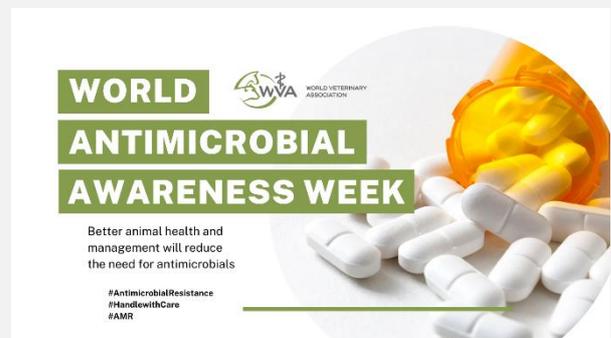


## WVA ACTIVITIES UPDATE - NOVEMBER 2021

### WORLD ANTIMICROBIAL AWARENESS WEEK 2021 **BETTER ANIMAL HEALTH AND MANAGEMENT WILL REDUCE THE NEED FOR ANTIMICROBIALS**

The veterinary profession continues to emphasize the importance of understanding the principles of antimicrobial resistance and ensuring responsible use of antimicrobials. In addition to tackling the overuse and misuse of antimicrobials, a key principle is that prevention of disease decreases the need for the use of antimicrobials.

*“Veterinarians play a key role in antimicrobial stewardship, but not just in how they use antimicrobials. The best way to reduce antimicrobial use is to improve animal health and animal health systems. Regardless of the species, better animal health and management will reduce the need for antimicrobials”* - said Dr Scott Weese, a member of the [Global Leaders Group on Antimicrobial Resistance](#)



One Health, antimicrobial stewardship and tackling antimicrobial resistance are key priorities of the [WVA's Strategic Plan](#). Through developing policies, such as the [WVA Policy on Responsible Use of Antimicrobials](#), initiating projects and ongoing collaborations with global health organisations, such as the OIE, WHO, FAO and WMA, the WVA works hard to reach the goals as outlined in its strategy.

*“During World Antimicrobial Awareness Week 2021, the WVA calls on governments, international organisations, communities and veterinarians worldwide to ensure that adequate veterinary care is widely available”* - said WVA President, Dr Patricia Turner. *“For their part, veterinarians must ensure that antimicrobials are used responsibly - overuse and misuse of antimicrobials must be avoided.”*

### CALL FOR COMMENTS ON THE WVA DRAFT POSITION STATEMENT ON **DEPOPULATION OF ANIMALS IN DISASTERS AND EMERGENCIES**

The WVA Council approved recently the draft position statement that was prepared by the WVA Animal Welfare-Strategic Focus Group on the [Depopulation of Animals in Disasters and Emergencies](#).

The WVA would like kindly to ask you to revise the attached document and to provide your comments and suggestions by **15 December 2021.**

**Thank you in advance for your kind contributions.**

## 37<sup>th</sup> WORLD VETERINARY ASSOCIATION CONGRESS **SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM IS NOW AVAILABLE**

The WVAC2022 Scientific Committee worked hard in the past months to prepare an extraordinary scientific and practical program by several high-level speakers from all over the world, focusing on veterinary best practices and innovative technology for the veterinary profession. The WVAC2022 Scientific Program can be found [HERE](#).



The WVAC2022 Scientific Program also includes the WVA Global Summit meeting on One Health focusing on the *role of private-public partnership in preventing the next pandemic*, an Animal Welfare seminar focusing on *pain management in livestock* and a Veterinary Education seminar focusing on *global quality standards for veterinary education*.

**We are looking forward to welcoming you to the  
37<sup>th</sup> World Veterinary Association Congress.**

More information regarding the WVA Congress and registration can be found on the congress website.

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