

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE COMMONWEALTH VETERINARY ASSOCIATION (CVA)
AND
THE WORLD ORGANISATION FOR ANIMAL HEALTH (OIE)**

With a view to encouraging collaboration between the two signatories of the agreement on the following issues of common interest:

- The recognition of the importance of animal health and welfare throughout the world and the global nature and emergence of diseases. Specifically, (1) the potential for emergence or re-emergence of zoonotic infectious diseases in farm, wild and companion animal species and the need for adequate surveillance systems of such diseases in these animals, (2) the major benefits to animals of the effective implementation of appropriate welfare practices and (3) the significance of societal and economic aspects of animal production to the people of developing countries.
- The recognition that as diseases know no boundaries, their control and eradication must be properly addressed in both developed and developing countries.
- The role and responsibilities of the veterinary profession in animal health and welfare, with special reference to developing countries.
- The significance of ensuring an adequately trained veterinary profession and veterinary service in developing countries.
- Consultation and translation of international and global standards and guidelines to improve animal health and welfare.
- Ensuring effective and constructive relationships amongst veterinarians, their associations and official veterinary services.
- The importance and delivery of continuing education of veterinarians dealing with farm, wild and companion animals in the above mentioned fields, especially within those countries with limited resources.

(1) The OIE will invite the CVA to participate as observer in relevant Commissions, Working Groups, consultations and international conferences that are organized to address issues of common interest.

(2) The CVA will invite the OIE to participate in similar works concerning issues of common interest.

(3) If necessary and whenever required by circumstances, the OIE and the CVA will exchange their points of view on all issues of common interest.

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