

## WSAVA Hereditary Disease Committee

### Job Description for Members

Deadline: September 6<sup>th</sup> 2021

The WSAVA Hereditary Disease Committee (HDC) is seeking two (2) new members to join the committee:

- An active practitioner or clinician who is an expert on **feline hereditary disease**.
- An active practitioner or clinician who is an expert or has a developed interest in **companion animal hereditary disease**.

The WSAVA Hereditary Disease Committee has the following goals:

- 🐾 Facilitate clinician diagnosis, treatment and control of hereditary diseases and genetic predispositions in dogs and cats, thereby improving the health of patients now and in future generations.
- 🐾 Create a web-based information system on hereditary diseases and genetic predispositions, and also other genetic traits.
- 🐾 Focus on clinical information, such as clinical signs, course of disease, diagnostic tests, therapy and genetic control relevant to the clinician.
- 🐾 Include specific information from national and international organizations regarding guidelines in the future.
- 🐾 Provide and facilitate scientific information on the genetic health of purebred and mixed-breed dogs and cats to educate veterinarians, breeders, breed organizations, governmental agencies, and the public.
- 🐾 Provide and facilitate continuing education on practical and novel clinical genetic aspects at the WSAVA conferences and other international & national conferences as well as on the web.



For more information, visit [the HDC page on the WSAVA website](#).

### Expectations of the HDC Member




- 🐾 The candidate should be an active practitioner or clinician with experience and desire in dealing with companion animal hereditary disease. Advanced qualification in genetics, productive research, and/or publication in peer-reviewed journals will be considered positively but is not a requirement.
- 🐾 Ideally, the candidate will also be a member of a WSAVA association. However, exceptions may be made to allow for required expertise.
- 🐾 The candidate should be knowledgeable about and willing to work closely with international organizations.
- 🐾 The candidate needs to make themselves available to participate in periodic HDC meetings including virtual/online and face-to-face meetings as deemed necessary by the committee and chair.
- 🐾 The candidate needs to be willing to work on HDC projects towards the improvement of genetic health of companion animals.



## Term of Office

-  **Hours/week:** typical time requirement is 1-2 hours per week
-  **Term:** 3 years, with the possibility to renew once.

## Application Process

-  Applicant must provide:
  - *Curriculum Vitae*
  - *Letter of Intent*
  - [Application Form \(completed\)](#)
  - *Photograph*
  - *Letter of Support from WSAVA Member Association\**
-  Applications should be sent to the WSAVA Secretariat [[admin@wsava.org](mailto:admin@wsava.org)]
-  Applications should be submitted before **September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

*\*All nominees for membership of any WSAVA committee/group are required to provide a letter of Good Standing from the WSAVA member organisation of which they are a member. This requirement does not apply to nominees who are not members of a WSAVA organisation (e.g. non-veterinarians) whose expertise may be necessary for specialist committees/groups. A person of Good Standing is defined as someone who has complied with all explicit obligations of the association and who is not subject to any form of sanction, suspension or disciplinary censure. This letter is not a recommendation from the association that the nominee is the best person for the position. WSAVA committee positions are not chosen by member organisations - the Committee Chair ultimately decides on the best candidate for the position and the choice is ratified by the Leadership and Nominations Committee and the Executive Board. This letter indicates only that the WSAVA member association has no objection to the nomination.*

