

HSVMA IN ACTION

2023 Year in Review

Humane Society Veterinary Medical Alliance's mission is to engage the expertise and compassion of the veterinary profession to advance animal welfare.



Efforts to ban cat declawing are gaining momentum across the US. Photo credit: Istock

We are excited about the growing momentum we see from veterinarians, veterinary technicians and students of both disciplines to collaborate in our advocacy, education and outreach efforts

despite all the commitments and challenges facing the profession. We proudly share the highlights of our programs and outreach activities for 2023 including the substantial and successful contributions of so many of our HSVMA veterinary professional volunteers and members.

Advocacy in Action

- HSVMA activated more than 1,500 veterinary professionals to write, call, testify or provide expert veterinary input in support of animal welfare reforms aimed at eliminating the abuses associated with puppy mills, banning cat declawing, increasing protections for wildlife, improving farm animal welfare, ending the cruelties associated with horse slaughter and horse soring, and expanding access to care.



Veterinarians joined with HSVMA to help defend Prop 12 from harmful federal legislation. Photo Credit: Alamy Stock Photo

- We recruited approximately 750 veterinary professionals to sign our statement opposing the federal EATS (Ending Agricultural Trade Suppression) Act. This legislation aims to overturn Proposition 12, the landmark California ballot measure that requires more humane housing standards for farm animals. If enacted, the EATS Act would usurp state and local lawmaking authority and wipe out hard-won animal cruelty and public health measures across the country.
- HSVMA also garnered the signatures of 750 veterinary professionals on our statement of opposition to non-therapeutic cat declawing.
- We grew our HSVMA State Representative program to include 44 volunteer veterinarians representing HSVMA in 34 states and the District of Columbia.

Continuing Education in Welfare Topics

- We offered six live and 40+ archived CE webinars on timely animal welfare topics, with more than 1,600 attendees during 2023. Topics covered included veterinary technician utilization, health of brachycephalic pets, career contentment, multi-cat households, equine behavior and diversity in veterinary medicine.
- HSVMA provided continuing education on a variety of shelter medicine, access to



Equine welfare was the focus of an HSVMA CE webinar during 2023. Photo credit: HSUS

care, community medicine and animal welfare topics to 200+ veterinary professionals at Animal Care Expo 2023 in New Orleans.

Student Outreach

- We sponsored HSVMA Student Chapters and Representatives on 32 campuses, including schools in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and the Caribbean.
- HSVMA hosted our 9th Annual Animal Welfare Symposium at the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine with attendees from six different veterinary schools.
- We awarded our 8th Annual Compassionate Care Scholarships to five veterinary students doing amazing work advocating for animal welfare and access to veterinary care. The 2023 scholarships were increased to the \$10,000 level for each student.
- For the 13th year in a row, HSVMA provided grants to support World Spay Day clinics at six veterinary schools.
- Through our HSVMA Speakers Bureau, we hosted 24 presentations on veterinary school campuses reaching approximately 800 veterinary students with a variety of animal welfare topics not typically covered in veterinary school curricula.



University of Minnesota veterinary student Esther Lam was one of the 2023 recipients of the Compassionate Care Scholarship for her efforts to increase access to veterinary care. Photo credit: Esther Lam

Member Benefits

A key benefit of HSVMA membership is knowing you are supporting a leadership role for veterinary professionals in the animal protection movement. HSVMA also provides a variety of membership benefits that are designed to directly help you in your professional career.

- Free RACE-approved continuing education through the HSVMA webinar series. There are six live webinars per year and 40+ webinars are archived and available for viewing.
- Professional liability insurance and disability insurance through our insurance partners.
- Free copy of the HSVMA Wildlife Care Basics for Veterinary Hospitals handbook.
- Subscription to HSVMA's monthly e-newsletter.
- Discounts on animal welfare and other resources through Wiley-Blackwell, CABI Publishing and Trafalgar Square Books.



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