

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE WORLD SMALL ANIMAL VETERINARY ASSOCIATION  
(WSAVA)  
AND  
THE WORLD ORGANISATION FOR ANIMAL HEALTH (OIE)**

Adopted by the WSAVA and by the OIE on 26<sup>th</sup> of May 2011

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 companion animals in the global One Health Concept. Specifically, (1) the potential for emergence or re-emergence of zoonotic infectious diseases in companion animal species and the need for adequate surveillance systems of such diseases in these animals, (2) the major benefits to be derived for human health from comparative research into spontaneously arising disorders of companion animals, and (3) the significance of societal aspects of the human-companion animal bond.
- The role and responsibilities of the veterinary profession in companion animal health and welfare.
- Relationships between companion animal practitioners, their associations and official veterinary services.
- Consultation and translation of international and global standards and guidelines to improve companion animal health and welfare.
- The representation of the OIE on the WSAVA One Health Committee which aims to address these aims.
- The implementation of the first aim above through implementation of the OIE standards and guidelines for disease surveillance and reporting in parallel with the WSAVA electronic communications network.
- The continuing education of veterinary practitioners dealing with companion animals in the above mentioned fields.
- The WSAVA to serve as facilitator for OIE international position statements to be distributed via International and National Associations for companion animal professionals.

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

(2) The WSAVA 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 WSAVA will exchange their points of view on all issues of common interest.

The parties have signed this Agreement in two copies, one copy to be held by the OIE and the other by WSAVA. The present Agreement will enter into force upon signature by both Parties.

Paris, 26<sup>th</sup> of May 2011

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