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### **The WSAVA Global Pain Council (GPC)'s Statement on Ketamine**

Access to anaesthetic and analgesic drugs is imperative for the mitigation of animal suffering and the WSAVA's Global Pain Council was created to address inequalities in both education and access to analgesic/anaesthetic modalities in differing regions of the world. In some regions, ketamine is the only analgesic/anaesthetic agent available to the veterinary profession and is essential to enable veterinarians to perform their day-to-day activities in an ethical and humane manner. Restrictions on its use would have a significant and negative impact on animal welfare on a global scale. As such, the WSAVA and its Global Pain Council lend their support to the Ketamine Fact Sheet and efforts to halt any initiatives that seek to have it rescheduled.

