

Our Mission

The mission of the ALVMA is to advance the science and art of veterinary medicine, including its relationship to public health, biological science, and agriculture. It provides a forum for its members to share ideas, enhance the image of the profession, and promote the general welfare of veterinarians in Alabama. The ALVMA is the authorized voice of the profession, and promotes the general welfare of veterinarians in Alabama by presenting views to government, academia, pet owners, the media and other concerned individuals.

Our History

The Alabama Veterinary Medical Association held its first meeting in December of 1907 in Auburn, Ala. A Code of Ethics was adopted at the first annual meeting in Birmingham in 1908, and the ALVMA convinced the legislature to pass the laws regulating the practice of veterinary medicine in Alabama. Eleven charter members began the organization and paid annual dues of \$2.00. Membership has grown to over 725 and the ALVMA is recognized as one of the most active and effective state veterinary associations.

Our Foundation

The Alabama Veterinary Medical Foundation was established on December 16, 2003. It's focus is to assist veterinary students and veterinary technicians by providing scholarships and endowments. Over the years, the Foundation has worked to develop animal welfare programs, a license plate program to support spay/neuter efforts, and various other programs within the state such as the Animal Hall of Fame and Disaster Assistance Program. These programs contribute to the well being of animals and enhance the human-animal bond.



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*Why you should be
a member of the
Alabama Veterinary
Medical Association*



There are many reasons to consider all the benefits of membership in your professional organization. Take a moment to consider all you are missing - and all you have to gain from becoming a part of your veterinary community.

Resources

The *Alabama Veterinarian* magazine is just one example of resources you have access to as an ALVMA member.

This publication is dedicated to keeping members informed on veterinary issues. Brought to you in full-color, this quality magazine brings the latest news and trends from around the state, along with feature articles about your fellow ALVMA members.

You will also receive monthly eNewsletters with information on educational opportunities, legislative and regulatory updates, industry news and current topics relative to veterinary medicine.

Education

Members save \$150 off the registration at the Emerald Coast Veterinary Conference held each year in Sandestin where you can stay on top of veterinary medicine continuing education by meeting with your colleagues, attending cutting-edge CE sessions and you will still have time in the afternoons to enjoy with family and friends.

Members also receive reduced rates at regional meetings held across the state throughout the year to give members an additional resource for getting their required CE hours and updates on the profession. Members



have access to free webinars for continuing education credit, and are actively involved with constituent associations which hold regular meetings at the local level where CE is offered free to attendees. ALVMA members receive \$100 off registration fees at the Annual Food Animal Conference in Columbiana, Ala. each year which offers specialty CE topics for large animal veterinarians. To contact your local representative for more information on meetings in your area, visit the ALVMA website at www.alvma.com.

PR Value

Members receive the benefit of the "Find-A-Vet" search on the ALVMA website where pet owners have the ability to locate an ALVMA member veterinarian through searching by name, city or county. Members can participate in the Spay/Neuter License Plate program as their way of contributing to their community to help reduce the pet overpopulation problem in the state of Alabama. The public relations staff sends out regular press releases and stories that are of interest to the public to encourage pet owners to make regular visits to their veterinarians. The Public Health Committee also addresses public health concerns such as pet poisoning, dog bite prevention, ectoparasites and disease, and rabies.



they have access to invaluable resources that their non-member counterparts do not. As a result of these connections with their peers, they are more knowledgeable about what is going on in their profession. The benefit of having

Member Programs

The ALVMA offers programs specifically designed for members including a Wellness Committee that works with the Alabama Veterinary Wellness Program to provide confidential assistance in all areas of professional wellness.

The ALVMA has launched an aggressive student outreach initiative which offers programs focused on this population including: Financial Advisor Program for Auburn and Tuskegee veterinary school students, Compass Mentoring Program for new graduates, student representation on the ALVMA Executive Board, senior student rounds, free and reduced membership and continuing education rates for new and recent graduates and Social Media interactions through Facebook and Twitter. It is our hope that these programs will serve the needs of veterinarians by helping them face the challenges in today's business climate.

Community and Support

Without a doubt, the ability and opportunities to network through professional associations is how one gets the highest value for dues paid. Recent studies show that individuals who participate in professional organizations are more successful in their business because

someone who has "been there done that" to call upon is one of the greatest benefits of membership. Through ALVMA membership, you have access to veterinarians with experience in all areas of veterinary medicine. The ALVMA mentoring program for young graduates is often as beneficial to the mentor as it is to the graduate.

As a member of the ALVMA, you have unlimited opportunities to develop your professional and interpersonal skills through a variety of committees and leadership roles. ALVMA membership provides excellent networking opportunities with colleagues and the opportunity to impact your community. Membership in a professional association often means additional trust in the eye of the public. There is a valuable image represented by association membership; it tells your clients you care about your profession and you are actively involved with fellow veterinarians.

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