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Chief Executive Officer Appointed to Lead WSAVA's Work to Advance the Health and Welfare of Companion Animals

The [World Small Animal Veterinary Association](#) (WSAVA), which represents more than 200,000 veterinarians worldwide through 105 member associations, has appointed its first Chief Executive Officer (CEO). In her new role, Ms Arpita Bhose, currently WSAVA Association Manager, will work with the WSAVA's leadership team to advance its work to enhance the health and welfare of companion animals worldwide. She will also work with WSAVA President Elect Dr Shane Ryan to strengthen communication between the WSAVA and its member associations and to drive the association's efforts to attract sponsorship revenue to support its growing range of activities. These include:

- the development of WSAVA Global Guidelines in key areas of veterinary practice, including vaccination, nutrition and pain management
- the development of information, tools and other educational resources to veterinarians
- the provision of Continuing Education (CE), including its flagship annual WSAVA World Congress
- campaigning on key issues to veterinarians globally, such as access to veterinary medicines and animal welfare.

Ms Bhose has a 20-year career in association management. Her first role was Membership Manager at the Royal College of Physicians in London. She then worked in Singapore for several years, managing a number of Asia Pacific medical societies, before returning to the UK in early 2015 and joining the WSAVA as Association Manager.

The WSAVA has also appointed Ms Emma van Rooijen as Administrative Assistant. Emma van Rooijen qualified with a Bachelor's degree in Veterinary Science from the University of Utrecht in

2016. She is currently completing a Master's Degree in Applied Animal Behaviour and Animal Welfare at the University of Edinburgh. She is a past president of the International Veterinary Students Association (IVSA) and helped to develop the current strong links between IVSA and WSAVA during her presidency. In her role with the WSAVA, Emma van Rooijen will support Arpita Bhose and the WSAVA Executive Board. Her responsibilities will include managing meetings, ensuring membership protocols are followed, managing general assembly procedures during World Congress and carrying out other administrative and marketing-related activities.

Commenting on her appointment, Arpita Bhose said: "I am delighted to have been appointed to this new role and at such an exciting time for WSAVA. I look forward to building on our successes, and with the insight of our members, eagerly anticipate implementing the changes necessary to support our rapid growth."

WSAVA President Dr Walt Ingwersen said: "2018 is shaping up to be one of our most ambitious years to date with further new members joining us and a range of new initiatives underway. As we continue to grow, a strong operational team to oversee the day to day running of the association is essential, both to support our members and to enable members of our Executive Board to focus on their areas of responsibility.

"Arpita has made a significant impression during her two years as Association Manager and we are delighted to promote her to this new role and to welcome Emma as her assistant."

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