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WSAVA Continuing Education Update

India

The WSAVA India CE Program of 2009 was successfully organized by the Federation of Small Animal Practitioners Association of India (FSAPAI) and took place on 29th November 2009 with a total number of 171 veterinarians attending the CE program. The participants included veterinarians who are serving in the Indian Military, members of the Indo-Tibetan Border force, University staff, Industry veterinarians, and private practitioners; all thoroughly enjoyed the WSAVA CE program. Professor Michael Day's lecture on Immunology and Pathology was very informative, providing basic practice techniques with very useful tips. A lively Q & A sessions then followed with overwhelming involvement of attendees..

More than 160 response forms have been collected and the report will be submitted to WSAVA Board.

Namibia

A WSAVA CE meeting was successfully hosted by the Veterinary Association of Namibia in Swakopmund, Namibia, South Africa on 21-23 October 2009. Professor Dan Smeak from Colorado State University and Dr. Pam Williams from Portland, Oregon, USA presented selected topics in Small Animal Surgery and Small Animal Emergency Medicine. The topics presented were both clinically relevant and very well received by the 60 veterinarians and 25 company representatives attending the CE program.

WSAVA Member Association Updates:

Focus on New Members: Federation of Small Animal Practitioners Associations of India (FSAPAI)

Brief History:

The Pet Practitioner Association of Mumbai, which was representing India to the WSAVA for the last 5 years and on the advice of the Assembly of WSAVA, took the lead in contacting regional Small Animal Veterinary Practitioner Associations from India and persuading them to come together as a Federation for WSAVA membership. This has resulted in formation of one platform to represent the Small Animal Practitioners from India as a one large group, , named the Federation of Small Animal Practitioners of Association of India (FSAPAI) comprised of 616 Memberships (as of August 2008)

Names and number of members of the Regional Associations comprising FSAPAI:

- Pet Practitioners Association of Mumbai (PPAM): 180
- Small Animal Practitioners Association of Chennai (SAPAC) 121
- Goa Veterinary Association: 65
- Pet Practitioners Association of Karnataka (PPAK): 120
- Small Animal Veterinary Association of Delhi (SAVA): 55
- Small Animal Clinicians Association (SACA), Chandigarh 35
- Pet Practitioners Association of Twin City (Hyderabad and Secunderabad) 35

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Focus on New Members: Veterinary Association of Namibia (VAN)

Brief History:

In 1947 the South West African Branch of the South African Veterinary Medical Association (SAVA) was established. Regular meetings were held by the end of the

1960s and these meetings took the form of a scientific congress with the main aim being to provide a forum for CE. In 1984, the SWA Branch of the SAVA was dissolved and became the Veterinary Association of Namibia (VAN). Although the VAN is a voluntary association, almost all veterinarians in Namibia are members. The association is recognized as the representative body of the veterinary profession in Namibia and hence the VAN nominates one of its members to represent the Association on the Veterinary Council of Namibia. In 1987, the VAN became a full member of the World Veterinary Association and in 1990 a full member of the Commonwealth Veterinary Association.

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News of Interest

Veterinary relief efforts expected following Haiti earthquake



Jan. 14 - The devastating earthquake that occurred in Haiti on Tuesday, Jan. 12, is tragic. The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) is closely monitoring the early response in Haiti to determine if and how we and others involved in animal welfare and health may assist in the Haitian response and recovery efforts.

As always with disasters like this, the humanitarian rescue efforts will be the focus in Haiti for the first week or so. However, veterinarians are on standby to assist with the tragedy.

Once the immediate human needs have been met, the AVMA is ready to address the animal issues in any way we can.

For ongoing updates, please follow the AVMA at
http://www.avma.org/news/Haiti_earthquake/

Cat Declawing Now A Crime In San Francisco

San Francisco Examiner

Joshua Sabatini

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San Francisco has become the first major city in the nation to outlaw the declawing of cats. Some pet owners declaw their felines to protect themselves, or their furniture, from scratches. But pet advocates condemn the practice as animal cruelty.

On Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors voted 9-2 to enact a ban on the declawing of cats.

Other California cities are considering adopting similar bans. The Los Angeles City Council is expected to vote on whether to enact a ban by the end of the year. West Hollywood banned declawing in 2003. Santa Monica, Beverly Hills and Berkeley are considering similar ordinances. Declawing is illegal in 20 countries, including most of Europe, Brazil, Japan and Israel.

The California Veterinary Medical Association opposed the legislation. The group said declawing should be left up to veterinarians and not politicians.

Violators of the ban, such as anyone who declaws a cat or a pet owner who approves of a declawing, could face up to six months in jail or a fine of up to \$1,000.

Many cities have decided to consider such a ban because a state law was recently adopted that would prohibit cities from enacting the bans after Jan. 1.

The declawing dilemma – Considering declawing client's cat?

View the AVMA's [policy](#) and [backgrounder](#) to get more facts and make an educated decision at:

<http://www.avma.org/>

Canadian MPs Give Unanimous OK To Animal Rights; Next Step Is Developing Animal-Welfare Declaration

The Province

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In a rare move, federal MPs have voted unanimously for a private member's motion in support of a Universal Declaration on Animal Welfare -- essentially agreeing that

animal welfare is important. The motion calls on Canada to support development of animal-welfare declarations at all relevant international organizations and forums. The move sees Canada join a growing list of governments around the world who have agreed that animal welfare could play an important part in reducing poverty, hunger and disease in the developing world.

The list includes all 27 members of the European Union, as well as Tanzania, the Seychelles, Bahrain, Australia, New Zealand, India, the Philippines and Thailand. In Canada, the declaration was championed by animal-welfare groups, including the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies, the Ontario and B.C. Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association. The initiative aims to link the entire animal-welfare movement under one strategic goal: global recognition that animals are capable of feeling pain and suffering, and that they deserve protection.

The declaration voted on in Ottawa and elsewhere is non-binding in a legal sense, but its impact could be significant. Organizers say that by establishing the status of animal welfare as an international issue of concern, it will:

- Provide a basis for animal-welfare legislation in countries where it does not already exist;
- Encourage governments to improve their national animal-welfare legislation;
- Recognize the reality of animal welfare as a key factor in humanitarian and environmental policy making;
- Encourage those industries that use animals to keep their welfare at the forefront of their policies;
- Improve public awareness of the importance of animal welfare; and
- Inspire positive change in public attitudes toward animals.

WSAVA World Congress Geneva 2010 Update, June 2-5 in Geneva, Switzerland

Scientific Program

Intermediary Program

The intermediary program is on-line and can be downloaded (see below). It contains:

- 3.5 days of lectures
- From General Medicine to State of the Art

- At least 6 streams a day (4 in English, 1 in German and 1 in French)
- Veterinary nursing conferences

NEW! Download the preliminary program at: www.wsava2010.org

- [English version](#)
- [Deutsche Version](#)
- [Version française](#)

Pre-congress day partner institutions

- European Society of Veterinary Cardiology (ESVC) <http://esvcadio.com/>
- International Veterinary Ear, Nose and Throat Association (IVENTA)

To keep up with the latest progress and learn more about “One Medicine”, please join the WSAVA World Congress Geneva 2010 – June 2-5, 2010 in Geneva, Switzerland.

- **It's our 50th anniversary!!!**