WVA Policy Statements

The purpose of an organisation is defined by its Mission, Vision and Goals. To achieve these, common long-term objectives relevant to the global veterinary profession must be established, along with a coherent set of decisions and actions. The WVA devises its policies as a projected program of desired objectives and the means to achieve them.

Over the years, the World Veterinary Association has developed, adopted, and implemented several policy and position statements. These are supported by a variety of internal and external documents on various topics relevant to the veterinary profession. It is an important task for an association like the WVA to provide leadership through this mechanism. These documents and the more comprehensive “Introduction to Policy” are available on our website www.worldvet.org.

To maintain the usefulness of these documents to WVA Members and society, it is essential that such publications remain relevant, accurate and easily accessible to Members and the public. This is achieved through regular, systematic review of the policy and position documents every 5 years, with reformattting, revising, republishing or retiring of documents on an individual basis, as deemed appropriate.

In March of 2020, the WVA Council adopted the WVA Strategic Planning Working Group’s (SPWG) proposal for the 2020 – 2025 WVA Strategy. Understanding there are limitless issues of importance, and taking into consideration the input received from Constituent Members, key partners, and the WVA Council in the pre-meeting surveys, the WVA elected to focus on four priority areas:

1. One Health;
2. Veterinary Education;
3. Animal Welfare; and
4. Pharmaceutical stewardship.

The WVA Council believes that each of the above priority areas holds intrinsic value to WVA Members, WVA partners, and global public interest, and provides the mandate to the WVA Policy Committee to review and develop new policies and position papers in line with the four WVA strategic themes.

As the global leader of the veterinary profession, the WVA stands ready to address important emerging issues of veterinary concern. In identifying topics requiring clear policies and guidance, the WVA encourages input by its Member Associations, individual members, and other international organisations.

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