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Canada's Accredited Zoos and Aquariums 2018 Award Winners

**Vancouver Aquarium recognized with two CAZA awards while
zoos in Toronto, Granby and Winnipeg also take home the hardware.**

Ottawa (September 17, 2018) — Accredited zoos and aquariums across Canada welcome millions of people to their facilities every year. This past weekend, their accrediting organization, Canada's Accredited Zoos and Aquariums, recognized their commitment to animal welfare, conservation, science and education.

2018 WINNERS

The [Vancouver Aquarium, Steller's Bay Exhibit](#) picked up the **Thomas R. Baines Award**. It recognizes outstanding achievement by an accredited institutional member in exhibit design, animal husbandry or education or for other significant contributions to the zoo and aquarium field.

[Toronto Zoo's Blanding's Turtle Head-starting and Reintroduction](#) program was recognized with the **Eleanore Oakes Award** given for outstanding achievement by an institutional member in exhibit design, animal husbandry or education or for other significant contributions to the zoo and aquarium field. The focus of this award is on projects of a smaller scope.

The [Granby Zoo's work in preserving and enhancing a local natural area, the Boisés-Miner](#), earned it the **Peter Karsten Conservation Award**, recognizing achievement in the field of conservation by CAZA member institutions or individual members in good standing.

The [Vancouver Aquarium's](#) work with Artic cod earned it the **Col. G.D. Dailey Award** that recognizes achievement in propagation and management programs in the animal collection of a member Zoo or Aquarium that contributes to the long-term survival of at-risk animal species or populations.

[Tony Guenther of the Greater Vancouver Zoo](#) was honoured with the **Zoo and Aquarium Professional Award**, a prize that recognizes innovation and significant contribution to the zoo and aquarium field by permanent staff employed at a CAZA institutional member.

The [Assiniboine Park Zoo's Toucan Ridge](#) received the **Animal Enrichment Award recognizing** creativity in the design and implementation of initiatives that foster enrichment for the animals in the collection of a member Zoo or Aquarium.

[Henny Bernards, a volunteer with the Toronto Zoo](#), was given the **Volunteer of the Year Award**, recognizing the valuable short- or long-term contributions a volunteer has made to a member Institution of CAZA.

CAZA congratulates all those who were nominated for their commitments to the important work in animal welfare, conservation, science and education and their dedication to CAZA's cause of connecting people to nature.

Founded in 1976, CAZA is the leading animal welfare standards-development organization in Canada. Its standards-development process includes expert opinions from researchers, biologists and academics to ensure the standards reflect the latest in animal-welfare research, organizational management and public-safety protocols. Through a science-based approach, CAZA's standards bridge the ethical concerns regarding zoos and aquariums. These standards are currently the only pan-Canadian set of standards mandating zoological facilities in the country.

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