



LETTER OF ASSOCIATION

BETWEEN

The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)
&
The Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA)
&
The Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE)

Agreed in December 2021

Whereas the parties involved are:

1. The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) and the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE) are three of the leading veterinary professional organisations in the Western World. Together they represent over 403,000 veterinarians in all disciplines of the veterinary profession;
2. The mission of the AVMA is to lead the veterinary medical profession by advocating for its members and advancing the science and practice of veterinary medicine to improve animal and human health;
3. The mission of the CVMA is to serve as the national and international voice for Canada's veterinarians, providing leadership and advocacy for veterinary medicine;
4. The mission of the FVE is to enhance animal health, animal welfare, public health, and the protection of the environment by promoting the veterinary profession. Together with its members, the FVE supports veterinarians in delivering their professional responsibilities to the best possible standard and ensures that veterinary expertise is recognised and valued by society.

Whereas the parties:

1. Believe that the three organisations can work in a collaborative manner towards the achievement of common goals and objectives;
2. Believe that each organisation can support the other in matters of fundamental importance for all;
3. Respect that each organisation might not fully share the other's vision or mission and that occasions might occur when each may decide not to support a particular position;
4. Recognise the relevant expertise, skills and strengths of each organisation.

All parties agree to:

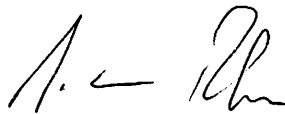
1. Work together towards the achievement of common goals and objectives, in particular in the following areas:
 - a. One Health: animal health and welfare, public health and environmental protection,
 - b. the advancement of veterinary education,
 - c. the advancement of veterinary science, and
 - d. the promotion of the veterinary medical profession.
2. Learn from each other, sharing experiences and best practices;
3. Invite a representative from the other organisations to attend Annual General meetings and other relevant meetings;
4. Maintain good communication with each other and provide each other with relevant information pertaining to the work of their respective organisation;
5. Work towards the development of joint position statements in order to speak as 'One Voice' on mutually agreed topics;
6. Collaborate, where appropriate and when possible, on developing comments on or input for international standards and guidance documents related to the veterinary profession (eg, such as those developed by the OIE or other intergovernmental organizations pertaining to animal health and welfare, One Health, veterinary education, etc);
7. Reevaluate this agreement at least every three years to ensure currency and relevancy and to update signatures if necessary.

Signed by:

On behalf of the AVMA

On behalf of the CVMA

On behalf of the FVE



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