



Companion Animal Veterinarians

branch of the New Zealand Veterinary Association

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Member Benefits

CAV Educates - Improved Knowledge and Expertise

- Receive an annual subscription to the Companion Animal Quarterly
This magazine, published quarterly, is packed with articles full of sound practical advice written by New Zealand's leading veterinarians.
- Regular e-bulletins to keep you up to date with topical issues
- Access to member only content on the NZVA website that supports everyday companion animal practice
- Significant reductions in the CAV annual conference registration fee and other Vetlearn courses
- Access to all past CAV annual conference proceedings via indexed searching on Sciquest
- Development of the Veterinary Refresher Course to assist in retention of veterinarians in the profession
- Eligible to apply for the A week with... scholarship to enable you to spend a week seeing practice with a specialist of your choice
- Favourable consideration for the Educating the Educators scholarship to enable advanced education overseas to support leading veterinarians in their field
- Favourable consideration from the Companion Animal Health Fund for projects that support companion animal health and welfare

CAV Supports – Helping You in your Veterinary Role

- Access to our professional networks to answer member queries on the unusual issues that arise in everyday practice
- CAV is active in promoting member health and wellbeing through support of the Elizabeth Benevolent Fund and the NZVA mentoring scheme.
- CAV is active within the NZVA in the development and review of companion animal related policies.

CAV Represents – Advancing Members' Interests

- Representation on the NZ Companion Animal Council, National Cat Management Strategy Group and Greyhound Welfare Committee

- CAV monitors the media for issues pertaining to companion animals and actively promotes companion animal health and the veterinary profession through regular national media releases and responses to topical issues.
- CAV ensures that a credible veterinary point of view is available to our stakeholders such as government departments e.g. MPI and DIA, local governments, the SPCA, Massey University and VCNZ

CAV Connects - Affiliation with International Veterinary Organisations

- CAV members are automatically granted World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA) membership, and entitled to benefits including global guidelines and Clinician's Brief – see www.wsava.org
- CAV is a member of the Federation of Asian Small Animal Veterinary Association (FASAVA) and CAV members are welcome at their events - see www.fasava.org

CAV Rewards – Recognising the Outstanding Work of Veterinarians

- CAV awards lifetime membership to those that have made outstanding contributions to the branch.
- Annual service awards are made to recognise members that have contributed to the work of the branch
- Deserving members are put forward for prestigious national and association awards to recognise the work they do on behalf of the profession



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We liaise with animal interest groups, for example the SPCA, NZ Kennel Club, NZ Companion Animal Council, NZ Veterinary Nurse Association, Veterinary Council of NZ and Massey University.

We have established a Trust (The NZ Companion Animal Health Foundation) that funds research into projects that contribute to improving companion animal welfare. Any CAS member with a project that meets the Trust's objectives is welcome to apply for funding. Here is a list of projects that have previously been supported.

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4. To support practice development and client relationships:

- Liaison with the BESTPractice scheme and the NZ Companion Animal Register.

Basically, we are here to support you in your role as a companion animal veterinarian.

If you have any queries or need further information please don't hesitate to contact the CAS Secretary at cas@vets.org.nz.