

A.12 World Veterinary Association Policies

A World Veterinary Association policy is a clear statement of the direction which the WVA will follow and seek to be implemented where and when possible.

Background

There is a need for veterinary technical policies to be established at the global level. The WVA has a role to establish and promote such global policies on behalf of its members. The WVA also requires to have administrative policies to ensure that the WVA is managed effectively and consistently.

Definition:

Technical Policies and Administrative Policies

A WVA Technical Policy is :

generally of a technical nature

prepared by a Technical Committee or Special Committee or Ad Hoc Committee or EXCOM or Policy Committee and submitted by the Policy Committee to the Council for approval

presented to the Presidents= Assembly

A WVA Administrative Policy is :

designed to set a standard for the management of the WVA

proposed and possibly drafted by the EXCOM

referred to the Policy Committee

ratified by the Council on behalf of the Presidents= Assembly

not referred to the Presidents= Assembly

Guidelines

WVA policies are adopted on behalf of the WVA by a majority within the Council, which also decides whether in the case of administrative policies, a Presidents' Assembly endorsement is required.

While the Council exercises the powers of the Presidents' Assembly between each Presidents' Assembly, and the policies are implemented as soon as they are approved by the Council, the Council must present all new Technical Policies in a report to the subsequent Presidents' Assembly.

Member Associations are asked to consider using the WVA technical policies as a basis for their own policies. These should be expanded with guidelines for implementation and take into account other legitimate local factors. If an individual member association has a different technical policy it may only be promoted as its own and not as an alternative to an adopted WVA policy.

No policy may be defended as a WVA policy, unless accepted for implementation by the Council and after implementation ratified by the Presidents Assembly.

Member Associations are bound by the WVA administrative policies that determine requirements for membership.

Policies can be reviewed and modified at any time if circumstances change or the Presidents' Assembly requires a change.