

WSAVA Animal Welfare and Wellness Committee: Resources in Animal Ethics and Veterinary Ethics

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- *Many practical issues in veterinary ethics presuppose or are relevant to more fundamental concerns in moral philosophy and ethics. Therefore this reference list contains resources in animal ethics, moral philosophy more generally, and sociology, in addition to books and articles dealing specifically with ethical issues in veterinary medicine.*
- *The references below are organized under topical headings so as to facilitate the reader's use of them. However, please be aware that many of the subject headings overlap somewhat, and that references dealing with a particular subject may be found under multiple headings.*

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1. Veterinary Organizations and Position Statements

Please note that organizations whose web pages are not available in English (e.g., Bundestierärztekammer, the German National Veterinary Association) have been omitted.

North America, Central America and the Caribbean

American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) (<http://www.avma.org>).

- AVMA Veterinarian's Oath. Available at:
<https://www.avma.org/KB/Policies/Pages/Pain-in-Animals.aspx>
- AVMA Principles of Veterinary Medical Ethics. Available at:
<https://www.avma.org/KB/Policies/Pages/Principles-of-Veterinary-Medical-Ethics-of-the-AVMA.aspx>
- AVMA Animal Welfare Principles. Available at:
<https://www.avma.org/KB/Policies/Pages/AVMA-Animal-Welfare-Principles.aspx>
- AVMA statement: "Animal Abuse and Animal Neglect." Available at:
<https://www.avma.org/KB/Policies/Pages/Animal-Abuse-and-Animal-Neglect.aspx>
- AVMA position statement: "Animal Fighting." Available at:
<https://www.avma.org/KB/Policies/Pages/Animal-Fighting.aspx>
- AVMA position statement: "Animals Used in Entertainment, Shows, and for Exhibition." Available at:
<https://www.avma.org/KB/Policies/Pages/Animals-Used-In-Entertainment-Shows-and-Exhibition.aspx>
- AVMA position statement: "Companion Animal Care Guidelines." Available at:
<https://www.avma.org/KB/Policies/Pages/Companion-Animal-Care-Guidelines.aspx>
- AVMA position statement: "Dog and Cat Population Control." Available at:
<https://www.avma.org/KB/Policies/Pages/Dog-And-Cat-Population-Control.aspx>
- AVMA position statement: "Establishing Public Policy to Ensure Animal Well Being." Available at:
<https://www.avma.org/KB/Policies/Pages/Establishing-Public-Policy-To-Ensure-Animal-Well-Being.aspx>
- AVMA position statement: "The Human-Animal Bond." Available at:
<https://www.avma.org/KB/Policies/Pages/The-Human-Animal-Bond.aspx>
- AVMA position statement: "Ownership Versus Guardianship." Available at:
<https://www.avma.org/KB/Policies/Pages/Ownership-vs-Guardianship.aspx>
- AVMA position statement: "Pain in Animals." Available at:
<https://www.avma.org/KB/Policies/Pages/Pain-in-Animals.aspx>

- AVMA Guidelines for Veterinarians and Veterinary Associations Working with Animal Control and Animal Welfare Organizations. Available at: <https://www.avma.org/KB/Policies/Pages/Pain-in-Animals.aspx>
- AVMA Guidelines for Veterinary Hospice Care. Available at: <https://www.avma.org/KB/Policies/Pages/Pain-in-Animals.aspx>
- AVMA position statement: “Ear Cropping and Tail Docking of Dogs.” Available at: <https://www.avma.org/KB/Policies/Pages/Ear-Cropping-and-Tail-Docking-of-Dogs.aspx>

Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association (HSVMA) (United States)
(<http://www.hsvma.org>)

- HSVMA "Policy Statements." Available at: <http://www.hsvma.org/legislation#.UMDrTIWkAbg>

Canadian Veterinary Medical Association
(<http://canadianveterinarians.net/index.aspx>)

- CVMA “Position Statements and Related Information.” Available at: <http://canadianveterinarians.net/publications-informations-position.aspx>

Jamaica Veterinary Medical Association
(<http://www.jvma.org/generalinformation/theexecutive.html>)

- “The Veterinary Act.” <http://www.jvma.org/generalinformation/theveterinaryact.html>
- “J.V.M.A. Constitution, Bylaws and Code of Ethics.” Available at: <http://www.jvma.org/generalinformation/constitutionbylaws.html>

South America

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Europe and the United Kingdom

British Small Animal Veterinary Association (<http://www.bsava.com>)

- BSAVA “Policy Statements.” Available at: <http://www.bsava.com/Advice/PolicyStatements/tabid/155/Default.aspx>

Italian Companion Animal Veterinary Association (<http://cms.scivac.it/en>)

Hellenic Veterinary Medical Society (<http://www.hvms.gr/index.php?lang=en>)

A.N.M.V.I. (Federation of Italian Professional Veterinary Associations)
(<http://www.anmvi.it/136/anmvi-international/anmvi-international>)

Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE) (<http://www.fve.org/>)

- “About FVE.” Available at: http://www.fve.org/about_fve/index.php
- “Animal Welfare.” Available at: http://www.fve.org/about_fve/policy.php#animal_welfare

Africa

South African Veterinary Association (<http://www.vetassociation.co.za/>)

- “Position Statements.” Available at: http://www.vetassociation.co.za/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=71&Itemid=66
- “Credo.” Available at: http://www.vetassociation.co.za/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=3&Itemid=3

Somali Veterinary Medical Association

(<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Somali-Veterinary-Medical-Association-SOVMA/331261006966585?ref=stream>)

Egyptian Veterinary Medical Association

(<https://www.facebook.com/EgyptianVeterinaryMedicalAssociation>)

Euro-Arab Veterinary Association

(<http://www.euroarabveterinaryassociation.org/General-Assembly-of-the-Euro-Arab-Veterinary-Association/>)

- “Constitution.” Available at: <http://www.euroarabveterinaryassociation.org/Constitution/>

Asia

Indian Veterinary Association (<http://www.ivakerala.com/>)

- “Veterinarians Welfare Society.” Available at: <http://vetswelfare.jivaonline.net/>

Australian Veterinary Association (<http://www.ava.com.au/>)

- “AVA Policies.” Available at: <http://www.ava.com.au/about-us/policy-and-positions-1>

New Zealand Veterinary Association (<http://www.nzva.org.nz/>)

- “NZVA Policies.” Available at: <http://www.nzva.org.nz/policies>

Korean Veterinary Medical Association

(<http://www.kvma.or.kr/eng/introduction.html>)

- “Ethics.” Available at: <http://www.kvma.or.kr/eng/ethics.html>

Chinese Veterinary Medical Association

(<http://www.cvma.org.cn/eng/index.html>)

- “About CVMA.” Available at:
<http://www.cvma.org.cn/eng/654A7815A952A9E5.html>

Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations (FAVA)

(http://www.favamember.org/en/index.php?option=com_content&view=section&id=4&Itemid=5)

- “About FAVA.” Available at:
http://www.favamember.org/en/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1&Itemid=2

International

World Veterinary Association (<http://www.worldvet.org/>)

- WVA “Animal Welfare” Web page. Available at:
<http://www.worldvet.org/taxonomy/term/6>
- WVA “Codes of Ethical Conduct.” Available at:
<http://www.worldvet.org/node/4793>
- WVA “Policies, Positions and Discussion” Web page. Available at:
<http://www.worldvet.org/node/7440>

World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (<http://www.oie.int/>)

- “Food Safety and Animal Welfare.” Available at:
<http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=53#c203>

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DeGrazia, David. *Animal Rights: A Very Short Introduction*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2002.

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DeGrazia, David. *Taking Animals Seriously: Mental Life and Moral Status*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1996.

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