

ANNUAL REPORT

2025

**Transforming
Care Together**



WELCOME from our President

As we reflect on the past year, I am proud to present the 2025 Annual Report of the World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA). Over the past 12 months, our global community has continued to grow in strength and purpose, advancing our shared commitment to supporting veterinary professionals and improving companion animal care worldwide.

This has been a year of significant progress across our work. Together, we have strengthened educational programmes, expanded our global reach and deepened the partnerships that make our activities possible. I extend my sincere thanks to our Member Associations, volunteers, partners and the WSAVA team for their dedication and collaboration.

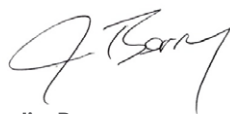
Among the highlights of 2025 was the launch of the new WSAVA Academy, alongside Regional Member Forums in Abu Dhabi and Rio de Janeiro, and continuing education initiatives delivered in 17 countries. We also launched the Future Veterinary Association Leader Programme to help association leaders strengthen their skills and guide their organizations through change, reinforcing our commitment to accessible, high-quality professional development worldwide.

Each initiative reflects our ongoing commitment to accessible, high-quality learning and professional support worldwide.

Our World Congress in Rio de Janeiro was another defining moment, bringing together more than 5,200 colleagues to exchange knowledge, reconnect and celebrate our shared purpose.

We have also strengthened our organisational foundations through new committees focused on strategic planning, advocacy and communications, and professional standards, helping ensure WSAVA remains well positioned for the future.

Looking ahead to 2026 and our next World Congress in Warsaw, we remain committed to supporting our members, advancing education and strengthening our global voice, while preparing to launch our new 2027+ impact strategy later in the year. Thank you for being part of this journey.



Jim Berry,
WSAVA President



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PURPOSE, VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

We are committed to advancing global veterinary care for companion animals, ensuring their optimal health and welfare by educating and fostering collaboration among veterinary professionals.



WSAVA VALUES

- Always act with integrity.
- Be passionate and professional in delivering its activities.
- Be engaging to all – veterinary professionals, stakeholders, and pet owners.
- Empower its members to be the best they can be.



Purpose

We aim to advance the health and welfare of companion animals and to advocate on behalf of companion animal veterinarians—and, increasingly, the wider veterinary team—globally.

We are committed to advancing veterinary care through the creation and implementation of global standards, as we understand the importance of collaboration and advocacy in our work to support the critical role played by veterinary professionals in improving companion animals' lives worldwide.

Vision

We envision a world where all companion animals worldwide receive veterinary care that ensures their optimal health and welfare.

This vision reflects our aspiration for equity in veterinary care, emphasizing the need for universal access to high standards of treatment regardless of geographic, economic or social barriers. Throughout our partnerships with member associations in over 100 countries, we work to establish guidelines, provide education and facilitate collaboration to turn this vision into a reality.

Mission

To advance the health and welfare of companion animals worldwide through an educated, committed, and collaborative global veterinary community.

We offer comprehensive educational initiatives, such as certifications in pain management and veterinary business development, and campaign for critical changes like antimicrobial resistance awareness. We seek to leverage partnerships with industry leaders and global organizations, providing resources to empower veterinary teams to meet the challenges of modern practice.

Values

We operate with a commitment to collaboration, advocacy, and the development of standards and resources that empower the veterinary team, enhancing animal care worldwide.

We are committed to inclusivity, transparency and excellence, ensuring a proactive approach to the challenges facing companion animal veterinary care. Our dedication to sustainability, equity and innovation underpin all our initiatives, from developing environmental accreditation frameworks to creating accessible educational content for underserved regions.



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I founded Canine Arthritis Management to make evidence-based information about arthritis and chronic pain accessible to everyone who cares for dogs. What started in 2016 as a small grassroots initiative has grown into a global community united by a shared goal: improving the lives of dogs living with pain. I'm truly honoured to receive the WSAVA Companion Animal Welfare Award, as it reflects the extraordinary work of the CAM team and the support we've received over the past 12 years. I hope this recognition helps bring even greater attention to pain in our companion animals.”

HANNAH CAPON,

recipient of the WSAVA Companion
Animal Welfare Award 2025

MEET OUR PEOPLE

WSAVA is, above all, a community. It is built by the people who give their time, expertise, and energy every day, from the clinicians and specialists who shape guidelines and education, to the association leaders who keep veterinary organisations moving forward; to the Executive Committee and countless volunteers working behind the scenes.

Across regions, disciplines, and cultures, this shared commitment connects people who believe in better care, stronger collaboration, and a more supportive profession.

Together, this global community is what turns ideas into action and makes lasting progress possible for animals, owners, and veterinary teams everywhere.





OUR COMMITTEES

Operating at the forefront of companion animal practice, WSAVA's **Specialist Committees** bring together veterinary professionals committed to advancing global standards and improving care worldwide.

Animal Welfare Committee

- Works for continuous improvement in animal welfare through awareness, guidelines and capacity building. In 2025, output included a joint factsheet produced with the World Veterinary Association on dog and cat welfare during transport.

Dental Committee

- Advances veterinary dentistry globally, with a focus on education. A recent social media initiative with the International Veterinary Students Association (IVSA) supports veterinary students by clarifying

career pathways, common dental diseases and the wider welfare importance of oral health.

Hereditary Disease Committee

- Promotes the healthy breeding of dogs and cats to control the increase in hereditary diseases and genetic predispositions in dogs and cats. In 2025, they expanded engagement through the WSAVA Podcast, featuring expert-led episodes on the diagnosis, treatment and control of hereditary diseases, alongside practical insights to support clinical decision-making in everyday practice.



Nutrition

- Raises awareness of the central role of nutrition in companion animal health by providing evidence-based guidelines, tools and education to support veterinary teams in delivering tailored nutritional assessments and advice as a core part of everyday clinical care.

Oncology Committee

- Supports best practice in cancer diagnosis and care through education and collaboration. Resources include fact sheets, webinars and journal partnerships.

One Health

- Advocates for an understanding of the companion animal–human interface within the One Health agenda, raising awareness of the links between animal, human and

environmental health, helping bridge gaps between veterinary and human healthcare perspectives.

Pain Committee

- Educates veterinary professionals in pain identification and management. Delivered the 2025 Pain Awareness Month campaign, sharing videos, infographics and educational content to support better pain recognition and management, promoting multimodal approaches to improve patient welfare.

Professional Wellness Committee

- Fosters the mental and physical wellbeing of veterinary professionals worldwide. Completed the first PROVETWELL Fellowship cycle for early-career veterinarians in Tanzania and launched Professional Wellness

Guidelines with practical recommendations to support wellbeing across the profession.

Reproduction Control

- Provides veterinary teams with up-to-date knowledge on reproduction management, developing global guidelines and educational resources on surgical and non-surgical approaches to promote informed, science-based decision-making and consistent standards of reproductive care worldwide.

Standards Steering Committee

- Leads the development of Essential Standards for Companion Animal Veterinary Practices. A global survey was created to gather input from veterinary professionals to ensure that upcoming standards reflect

diverse regional needs and support consistent, high-quality care.

Therapeutics Committee

- Develops practical, evidence-based guidance on the responsible use of medicines. Current priorities include strengthening antimicrobial stewardship with WOA and ensuring recommendations remain aligned with emerging science and One Health principles.

Vaccination Committee

- Advances global vaccination standards through regional initiatives, including work in Sub-Saharan Africa. The 2025 Michael J. Day Scholarship was awarded to research on dog vaccination and rabies immunity in Ethiopia.

WSAVA's Standing Committees support and advise the Executive Board, providing guidance on governance matters, analysing key organisational areas and overseeing long-term projects.

Advocacy and Communications Committee

- Strengthens WSAVA's global voice by shaping advocacy and communication strategies. The committee develops campaigns, builds partnerships and advises on priorities, helping increase visibility and drive coordinated action to advance companion animal veterinary care worldwide.

Education Committee

- Leads the development of clinical and non-clinical education, ensuring high-quality, relevant learning across regions. It identifies needs, oversees programmes and supports global delivery, reinforcing WSAVA's role as a leader in continuing veterinary education.

Financial Advisory Committee

- Supports financial oversight by advising the Executive Board on planning, reporting and policy. It monitors financial health, reviews budgets and investment strategies, and helps ensure resources are managed responsibly and in line with best practice.

Membership and Nomination Committee

- Advances WSAVA's mission by mapping capability needs across its committees, overseeing fair nomination processes and evaluating member applications. It also contributes to succession planning and recognises excellence through WSAVA awards.

Strategic Advisory Committee

- Identifies global trends shaping veterinary practice, prioritises key issues and advises the Executive Board on strategic responses, ensuring WSAVA remains proactive, aligned and responsive to emerging clinical and non-clinical developments.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The **WSAVA Executive Board** provides strategic leadership, overseeing governance, financial sustainability, and policy development. The **Secretariat** manages daily operations, supporting committees, advancing member and partner relations, coordinating global initiatives, and ensuring efficient resource allocation.

EXECUTIVE BOARD



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Caribbean*



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Chief Communications
Officer



Joyce Dao
Finance Officer



Barun Mohanty
Education and Support
Administrator



Lolita Bizune
Chief Partnership Officer

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Taking on the role of Chief Partnership Officer feels incredibly exciting and genuinely fulfilling. WSAVA's impact around the world depends so much on the strength of its partnerships, and being able to care for those relationships is something I'm really passionate about. I'm also very aware of the challenge ahead: making communication work better between partners, committees, and the wider community. There's so much good work happening, and helping those connections flow more naturally is what motivates me and makes me look forward to each week.”

LOLITA BIZUNE,
Chief Partnership Officer





STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

To put our Vision and Mission into practice, we are advancing four community-focused **Strategic Priorities** alongside one internal priority that supports progress across our work.



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I'm excited to be part of a dynamic and committed team working to develop essential clinical and non-clinical standards to support improvements in the quality of companion animal veterinary practice worldwide. We hope to build a flexible, accessible framework that veterinary teams can use in different settings and regions, a resource that responds to shared challenges and supports ongoing progress in everyday practice.”

ROCHELLE LOW,

Chair of the Standards Steering Committee

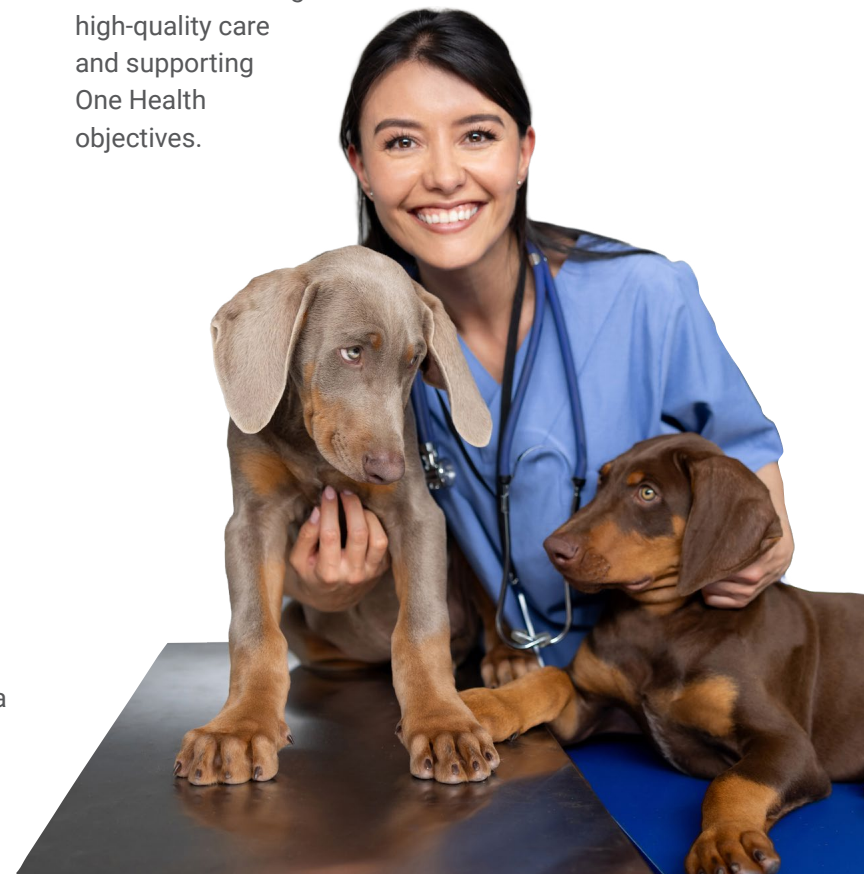
Setting standards for companion veterinary animal practice

In 2025, WSAVA continued to strengthen its Global Guidelines and Essential Standards framework to support companion animal veterinarians worldwide. Revised Dental Guidelines were completed and are currently in publication, reinforcing best practice in veterinary dentistry and promoting consistent standards of care. New Zoonoses Guidelines are underway to support veterinary teams in the prevention and management of zoonotic diseases, with publication expected in 2026.

The Standards Steering Committee focused on the development of the Global Standards for Companion Animal Veterinary Practice (ESCAVP), overseeing a structured framework designed to provide practical, globally relevant benchmarks for clinical and operational excellence.

This work is complemented by the Michael J. Day Scholarship, which supports research in infectious diseases and vaccination: in 2025, it was awarded to a researcher in Ethiopia for a study on dog vaccination and rabies immunity.

Additional resources, including fact sheets, videos and infographics, are also in development to facilitate in-clinic application. Collectively, these initiatives reinforce the role of veterinary teams in advancing high-quality care and supporting One Health objectives.



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We're really grateful to WSAVA for supporting our continuing education work, enabling us to connect with leading experts and create opportunities for learning and exchange within our veterinary community. These moments bring people together, strengthen collaboration, and build shared understanding. They also remind us that we're all working together to improve care for animals.”

ILIR KUSI,

Member Representative Albanian
Veterinary Society

Personal and professional development for the companion animal veterinary team

In 2025, WSAVA strengthened its commitment to accessible, high-quality education through its January re-launch of the WSAVA Academy. The updated platform offers a structured portfolio of webinars, microlearning resources and cohort-based certificate programmes, developed in collaboration with WSAVA committees and subject matter experts to support both clinical excellence and professional growth.

Educational reach was expanded through Regional Continuing Education Grants, supporting local training initiatives, and the WSAVA Webinar Series, delivering practical, case-based learning worldwide.

In addition, a new Essentials course was developed in Neurology, designed to deliver concise, practical guidance in core clinical areas.

The WSAVA Podcast was launched to extend educational outreach, with its first season focusing on hereditary diseases in dogs and cats.

In-person engagement remained central, including workshops delivered during the World Congress in Rio de Janeiro.

Together, these initiatives help reduce disparities in educational access and support veterinary teams worldwide.



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It was a real privilege to take part in the WOAHA General Assembly last May. We valued the opportunity to highlight the importance of vaccination and responsible antimicrobial use in companion animals before an international audience of policymakers. WSAVA has a critical role to play in making sure the small animal perspective is heard and understood. Bringing companion animals into these high-level conversations helps ensure they are not overlooked and strengthens the broader One Health dialogue.”

FERGUS ALLERTON,

Co-chair of the Therapeutics Committee

Advocacy and campaigning for change

In 2025, WSAVA continued to build momentum behind its advocacy work, strengthening the voice of companion animal veterinary teams within the global One Health conversation. Collaboration with the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) remained central, a long-standing partnership that reflects a shared commitment to responsible antimicrobial stewardship and to supporting policymakers seeking practical, evidence-based solutions.

WSAVA hosted a webinar during World AMR Awareness Week on responsible antibiotic use in veterinary dentistry, and a Side Event during the WOAHA General Session that was organised by the Therapeutics Committee on containing AMR in companion animals. Senior WSAVA and WOAHA experts discussed vaccination, essential medicines, the findings from the global survey on the safe disposal of veterinary medicinal products (VMPs) and the latest news on standards.

A key milestone during the year was the launch of the Advocacy and Communications Advisory Committee, set up to enhance WSAVA's global impact. The Committee helps to develop clear policy positions and coordinate campaigns and strategic alliances that amplify the profession's contribution worldwide



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Strengthening the WSAVA community

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It was a genuine pleasure to attend the meeting in Abu Dhabi. The conversations were thoughtful and open, and they created valuable connections between member associations and partners. I especially appreciated the chance to share ideas and practical experiences, exchanges that felt both constructive and energising. I'm looking forward to continuing the dialogue and building on the strong sense of collaboration that emerged from the gathering.”

SHEREEN AL-KAZAZ,

(Bahrain & Saudi Arabia) attended the Abu Dhabi Forum

In 2025, our focus remained clear: listen closely, connect meaningfully and strengthen the sense of community across our global membership.

A highlight of the year was the Regional Member Forum in Abu Dhabi, which brought together associations from North Africa and the Middle East. The conversations were open and energetic. Delegates spoke of feeling “excited” and “connected,” while also sharing real challenges, such as regulatory inconsistencies, heavy workloads, limited continuing education opportunities and the need for stronger regional collaboration.

Alongside our World Congress in Rio de Janeiro, we held a Regional Member Forum for Latin America. Sessions focused on governance, communication, specialist accreditation pathways and collaboration with the World Organisation for Animal Health, among others. Interactive workshops encouraged frank discussion between participants on succession planning, membership engagement and administrative capacity.

To support inclusive participation, WSAVA continued its travel grant programme, enabling Member Association representatives—particularly from low- and middle-income countries—to attend the Congress and General Assembly.

We also launched our Future Association Leader Programme as part of our association leadership building capabilities, receiving 47 applications for 25 places. The programme aims to help veterinary associations worldwide become more resilient and forward-looking.



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Investing in our enabling factors

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During 2025, our priority was to listen, review, and diagnose so that we could understand where our systems enable success and where they unintentionally create pressure or delay. By mapping capacity and identifying bottlenecks, we are now prepared to implement practical improvements from 2026 forward, creating better conditions for our team and volunteers to thrive.”

RICHARD CASEY,
Executive Director

In 2025, we continued strengthening the structures that underpin WSAVA's long-term sustainability and effectiveness.

A key development was the launch of the Strategic Advisory Committee (SAC). Established to help WSAVA remain forward-looking and responsive, the SAC monitors emerging clinical and non-clinical trends shaping companion animal veterinary practice worldwide. By analysing risks and opportunities, from technological innovation to evolving regulatory and client expectations, the Committee provides strategic insight and data-based recommendations to the Executive Board, helping ensure that our education, advocacy and resources remain relevant and impactful.

Governance capability was further reinforced through targeted training for the Executive Board and Office Team, alongside a review of roles and responsibilities to ensure alignment with our strategic priorities.

We also strengthened our partnerships function with the appointment of a Chief Partnerships Officer, responsible for stewarding relationships with corporate and philanthropic supporters and developing a sustainable growth plan for diversified income streams, including the continued expansion of the WSAVA Academy.

Looking ahead, a comprehensive roadmap for 2027 and beyond is in development to guide our next phase of growth and global impact.



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Working with WSAVA’s amazing staff, volunteers, speakers, and corporate partners has been a truly rewarding experience. Together, we’ve delivered high-quality scientific content that supports veterinarians and veterinary technicians and helps improve companion animal care worldwide. The WSAVA community means a great deal to me, and I’m excited to keep contributing through the guidelines groups as we continue advancing WSAVA’s mission.”

JANE SYKES,
winner of the Outstanding Volunteer
Award 2025



OUTREACH

Building community through connection

Outreach is central to how WSAVA builds and sustains a truly global community. By listening closely and creating spaces for exchange, the Association ensures that voices from every region help shape its work. Member Forums play a key role, bringing veterinary leaders together to share experiences, address common challenges and develop solutions grounded in regional realities.

This focus on connection is matched by targeted support. Programmes such as the Future Association Leader Programme help develop leadership capacity, strengthening associations from within.

In parallel, the WSAVA Academy provides accessible, evidence-based education for veterinary professionals worldwide.

At the same time, global resources such as the Principles of Wellness translate veterinary best practice into clear, practical language, supporting both professionals and pet owners.

By tailoring its approach to regional needs and fostering collaboration across borders, WSAVA turns a diverse network into a connected community working together to advance companion animal health and welfare worldwide.





Changing the world for small animals and their owners

In June 2025, WSAVA launched the Principles of Wellness toolkit with HealthForAnimals, a new global resource designed to help dog and cat owners take a more informed, proactive role in caring for their pets' health.

The Principles of Wellness provide clear, science-based guidance across six essential areas of care: primary care, nutrition, dermatology, parasite control, vaccination, and welfare.

The toolkit is designed to support pet owners at every life stage, offering practical advice on what can be done at home and what should be discussed with a veterinary professional as part of a personalised wellness plan.

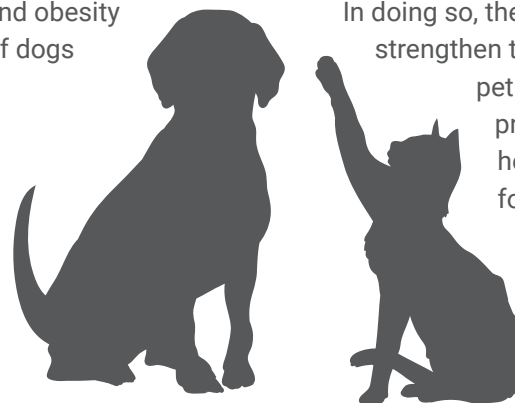
The launch responds to ongoing challenges in companion animal health. Many pets do not show clear signs of illness until conditions are advanced, while preventable issues remain common.

Studies show that one in five dogs tested at parks had internal parasites, vaccination rates have declined in some regions, and obesity affects a significant proportion of dogs and cats.

The Principles of Wellness address these risks by encouraging preventive care, regular veterinary check-ups, and early intervention.

By translating veterinary best practice into accessible language, the toolkit helps owners recognise changes in behaviour, appetite, skin, or coat, understand the importance of balanced nutrition and parasite protection, and engage more effectively with their veterinarian.

In doing so, the Principles of Wellness strengthen the partnership between pet owners and veterinary professionals, supporting healthier, longer lives for companion animals worldwide.





Listening to our global community

WSAVA's Member Forums are a key way for the Association to stay closely connected to its global membership and ensure regional perspectives directly inform its work. Hosted in one of WSAVA's regions, these two-day forums bring together WSAVA leadership and member association representatives to share insights, discuss challenges, and identify practical, region-specific solutions. The forums also include focused sessions on association governance, leadership, and management.

In 2025, WSAVA held Member Forums in both Latin America and the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), each highlighting the opportunities and pressures facing companion animal veterinary practice.

While the World Member Forum held in Rio de Janeiro brought people together to discuss the future direction of WSAVA, the Regional Member Forum held there centred on strengthening associations from within. Both opportunities highlighted the importance of clear communication and committee participation.

Interactive exercises, always included in Forum programming, encouraged open discussion on topics such as declining membership, succession planning, and administrative support, participants find practical ways to strengthen engagement. Sessions also explored external challenges, including inconsistent international pet travel regulations and emerging ideas around specialist accreditation.

The MENA Member Forum offered a detailed snapshot of a fast-evolving veterinary landscape. Delegates highlighted growing demand for companion animal care alongside challenges such as regulatory inconsistency, limited continuing education, workload pressures, and the need to strengthen trust and communication between pet owners and veterinary professionals. Surveys and live polling provided valuable insights to help WSAVA tailor future support.

Across both regional events, a consistent message emerged: local veterinary communities want more connection, shared learning, and practical guidance. By listening closely, WSAVA's Member Forums continue to strengthen associations, foster collaboration, and support the advancement of companion animal health worldwide.



Expanding access to veterinary education worldwide

Education is central to WSAVA's mission, delivered by a global network of specialists, educators and committees who share their expertise to raise standards of companion animal care worldwide.

Much of this work is delivered through the WSAVA Academy, a single platform offering flexible, evidence-based learning for veterinary professionals. Resources include online courses, webinars, certificates, masterclasses and practical toolkits on topics such as pain management, infectious diseases, vaccination, nutrition, animal welfare and wellbeing.

WSAVA extends its reach through partnerships with trusted partners and leading experts. For instance, the IDEXX-WSAVA Webinar Series offers case-based sessions on diagnostics, clinical decision-making and real-world challenges, delivered by international specialists.

Similarly, together with the Purina Institute, WSAVA hosts a Webinar Series on the role of nutrition in clinical practice, providing practical, evidence-based insights to support better patient outcomes worldwide.

This work has received significant international recognition. At the TalentLMS Training Excellence Awards, WSAVA was honoured with the Positive Impact Award for the WSAVA Academy, acknowledging its role in expanding global access to high-quality veterinary education.

Chief Learning Officer Debbie Gray was named a finalist in the Training Trailblazer category, underscoring her leadership in advancing learning strategy and innovation.

Advancing veterinary association capacity and impact

WSAVA launched the Future Association Leader Programme in 2025 to strengthen leadership capacity across its global membership, investing in the long-term strength of its network.

By developing leadership capabilities, the programme aims to support more resilient, effective and sustainable member associations, recognising that strong leadership is essential to advancing veterinary practice worldwide. Delivered in a structured, cohort-based format, it combines online learning, peer exchange and practical assignments.

Participants—early- and mid-career veterinary professionals nominated by their associations—represent diverse regions and practice contexts, enabling shared learning across different systems.

The curriculum is organised into focused modules covering core areas such as governance, strategic planning, communication, member engagement and operational management.

Each module is designed to provide practical tools that can be applied directly within participants' own associations.

Throughout the programme, participants to reflect on their local realities and develop solutions tailored to their organisations.

The cohort model also fosters ongoing connections, creating a network of emerging leaders who can support one another beyond the programme, contributing to a stronger and more forward-looking global veterinary community.



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Receiving the WSAVA Future Leader Award, which recognises early-career veterinarians making a meaningful contribution to companion animal health, the profession and society, is an important milestone in my journey. As a member of the Local Host Committee for the 2025 Congress in Rio and ANCLIVEPA Brazil, I am proud to support collaboration across our community. In my practice, I focus on delivering comprehensive, tailored care at every life stage, while guiding pet owners through education. This recognition strengthens my commitment to advancing animal welfare and professional standards in my country.”

ISABELLA MORALES,

recipient of the WSAVA 2025 Future Leader Award 2025



DEFINING MOMENTS 2025

From landmark global gatherings to new platforms for learning, recognition, and advocacy, WSAVA's initiatives have strengthened collaboration, amplified impact, and reinforced its mission worldwide.

SUCCESS AWARD



WSAVA was crowned International Association of the Year at the Association of Association Executives Success Awards 2025.

WORLD CONGRESS IN BRAZIL



The WSAVA 50th World Congress was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from September 25–27, 2025 for veterinary professionals keen to learn and network. Held simultaneously with the Brazilian ANCLIVEPA Congress (CBA) and the FIAVAC Congress,

the occasion provided an opportunity for the veterinary community to share ideas, learn about the latest advancements, and celebrate WSAVA's 50th Congress anniversary.

NEW VOLUNTEER AWARD

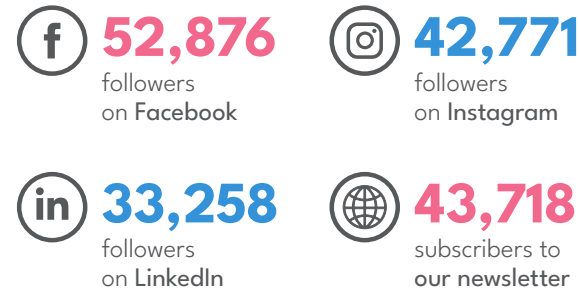
In recognition of the key role played by volunteers in advancing its work, WSAVA has created a new award to acknowledge the generosity of all those who contribute their time and expertise to support veterinary teams.

WSAVA PODCAST



Transforming care, one episode at a time. The WSAVA Podcast launched as a new global platform bringing veterinary professionals together to share knowledge, research, and real-world perspectives.

Social Media Presence



Number of Member Associations:

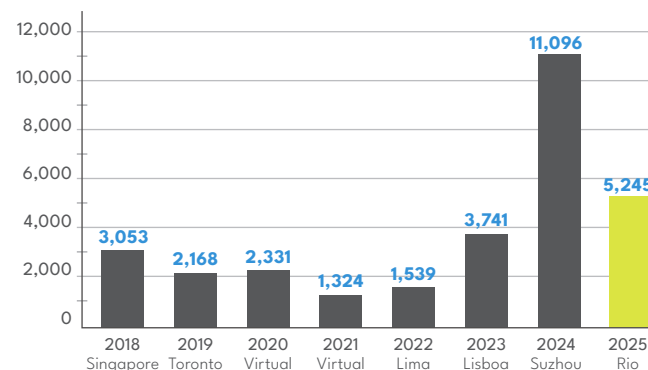
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Number of members:

over **390,000**
individuals

Latest Congress attendance



5,245 participants
from
92 countries 



SUCCESS AWARD 2025

This year, WSAVA received international recognition for its ongoing work in veterinary education, digital development, and member engagement, reflecting sustained progress across several strategic areas.

WSAVA has received major international recognition for its impact and development as a global veterinary organisation. It was awarded *International Association of the Year* at the prestigious Associations World Congress & Awards, held by the Association of Association Executives (AAE), a leading benchmark for excellence among membership bodies worldwide.

The award reflects clear, measurable progress across WSAVA's work, including the rollout of new clinical tools and global guidelines, stronger member services, and significant upgrades to its digital platforms to improve accessibility, usability and engagement for veterinary professionals and partners worldwide.

AAE judges highlighted WSAVA's strategic focus, effective global advocacy and strong commitment to education and leadership development, singling out its ability to deliver a major impact with a relatively small team.

This outcome was achieved thanks to a multifaceted approach to improving veterinary care. This recognition also builds on WSAVA's shortlisting for Best Digital Transformation, underlining the breadth and consistency of its achievements.

Crucially, the accolade is a tribute to the strength of WSAVA's global community, with 113 member associations, committees, partners and supporters contributing daily to advancing companion animal care.

"It's a proud moment for WSAVA, and one we share with every member, volunteer, and partner who's helped us get here. This award is a testament to the strength of our community and our shared commitment to improving veterinary care across borders."

Jim Berry,
WSAVA President



WSAVA WORLD CONGRESS IN RIO DE JANEIRO

25-27 September
Brazil



The 2025 Congress brought together 5,245 participants from 92 countries for three days, featuring 113 exhibitors.



“It was a privilege to be part of such a dynamic and enriching event, an exceptional learning experience enlivened by the enthusiasm of the participants. Thanks to the valued support of sponsors and exhibitors, it proved to be an outstanding success.”

ANDRÉ LACERDA DE ABREU OLIVEIRA,
ANCLIVEPA President



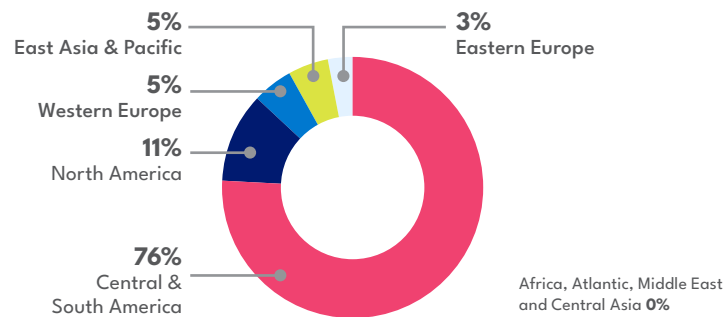
“The WSAVA 2025 Congress highlighted the breadth and diversity of veterinary education around the world with a rich programme of sessions led by respected international specialists and thought leaders. We successfully introduced a new feature: hands-on clinical workshops, which marked an important step in strengthening practical, skills-based learning. The plenary session was an opportunity to hear from global voices as they explored the evolving role of the veterinary team—from care assistants and nurses to receptionists and veterinary surgeons—and showed how using every role effectively improves patient care and supports team wellbeing.”

DEBBIE GRAY,
Chief Learning and Development Officer

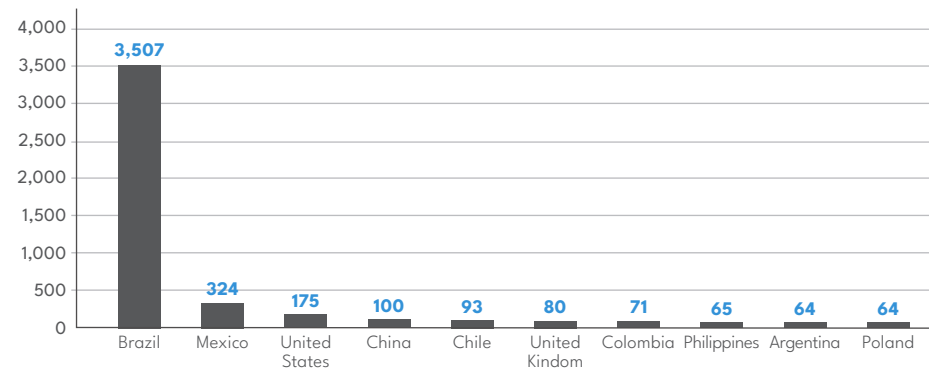


WSAVA World Congress in numbers

Participants by World Region



Participants by country



A Program Overview

210

Scientific Sessions (WSAVA)

84

ANCLIVEPA Sessions

6

Sponsored Sessions

2

Congress Workshops

2

Pre-Congress Workshops

4

Exhibition Theater Sessions (sponsored & WSAVA)

Speaker Statistics

104

Number of Speakers WSAVA Halls

26

Countries represented by Speakers

OUR FINANCIAL STRATEGY

In 2025, WSAVA's financial strategy focused on strengthening the new income stream from the relaunched academy as from January 2025.

PRIORITIES



Prepared for the 2024 audit with newly appointed auditors.



Commenced a review of the reserves policy to clarify its purpose and align it with new objectives.



Diversified the partnership portfolio.



Consulted sponsors to understand their needs and shape future partnerships, including the recruitment of a Chief Partnerships Officer.



Developed pricing policies for WSAVA Academy education.



Introduced an interim liquidity and investment policy while working on a longer-term approach.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW FOR FULL YEAR 2025*

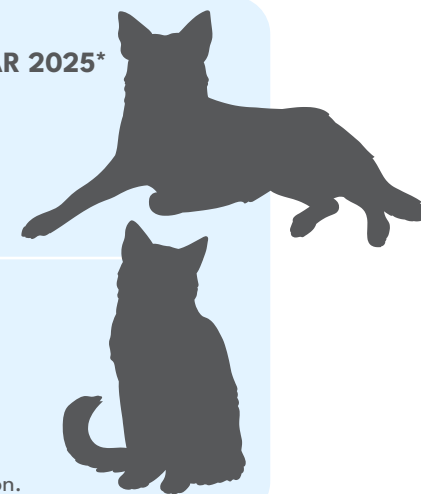
Total revenue

USD **1,444,793**

Total expenses

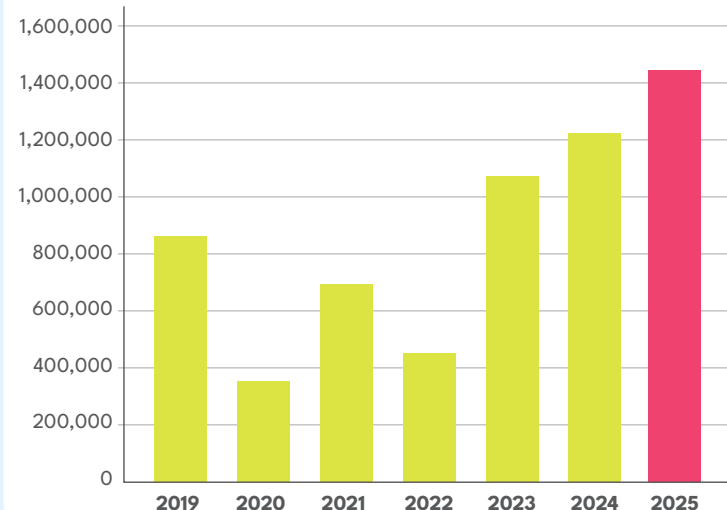
USD **1,629,675**

*These figures are subject to audit and finalization.



Total revenue 2025

In USD





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For more than 20 years, I've had the privilege of teaching, practising and learning alongside colleagues and students at the University of Buenos Aires, while working in small animal orthopedics and traumatology. Supporting the growth of high-quality surgical education across Latin America through AO VET and the Argentine Association of Veterinary Orthopedics has been extremely rewarding. I am deeply honoured to receive the WSAVA Global Meritorious Service Award and share it with my family, students, patients and the professional communities that inspire me every day.”

FRANCISCO JAVIER CORRAL,
winner of the WSAVA 2025 Global
Meritorious Service Award

STRATEGIC FOCUS FOR 2026

Our Strategic Focus for 2026 includes specific initiatives that align with our overall goals.



1

Setting standards for companion veterinary animal practice

In 2026, WSAVA will focus on making essential standards more relevant and easier to apply in practice, with the rollout of its first series expected in late 2026. This involves a comprehensive global survey designed to capture input from veterinary professionals across regions, assessing current practices, identifying key challenges and exploring how the framework can be applied in diverse settings. Alongside this, updated Dental Guidelines and forthcoming Zoonoses Guidelines will provide practical, evidence-based support. Together, these efforts will help ensure WSAVA's standards remain relevant, grounded and responsive to everyday clinical realities worldwide.

2

Professional development for the companion animal veterinary team

At the heart of the WSAVA Academy's education strategy this year is its podcast offering, expanding into multiple series alongside quarterly short-form content. These include focused series led by veterinary professionals and global experts—such as a new series on Nutrition—while also incorporating committee input to highlight emerging priorities. The WSAVA Podcast—hosted by Jim Berry—features short, expert-led interviews, with each season exploring a different theme, from dentistry to hereditary diseases. Other initiatives include new courses, Academy resources and webinar series supported by the Purina Institute and IDEXX. WSAVA will also continue offering regional education grants to support veterinary teams worldwide. This year's World Congress will be held in October in Warsaw, Poland.

3

Advocacy and campaigning for change

This year, WSAVA will prioritise its global advocacy through the work of the Advocacy and Communications Advisory Committee, sharpening its voice on key issues affecting veterinary practice. Further analysis of regional reports will inform targeted advocacy and strategic priorities. An advocacy toolkit, clinical guidelines and a calendar of events will expand our support for veterinary professionals, ensuring our advocacy remains evidence-based and relevant. Building on our collaboration with WOA, we plan to advance awareness and action on antimicrobial resistance, supported by new data and insights.



4

Strengthening the WSAVA community

Looking at enhancing engagement with its global community, WSAVA will be working on targeted, practical initiatives aimed at improving communication with Member Associations through consultation exercises. The Member Forums in Manila and Warsaw offer the opportunity for face-to-face interaction to target areas for improvement and we will expand access to these through Congress travel grants.

We are also studying ways of expanding the Future Association Leader Programme in addition to providing more user-friendly training videos for members and volunteers.

5

Enabling factors: operational sustainability and governance

With governance and operational sustainability a priority, WSAVA will be targeting a more structured approach to planning and oversight, including an internal review of financial policies. We will also strengthen onboarding and support for volunteers and member associations through structured induction, training and needs-based assessment processes.

In parallel, the Future Association Leader Programme will combine online modules, live sessions and in-person training to build leadership capacity. Following the recruitment of our Chief Partnerships Officer we will develop a new Partnerships Strategy for the 2027–2031 period.

We also plan to launch a new fundraising campaign to support income diversification efforts, alongside a new overall Strategy 2027–2031 to be presented at the Warsaw Member Forum. Finally, we intend to recruit additional Secretariat roles to support delivery and organisational growth.

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