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

Author’s Notes:
• This is a living document that will be updated periodically with additional references.
• References are maintained for informational purposes only, as a resource for persons interested in animal welfare and ethics. The works cited below express a variety of viewpoints on a variety of topics. The viewpoints expressed in the works cited are solely those of the respective author(s), and do not necessarily represent the viewpoints of WSAVA.
• 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 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: “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/therveterinaryact.html

South America...

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/](http://www.fve.org/))
  • “About FVE.” Available at: [http://www.fve.org/about_fve/index.php](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/](http://www.vetassociation.co.za/))
  • “Position Statements.” Available at:
  • “Credo.” Available at:


Egyptian Veterinary Medical Association ([https://www.facebook.com/EgyptianVeterinaryMedicalAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/EgyptianVeterinaryMedicalAssociation))

  • “Constitution.” Available at:
http://www.euroarabeveterinaryassociation.org/Constitution/

Asia

Indian Veterinary Association ([http://www.ivakerala.com/](http://www.ivakerala.com/))
  • “Veterinarians Welfare Society.” Available at:
http://vetswelfare.jivaonline.net/


  • “NZVA Policies.” Available at: http://www.nzva.org.nz/policies

Korean Veterinary Medical Association ([http://www.kvma.or.kr/eng/introduction.html](http://www.kvma.or.kr/eng/introduction.html))
  • “Ethics.” Available at: http://www.kvma.or.kr/eng/ethics.html

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2. General Articles Relating to Veterinary Practice and Animal Welfare


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3. General Textbooks in Veterinary Medical Ethics


4. Articles Relating to the Definition or General Assessment of Animal Welfare

5. Introductory Textbooks in Animal Ethics


6. Introductory Textbooks in Moral Philosophy/Ethics


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7. Other Books in Animal Ethics


**8. Books on Animal Consciousness, Behavior, and Cognitive Ethology**


**9. References Relating to the Human-Animal Bond, Animals & History, and Animals & Sociology.**


**10. References Relating to Euthanasia**


Ogden, U., Kinnison, T., May, SA. Attitudes to Animal Euthanasia Do Not Correlate with Acceptance of Human Euthanasia or Suicide. *Veterinary Record* 2012;171(7):174.


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**12. References Relating to Animal Abuse and Reporting**
