AN INTRODUCTION TO THE WSAVA

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The World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA) represents more than 200,000 veterinarians worldwide through its 113 member associations.

We aim to advance the health and welfare of companion animals throughout the world through activities based in four key areas:

- The advancement of companion animal welfare
- The creation of globally relevant ‘Standardization Guidelines’ in key areas of veterinary care
- The provision of continuing education (CE) for companion animal veterinarians globally
- Increasing understanding of the importance of companion animals in the One Health movement
WSAVA ACTIVITIES

Much of our work is delivered through our clinical committees, which focus on raising standards in key areas of veterinary care.

Our committees, experts in their field from around the world who give their time voluntarily to support us, work together to develop WSAVA Guidelines, information, tools and other educational resources to support companion animal veterinarians. They also advocate for veterinarians globally on key issues, such as animal welfare, professional wellness, and equal access to veterinary therapeutics.

**PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Supporting our work through partnership shows leadership and builds awareness of brands among a veterinary audience segmented by clinical area, geographic region or both. The support we receive from our industry partners enable us to deliver on our goals so we aim to ensure that partners receive the best possible return on their investment.

We work with them to develop packages that are tailored to their individual requirements to ensure a long lasting and mutually beneficial relationship. We are also happy to work with partners on new ideas and approaches that contribute positively to the development of our educated, committed and collaborative global community of veterinary peers.
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And help us turn our mission into global action

BY PARTNERING WITH WSAVA YOU WILL BE DIRECTLY SUPPORTING OUR WORK AND WILL:

Highlight your brand to 113 WSAVA member associations and more than 200,000 practicing veterinarians globally

Benefit from opportunities to forge direct relationships with member associations and individual veterinarians at WSAVA events globally and regionally

Benefit from our tailored sponsor promotion and recognition program

OUR COMMITTEES:

Carry out activities that provide continuing professional development to our members

Uphold the integrity and relevance of WSAVA to its members and the global health community
Marge Chandler – Co-Chair Global Nutrition Committee

Gregg Takashima – Co-Chair
GLOBAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE

FUNCTION

With many patients globally receiving poor quality or unbalanced nutrition, the Global Nutrition Committee (GNC) aims to promote the importance of nutrition and to equip veterinarians with the tools they need to educate pet owners. It also works to promote the importance of nutritional assessments and recommendations to every pet at every visit to the clinic.

VISION & MISSION

Good nutrition enhances the quality and quantity of a pet’s life. The GNC’s vision is to help the veterinary healthcare team and the public understand the importance of nutrition in companion animal health by providing an expert source of accurate nutritional information and recommendation.

PRIORITIES FOR 2020

Tool development, nutritional assessment awareness, importance of nutrition for optimal health

Toolkit Development:
- Pet-food ingredient and analysis tool
- How to place a naso-gastric feeding tube video
- How to place an esophageal feeding tube video
- Raw foods infographic tool

Updating of Tool: “Selecting the best food for your pet”

Final edits of nutritional assessment survey results prior to publication

Giving an nutritional and gastrointestinal talk at the 2020 IVSA congress

Delivering a full day of clinical nutrition lectures at WSAVA Congress Warsaw 2020 in addition to three hours of talks for nurses/technicians.
Michael Lappin – Chair, One Health Committee
ONE HEALTH COMMITTEE

FUNCTION

One Health proposes the unification of the medical and veterinary professions with the establishment of collaborative ventures in clinical care, surveillance and control of cross-species disease, education, and research into disease pathogenesis, diagnosis, therapy and vaccination.

VISION & MISSION

‘One Health’ recognizes that human health is connected to the health of animals and the environment so unites the medical and veterinary professions to develop joint solutions. The WSAVA One Health Committee (OHC) works specifically to ensure the prominence of the small companion animal–human interface within the global One Health agenda.

PRIORITIES FOR 2020

- Developing its recently launched One Health Certificate Course
- Hosting a pre-Congress day in collaboration with the Animal Welfare and Wellness Committee at WSAVA Congress Warsaw 2020. It will focus on domestic violence
- Delivering a full day of lectures at WSAVA Congress
- Planning a series of lectures for American Family Physicians lectures.
ANIMAL WELLNESS AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

FUNCTION
To promote advances in animal welfare and wellness around the world

VISION & MISION
The Animal Wellness and Welfare Committee (AWWC) aims to ensure that welfare issues are an everyday consideration for small animal practitioners and that the WSAVA is a proactive and respected partner within international welfare circles, combining advocacy with mutual respect and consensus-building amongst partners.

PRIORITIES FOR 2020

Animal Welfare Guidelines
- Raising awareness of increasing the accessibility of the WSAVA Animal Welfare Global Guidelines for Companion Animal Practitioners and the Veterinary Team
- Train the trainers program

Capacity building for animal welfare
- WSAVA Congress AW stream
- Shelter medicine workshop – post WSAVA congress, Poland.
- Domestic Violence workshop (with One Health Committee)
- Develop a position statement
- Conduct workshop in Poland together with One Health committee

Animal welfare issues
- Identify issues through membership survey
- Developing position statements and work on animal welfare issues: Mutilations / cosmetic surgeries, Disaster management, Domestic violence and pets, Early-age neutering, DPM, dog meat trade, online trade and puppy mills
- Forming alliances with other WSAVA Committees: Pets and Domestic Violence (with OHC), Breeding (HDC), Humane euthanasia drugs (TGG), train the trainer initiatives (CE)
- Forming alliances with international partners: Enhance welfare in practice (Fear Free), Disaster management (WAP), dog/cat population management (ICAM)
CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE

FUNCTION

The Continuing Education Committee (CEC) provides post graduate education across five continents and in more than 41 countries. It encourages learning and professional development for companion animal practitioners and assists member associations in developing their own CE programs.

VISION & MISSION

Education is key to the future development of the profession globally. The CEC supports global companion animal veterinary education by bringing relevant and practical CE to veterinarians in countries in which the discipline is still developing and resources are limited.

PRIORITIES FOR 2020

- Transitioning its CE events from being 100% face to face to being 50% face to face and 50% digital

- Developing its face to face events to include a 'train the trainer' in each.

- Developing digital courses

- Working to create a basic curriculum of minimum educational standards
Brook Niemiec – Co-Chair, Global Dental Committee

Jerzy Gawor – Co-Chair
GLOBAL DENTAL COMMITTEE

FUNCTION

To raise global standards in the diagnosis and treatment of dental disease in companion animals

VISION & MISSION

Dental disease is the most common medical condition in small animal practice. The Global Dental Committees vision is that all veterinarians understand the importance of proper dental care and are equipped to communicate its importance effectively to their clients.

PRIORITIES FOR 2020

- Developing a lecture stream for WSAVA Congress 2020 in Warsaw
- Developing lecture programs for China India and Georgia
- Creating toolkits to support the adoption of the WSAVA Global Dental Guidelines
GLOBAL PAIN COUNCIL

FUNCTION

The Global Pain Council (GPC) is working to eliminate the “pain incidence-pain treatment gap” caused by the wide variation in pain assessment and pain management, around the world.

VISION & MISION

The ability to experience pain is shared by all mammals, including companion animals. It is our duty to mitigate this suffering to the best of our ability. The GPC is working to create an empowered, motivated and unified veterinary profession that effectively recognizes and minimizes the prevalence and impact of pain.

PRIORITIES FOR 2020

- Training the first students selected for its ‘Teach the Teacher’ scholarships
- Translating its Global Pain Treatise
- Developing a series of capsule videos on pain management
- Delivering a full days of lectures at WSAVA 2020 in Warsaw
- Publishing a capsule series of articles on pain management
Nienke Endenburg – Co-Chair, Professional Wellness Group

Derick Chibeu – Co-Chair
FUNCTION

The Professional Wellness Group (PWG) offers guidance and assists veterinarians in promoting professional wellness in their practice.

VISION & MISSION

In the light of mounting concern as to the impact on veterinary professional of their demanding working environment, the PWG is working to improve the health and wellbeing of veterinarians, para-veterinarians and all members of the veterinary team.

PRIORITIES FOR 2020

- Finalizing a comprehensive list of high quality wellness resources for the use of WSAVA members around the world and offer them on wsava.org
- Delivering a full day of lectures at WSAVA 2020 Congress in Warsaw
- Developing the first set of global Wellness Guidelines
- Publishing the results of the PWG’s 2019 global wellness survey in a peer reviewed journal
HEREDITARY DISEASE COMMITTEE

FUNCTION

As many of the characteristic breed traits and common and rare genetic diseases seen in veterinary practice are now recognized to have a heritable basis the Hereditary Disease Committee (HDC) is tasked to support veterinary healthcare teams to treat patients and advise owners and breeders in order to reduce suffering caused by these diseases.

VISION & MISSION

The HDC is working to develop readily accessible, comprehensive and up to date resources on hereditary disease testing and management in companion animals.

PRIORITIES FOR 2020

- Continuing to develop veterinary practitioner and student education on hereditary diseases, genetic testing and genetic counselling in pet and breeding cats and dogs
- Enhancing engagement with specialty colleges on hereditary diseases, genetic testing and genetic counselling
- Providing resources and advice on specific issues including commercialization of genetic tests and offering recommendations for genetic testing, and genetic counselling in pet and breeding dogs and cats
- Supporting a WSAVA sponsored genetic disease/genetic testing database for both dogs and cats. Working with the International Partnership for Dogs on issues concerning hereditary diseases, genetic testing and genetic counselling
- Fostering feline veterinary, breeder and animal health foundation engagement on hereditary diseases, genetic testing and genetic counselling
- Delivering half a day of lectures at WSAVA Congress 2020 Warsaw
VACCINATION GUIDELINES GROUP

FUNCTION

The Vaccination Guidelines Group (VGG) provides evidence-based scientific advice to the global veterinary profession on optimum vaccination practice for dogs and cats.

VISION & MISSION

With much debate as to the most effective vaccination protocols in recent years the VGG is working to ensure that the welfare of dogs and cats is enhanced by protecting them from vaccine-preventable infectious disease according to the most recent evidence-based guidelines.

PRIORITIES FOR 2020

- Publishing and disseminating its Vaccination Guidelines for Latin America
- Analysing the results of its vaccination hesitancy survey and presenting the results
- Starting work on its Phase VI Project: a revision of the WSAVA's Global Vaccination Guidelines, with view to publishing them in 2021.
- Committee members will continue to deliver continuing education in vaccinology throughout the world.
THERAPEUTICS GUIDELINES GROUP

FUNCTION
The Therapeutic Guidelines Group (TGG) leads the WSAVA’s work to ensure that all companion animal veterinarians, have open access to the veterinary medicines they need to provide a high standard of care to their patients. It is also responsible for the delivery of evidence-based recommendations and guidelines that support this and other issues related to veterinary therapeutics.

VISION & MISSION
The mission of the TGG is to ensure best practices for the selection and use of medicines including their quality, availability and responsible use in companion animals while engaging participation of stakeholders and the WSAVA Global Community under the concept of One Health.

PRIORITIES FOR 2020

- Launching the WSAVA’s list of Essential Medicines during WSAVA Congress in Warsaw and driving forward the dissemination of this List
- Create a newsletter containing TGG news and information related to the use of antimicrobials and drug availability
- Conducting and analyzing a global survey on drug availability based on the List of Essential Medicines
- Collating all currently available guidelines relating to antimicrobial use in companion animals and offering them via the TGG homepage on wsava.org
- Preparing a position paper addressing the methodology for developing and implementing evidence-based antimicrobial use, the importance of national guidelines, priority topics for future guidelines, and research needs to improve the quality of evidence.
- Developing an online course with interactive, multidisciplinary modules involving common clinical cases and highlighting the responsible use of antimicrobials
- Performing a pilot study to assess the quality of selected essential medicinal products on a global scale

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OUR MISSION

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PLEASE JOIN US

We invite you to join our WSAVA community. It is your opportunity to help us create a unified voice for companion animal veterinary professionals globally and to increase standards of care for companion animals around the world.

Your participation will help us to support the current and future needs of our members and the companion animals under their care.
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