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Guidelines for Affiliation

The World Association for Veterinary Dermatology (WAVD) supports groups, projects and organizations that align with our vision and mission. It welcomes applications from interested parties for formal affiliation with the WAVD. Affiliation requires approval by the WAVD Board.

An application for affiliation with WAVD from an organization or group allied with any aspect of veterinary dermatology, not currently represented by a member organization (ESVD, ECVD, AAVD, ACVD, CAVD, DCACVSc, AiSVD), will be considered.

Applications from organizations or groups with a global rather than local influence in the field of veterinary dermatology will be given preferential consideration.

If approved, affiliation will be normally for 3 years and will be reassessed before the end of that period.

The application should address the following points:

1. Name of the organization or group
2. Officials or officers assuming administrative responsibility and position within the organization or group.
3. Brief outline of the history of the organization or group, including the criteria for membership and number of members (with a current list of names, if appropriate)
4. Brief outline of the educational goals and objectives of the organization or group (including their actual or potential contribution to veterinary dermatology).
5. Brief statement specifying how an affiliation would be to the mutual benefit of both organizations. For example, benefits for the applicant might include offering aid in name recognition, publicity, use of website, web site linkage and organizational assistance.
6. Brief outline specifying how the organization or group will avoid any potential conflict of interest with the activities of WAVD member organizations.
7. Brief statement specifying how the organization or group will communicate with WAVD member organizations and members (e.g., newsletters, article in *Veterinary Dermatology* or other veterinary journals, presentations at a World Congress of Veterinary Dermatology or other scientific meetings, stand-alone publication, WAVD or other websites, etc.)
8. List all current sponsors of the organization or group and brief description of the nature of their support.
9. While financial support from the WAVD should not be viewed as the prime reason for an organization or group seeking affiliation with the WAVD, the WAVD recognizes possible financial support for affiliated organizations as an important means of achieving the key WAVD goal of the advancement of veterinary dermatology globally. The organization should give a brief outline of current projects and the annual costs for which WAVD funding is requested (from June 1st to May 31st).

Applications should be mailed in electronic copy format to the WAVD Secretary

