



# ANNUAL WSAVA COMMITTEE REPORT

## 2018



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Global Veterinary Community

## Annual Report for the WSAVA Global Nutrition Committee

<i>Name of the Committee</i>	<b>Global Nutrition Committee</b>
<i>Name of the Committee (Co-)Chair(s)</i>	Gregg Takashima & Marge Chandler
<i>Name of the Committee Members</i>	Rachel Lumbis, Martin deScalley, Minna Rinkinen, Cecilia Villaverde, Lisa Weeth, Ping-Chih Teng and Adriana Lopez Quintana

### Mission/Tagline of the Committee

To improve awareness and education of pet nutrition, encourage routine nutritional assessments in the veterinary hospital, and to advance the key role of the veterinary team for nutritional information for optimal pet health

### Committee Activities of 2018

The WSAVA Global Nutrition Committee has continued on its course of promoting awareness in the veterinary and public sphere of the vital role of nutrition in optimum pet health, the importance of nutrition in the educational curricula, the need to perform a nutritional assessment for every patient as a vital part of patient care, and to advance the role of the veterinary team as the expert source for optimal pet nutrition.

This past year, our committee has been involved in over 31 nutritional presentations around the globe, including an all-day veterinary track and a 3-hour technician/nurses talk at the WSAVA Singapore Congress. Presentations have been to veterinarians, veterinary nurses and technicians, and students around the world. A brief review of places where we have presented include Finland, England, British Columbia, Peru, Zimbabwe, Taiwan, China, Japan, Mexico, Spain, and the USA.

Usage of information on the GNC Toolkit remains high, with at least 12 publications citing or displaying such information this past year, (Feline Focus, Veterinary Times, Consulta de Diffusion Veterinaria, Veterinary Nurse, AAVN newsletter, Vetted, Vet Record).

In addition, we continue to receive requests for usage for our Toolkit, with 15 requests this year. Again, the requests are quite diverse and include Reference books (Handbook of Feline Endocrinology, The Cat, Cotes Clinical Veterinary Advisor: Dogs and Cats, Obesity in Dogs and Cats), to a phone app, several brochures, a master's thesis in Portugal, a Standards and Guidelines publication out of Western Australia, a joint disease study in Sweden, a Swedish kennel club, Senior pet handouts, and articles for the American J of Veterinary Research, to name a few.

The GNC had a productive all-day meeting after the Singapore world congress. We reviewed our accomplishments and ongoing and new projects for the future. Our Key Action Plans:

Continue translations of our Toolkit as requested by many, continue to assess our website for ease of use, work on voice over for some of our instructional videos and produce additional instructional videos, work to produce additional tools on understanding food labels, work to publish our surveys once statistical analysis completed, explore collaboration

with the One Health Committee on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) and diets, especially raw foods, and also explore a replication of the Australian Veterinary Associations PetFAST adverse diet tracking tool.

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### Priorities for 2019

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