In 1992 he started the Weare Animal Hospital which he currently owns, as well as the Hopkinton Animal Hospital, and the Exotic and Bird Clinic of New England. He also spearheaded the creation of the Capital Area Veterinary Emergency Service (CAVES) in 2000.

Dr. Dutton completed four Specialist Board certifications approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA): canines and felines, birds, exotic mammals, and reptiles and amphibians. He is the only veterinarian in the world with four AVMA certifications. Dr. Dutton has used his vast knowledge to help NH Audubon care for its captive animals and birds, many of which have permanent long-term injuries.

Dr. Dutton has provided medical care and treatment of our raptors and other animals. He also conducts annual physicals and health certification for out permits. He has often donated his services or provided them at a reduced cost, helping us do more for wildlife.

He is an ambassador for the importance of animals to our health happiness. His community service extends beyond NH Audubon to Wings of the Dawn Wildlife Rehabilitation Center and Bird Sanctuary, NH Fish & Game, the Cub and Boy Scouts, the Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire and others.

Having healthy animals is critical for NH Audubon's environmental education efforts, helping us connect people to nature. Dr. Dutton is a key partner in helping us do that.

It is great honor to present NH Audubon's 2019 President's Award to Dr. Michael Dutton.



*Dr. Dutton (left) receiving the 2019 President's Award from NH Audubon President, Doug Bechtel.*

*Photo by Dyanna Smith.*

