

# BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

**JULY 17, 2025**

**9:30AM - 10:30AM**

**OPEN SESSION**

**MEETING AGENDA**

## HYBRID MEETING NOTICE

In-person meetings will resume in FY 2024, meeting dates can be found on the Board's webpage.

In-person meetings will be at 2201 Shannon Place SE, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Washington, DC 20020.

Information on how to access the public portion of the meeting virtually is listed below:

**This meeting is available by web:**

<https://dcnet.webex.com/dcnet/j.php?MTID=meaac4d7d4904dd32c60e11d87ee69c30>

**This meeting is available by phone:**

Call in Number:

+1-202-860-2110 United States Toll (Washington D.C.)

1-650-479-3208 Call-in toll number (US/Canada)

**BOARD MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE:**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

	DANIEL TEICH, DVM — CHAIRPERSON	
	SOPHIE KINDBERG-HANLON, BVetMed PGCertSAS MRCVS — BOARD MEMBER	
	<i><b>Vacancy</b></i>	
	AMY HAYWOOD, LVT — VETERINARY TECHNICIAN BOARD MEMBER	
	BLAIR ZERVOS — CONSUMER MEMBER	

**STAFF MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE:**

**STAFF MEMBERS:**

	AYANNA BENNETT, MD, MSPH, FAAP — DIRECTOR	
	J. SAM HURLEY, MPH, EMPS, NRP — SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR	
	AISHA NIXON, MPT, CPM — ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	
	VITO DELVENTO, DVM, MS — EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
	JOY MCFARLANE-MILLS, BS, CPM, ILAM — PROGRAM MANAGER	
	EMILIA MORAN — INVESTIGATOR	
	SAHAR MAJID — HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	

**LEGAL STAFF / ATTENDANCE:**

**LEGAL STAFF MEMBERS:**

	ED RICH, ESQ — BOARD ATTORNEY	
	KERA JOHNSON — LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS SPECIALIST	

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OPEN SESSION AGENDA JULY 17, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

OS-0717-01	<p><b><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></b></p> <p><b>A. CALL TO ORDER</b></p> <p><b>B. PRESIDING</b></p> <p><b>C. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Dr. Dan Teich</li> <li>ii. Sophie Kindberg-Hanlon</li> <li>iii. Amy Haywood</li> <li>iv. Blair Zervos</li> </ul> <p><b>D. QUORUM</b></p> <p><b>E. STAFF PRESENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Ayanna Bennett</li> <li>ii. Sam Hurley</li> <li>iii. Aisha Nixon</li> <li>iv. Dr. Vito DelVento</li> <li>v. Joy Mc Farlane</li> <li>vi. Sahar Majid</li> <li>vii. Emilia Moran</li> <li>viii. Ed Rich</li> <li>ix. Kera Johnson</li> </ul> <p><b>F. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE</b></p>
OS-0717-02	<p><b>Board Action:</b></p> <p>Acceptance of July 17, 2025 Open Session agenda.</p>

<b>MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS</b>		
OS-0717-03	<p><b><u>APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b></p> <p>Consideration of Open Session minutes from May 15, 2025 meeting.</p>	
OS-0717-04	<b><u>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA:</u></b>	
OS-0717-05	<b><u>SENIOR DEPUTY REPORT:</u></b>	
OS-0717-06	<b><u>ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u></b>	
OS-0717-07	<p><b><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p><i>Census</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Active Licenses: 552</li> <li>• Paid Inactive: 24</li> <li>• Expired Licenses: 667</li> <li>• Approved Renewal Applications: 379</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Applications Under Review: 13</li> <li>• Renewal Applications Under Review: 00</li> </ul>	
OS-0717-08	<p><b><u>ANIMAL SERVICES PROGRAM REPORT (ASP)</u></b></p> <p><b>ONLINE DOG LICENSING APPLICATIONS</b></p> <p>DC Health, Health Regulation and Licensing Administration (HRLA) is excited to announce the opening of our new online dog licensing system. All dog owners in the District are required to submit their dog registration or renewal applications by going to the below link and submitting an online application.</p> <p><a href="https://dchealth.force.com/animalservices/s/login/?ec=302&amp;startURL=%2Fanimalservices%2Fs%2F">https://dchealth.force.com/animalservices/s/login/?ec=302&amp;startURL=%2Fanimalservices%2Fs%2F</a></p> <p><b><u>Concerns surrounding abandoned dogs</u></b></p> <p>The discussion centered around concerns regarding the surrendering of animals outside regular business hours.</p> <p><b><u>Update:</u></b> Mr. Ed Rich inquired about the availability of the contractor's Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and requested a copy. In response, Dr. DelVento noted that the SOPs could be obtained from Ms. Joy McFarlane, the contract administrator.</p>	
OS-0717-09	<p><b><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT</u></b></p>	

OS-0717-10

**BOARD COUNSELOR'S REPORT**

[Commercial animal facility regulations](#)

[Maryland Criminal Code on Animals](#)

**Topics of Legislative Priorities:**

- Telehealth Policy
  - [AAVSB telehealth regulations](#)
  - [Revision — Telemedicine regulations for veterinarians](#)
- Cosmetic treatments on pets
- Artificial intelligence in veterinary medicine

**i. Client Communication and Education:**

- Chatbots powered by AI can provide instant answers to common pet-related questions.
- Educational resources can be personalized based on an individual pet's needs.

**ii. Natural Language Processing (NLP):**

- NLP algorithms can analyze veterinary literature, case reports, and clinical notes to extract relevant information.
- Veterinarians can benefit from AI-generated summaries and recommendations.

**iii. Diagnostics and Imaging:**

AI algorithms can analyze medical images (such as X-rays, MRIs, and ultrasounds) to assist veterinarians in diagnosing conditions like fractures, tumors, or organ abnormalities.

**iv. Predictive Analytics:**

- AI models can predict disease outbreaks, track disease trends, and assess risk factors in animal populations for example, predicting the spread of infectious diseases or identifying at-risk animals for preventive measures.

	<p><b>v. Treatment Planning:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AI can recommend personalized treatment plans based on an individual animal's health history, genetics, and response to previous treatments.</li> <li>- It can also suggest optimal drug dosages and monitor treatment effectiveness.</li> </ul> <p><b>vi. Health Monitoring:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wearable devices and sensors equipped with AI can continuously monitor vital signs, detect anomalies, and alert veterinarians to potential health issues.</li> <li>- This real-time monitoring enhances early disease detection and intervention.</li> </ul> <p><b>vii. Research and Drug Discovery:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AI assists in analyzing large datasets, identifying genetic markers, and predicting drug interactions.</li> <li>- It accelerates research and drug development for both animals and humans.</li> </ul> <p><b>viii. Population Health Management:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AI helps track population health trends, assess vaccination coverage, and manage disease control programs.</li> <li>- It contributes to better overall animal welfare.</li> </ul>	
OS-0717-11	<p><b><u>DC JURISPRUDENCE AFFIDAVIT</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b></p> <p>In accordance with the regulation: "An applicant for an initial license shall demonstrate to the Board's satisfaction that he or she possesses competent knowledge and understanding of the laws and rules pertaining to veterinary</p>	

	<p>practice in the District,” the Board may require an affidavit if deemed necessary to fulfill this requirement.</p> <p><b>Update:</b> Mr. Ed Rich has reviewed and approved the jurisprudence affidavit template for the Board’s consideration. All applicants for a DC veterinary license will be required to complete, sign, and upload this affidavit as part of their application through the portal.</p>	
OS-0717-12	<p><b><u>ADOPTION OF NEW CHARACTER REFERENCE FORM FOR APPLICANTS</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b></p> <p>The Board will review the proposed Character Reference Form and determine whether to adopt it.</p> <p><b>Background:</b></p> <p>The current Veterinary Reference Form lacks detail, requiring only the names and contact information of the applicant’s professional referees. To gain deeper insight into an applicant’s professional character, a new, more comprehensive form—modeled after the Board of Medicine’s version—has been developed. The Board is now tasked with deciding whether to implement this updated form.</p>	
OS-0717-13	<p><b><u>CEU REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSES TRANSITIONING TO BIRTH MONTH/BIRTH YEAR RENEWAL CYCLE</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action</b></p> <p>To determine whether and how the Board should prorate or adjust the required Continuing Education Unit (CEU) hours for licensees whose renewal</p>	



	<p>cycles have been shortened due to the transition to a birth month/birth year renewal schedule.</p> <p><b>Background</b></p> <p>All health professional licensing boards in the District of Columbia transitioned to a birth month/birth year-based renewal cycle. This change was implemented to improve administrative efficiency and simplify license tracking for both the Board and licensees.</p> <p>As a result of this transition, some licensees have received license terms of less than the standard two years. This presents a challenge, as the Board's current policy assumes a two-year license cycle when evaluating CEU compliance. Given that CEUs are a requirement for license renewal, the Board must now determine an equitable policy for the affected licensees that ensures fairness while maintaining the integrity of continuing education expectations and public protection.</p> <p>One proposed recommendation is that affected licensees be required to complete 50% of the standard CEU hours, including all mandatory content areas (such as LGBTQ+ cultural competency and DC Health public health priorities).</p>	
OS-0717-14	<b><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></b>	
OS-0717-15	<p><b><u>HOUSEKEEPING</u></b></p> <p><b>Future Board meeting dates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• August 2025 (Recess)</li> <li>• September 18, 2025</li> <li>• November 20, 2025</li> </ul>	

OS-0717-16	<p><b><u>INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR VETERINARY ASSESSMENT (ICVA) UPDATES - FYI</u></b></p> <p><b><u>ICVA Grant Program</u></b></p> <p><a href="#">The ICVA grant program</a> is offering up to three grants of \$10,000 USD in 2025. These grants aim to support research in veterinary medical education assessment, prioritizing studies on assessment practices from admissions to continuing education. Faculty from AVMA-accredited veterinary schools are encouraged to apply.</p> <p><b>Key deadlines:</b></p> <p><b>June 30</b> – Letter of Intent deadline  <b>August 1</b> – Invitation to submit full proposal  <b>October 30</b> – Full proposal submission deadline  <b>January 2026</b> – Applicants notified of awards</p> <p><b><u>ICVA at 2025 SAVMA Symposium</u></b></p> <p>ICVA Board members Drs. Elizabeth Farrington and Hilari French attended the 2025 SAVMA Symposium, held March 20–22 in Davis, California.</p> <p><b><u>ICVA Delegation Travels to the UK</u></b></p> <p>An ICVA delegation traveled to the United Kingdom in May to connect with veterinary schools and regulatory bodies.</p>	
OS-0717-17	<p><b><u>AVMA UPDATES – FYI</u></b></p> <p><b>Federal Advocacy Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Healthy Dog Importation Act:</b></li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ AVMA helped reintroduce the bill in the House and Senate.</li> <li>○ Aims to prevent the spread of animal and human diseases.</li> <li>○ Strengthens health requirements for imported dogs.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>AVMA's Legislative Priorities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Maintains a nonpartisan approach to advocating for veterinary professionals.</li> <li>○ Continues to assess and engage with Congress and the Administration.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Student Loan Programs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Education Department resumed collection of defaulted federal student loans on May 5.</li> <li>○ White House issued an Executive Order on accreditation for higher education institutions.</li> <li>○ House Committee passed a student loan overhaul bill, with Senate working on its own version.</li> <li>○ AVMA actively engaged in discussions with lawmakers.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Farm Bill Update:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Congress debating Farm Bill reauthorization.</li> <li>○ AVMA urging prompt passage of a bill that includes veterinary priorities.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>State Advocacy Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Legislative Developments:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Colorado:</b> Bill awaiting governor's approval, refining veterinary professional associate role.</li> <li>○ <b>Tennessee:</b> New law allows chiropractors to seek certification for animal chiropractic.</li> <li>○ <b>North Dakota:</b> Updates to Veterinary Practice Act, ensuring proper veterinarian-client-patient relationships.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Congressional Advocacy Efforts</b></p>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Combating Illicit Xylazine Act:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Addresses illicit xylazine use while preserving veterinary access.</li> <li>○ Encourages public support for passage.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Rural Veterinary Workforce Act:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Supports veterinarians in underserved areas by addressing student loan debt.</li> <li>○ AVMA urges congressional action.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Healthy Dog Importation Act:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pushes for stricter dog importation requirements.</li> <li>○ Calls on Congress to provide necessary resources for oversight.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Additional Resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>AVMA Congressional Advocacy Network (CAN) Resource Library:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provides educational materials for veterinary advocates.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
OS-0717-18	<p><b><u>AAVSB UPDATES – FYI</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Proposed AAVSB Bylaws Amendment</u></b></p> <p>During the AAVSB's Business Session on September 19 &amp; 20 for the upcoming 2025 Annual Meeting &amp; Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio, the Delegate Assembly will vote on the proposed Bylaws amendments. One designated Delegate and Alternate Delegate can be registered from each AAVSB Member Board and are represented by a single vote on each issue put to a vote before the Delegate Assembly.</p> <p>Please review the <a href="#">Proposed AAVSB Bylaws Amendment Packet</a> and distribute it to your Board members with the <a href="#">current AAVSB Bylaws document</a>.</p>	

### **VTNE Celebrating Diversity Award Recipient**

The American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2025 VTNE Celebrating Diversity Award is Taja Miller.

Taja is a first-generation college student and the only Native American student in her program at Minnesota North College.

### **AMC 2025 Agenda**

With registration now open for the 2025 AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference, we hope you are just as excited as we are about what's on the agenda!

### **AMC 2025 Breakdown**

September 17, 2025:

### **Committee Meetings**

September 18, 2025:

### **Optional Pre-Conference Sessions:**

- Executive Directors' & Registrars' Summit
- Member Board Basics Training

### **September 19 - 20, 2025: Annual Meeting & Conference**

### **Tentative Agenda**

You can find the [full agenda](#) as it is updated on the registration website.

### **Event Details**

When:  
September 17 - 20, 2025!

Where:  
Cincinnati, Ohio

The Westin Cincinnati  
21 E. 5th Street,  
Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202

	<p>Phone: 513.621.7700</p> <p><b>July 23, 2025 – Member Board Knowledge Center Walkthrough</b> Time: 12:00–12:30 pm CST Focus: A deep dive into the newly updated AAVSB Knowledge Center. This session is designed for both new and experienced users to get the most out of the platform.</p> <p><b>August 19, 2025 – VPA Implementation in Colorado</b> Time: 12:00–1:00 pm CST Focus: The AAVSB Board of Directors' decision on the Veterinary Professional Associate (VPA) role in Colorado. Led by President Dr. Frank Richardson, with insights from President-elect Dr. Tim Kolb and CEO Jim Penrod. A great opportunity to engage with leadership and influence ongoing support for Member Boards.</p> <p><b>Score Report Access Update:</b> VTNE score reports are now exclusively available through the AAVSB portal, replacing PSI.</p>	
OS-0717-19	<p><b><u>AAVMC UPDATES – FYI</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Veterinary Scholars Symposium Registration Opens — Registration is now open for this year's event, emphasizing the vital role of scientific research in veterinary medicine.</li> <li>• Dr. Catherine A. Knupp Scholarships Awarded — Ryan Carson and Haeree Lang receive \$25,000 each to support their veterinary education and research, thanks to the Zoetis Foundation.</li> <li>• Ten Colleges Complete Systemic Wellbeing Course — AAVMC recognizes ten member institutions for successfully finishing the inaugural Introduction to Systemic Wellbeing Course.</li> <li>• Climate Change and Veterinary Education Webinar — On May 20, experts discussed integrating climate change topics into competency-based veterinary education.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual Data Report Released — The 2024–2025 report features 50 charts highlighting enrollment, diversity, tuition, debt, and academic personnel data.</li> <li>Veterinary Student Research Fellowship — Year-long mentorship, research, and symposium presentation.</li> <li>AAVMC Leadership Academy (2025–2026) — Hybrid format, dean nominations required</li> <li>AAVMC Summer Meeting (July 19, Washington DC) — for deans</li> <li>Veterinary Admissions Virtual Fair (July 30) — student outreach</li> </ul>	
OS-0717-20	<p><b><u>Brandywine Valley SPCA – Washington DC UPDATES – FYI</u></b></p> <p>May2025 Newsletter</p>	
OS-0717-21	<p><b><u>LEGISLATIVE/REGULATIONS</u></b></p> <p><b><u>PDMP</u></b></p> <p><b>FY 2026 Budget:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Committee on Health held DC Health’s Budget Oversight hearings, one for public witnesses, on <a href="#">June 6<sup>th</sup></a> and, one for government witnesses, on <a href="#">June 16<sup>th</sup></a>. You can find information about the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 budget <a href="#">here</a>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On June 16<sup>th</sup>, DC Health Director, Dr. Ayanna Bennett, along with members of the DC Health leadership team testified before the committee, highlighting key accomplishments in FY25, outlining priorities for FY26, and responding to questions. Key topics included the reprogramming of School Health Services, health systems changes, the new Animal Control contract, and anticipated federal funding cuts.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

- A markup was held on [June 23, 2025](#) and will now go before the Committee of the Whole. In that mark-up, changes include:
  - o Fully funding the CON Improvement Act across its financial plan
  - o Enhancing funding for food access programs at DC Health
  - o Approved \$8.2 million animal control contract
  - o Several investments to strengthen the healthcare workforce such as:
    - Fully funding the Counseling Compact Approval Act
    - Proposing and funding Budget Support Acts (BSA) for:
      - DC Health Licensure Pathways Program
      - Certified Nurse Aide Workforce Amendment Act
      - Health Occupation Criminal Background Check

#### **Veterinarian Regulations**

<https://dcregs.dc.gov/Common/DCMR/RuleList.aspx?ChapterNum=17-28&ChapterId=699>

#### **Veterinary Technician Regulations**

<https://dcregs.dc.gov/Common/DCMR/RuleList.aspx?ChapterNum=17-112&ChapterId=3904>

#### **Veterinary Euthanasia Technician Regulations**

<https://dcregs.dc.gov/Common/DCMR/RuleList.aspx?ChapterNum=17-111&ChapterId=3903>

The new Veterinary Technician and Euthanasia Technicians regulations became effective Friday, August 6, 2021. At this time, the DC Department of Health will not be issuing registrations until the process is in place.

The Department of Health is currently creating the platform by which individuals can submit an application for registration as either a Veterinary Technician or a Veterinary Euthanasia Technician. Once the platform is available, there will be a grace period for which individuals will need to come into full compliance.



**VETERINARY TECHNICIAN LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS**

[DC Vet Tech Communication Material.pdf](#)

**11202 EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

**11202.1** Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, an applicant for veterinary technician certification shall furnish proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant has successfully graduated from a two (2) year associate program in the practice of veterinary technology or animal health at an institution accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA) at the time the applicant graduated.

**11203 NATIONAL EXAMINATION**

**11203.1** To qualify for certification, an applicant shall furnish proof of having obtained, no more than seven (7) years prior to the submission of a certification application under this chapter, a passing score on the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE) or its successor examination, administered by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) or its successor.

**11203.2** The passing score for the VTNE shall be as established by AAVSB.

**11203.3** An applicant shall arrange for the score to be transmitted to the Board directly from AAVSB.

**11204 KNOWLEDGE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA VETERINARY JURISPRUDENCE**

**11204.1** To qualify for certification under this section, an applicant shall demonstrate to the Board's satisfaction that he or she possesses competent knowledge and understanding of the laws and rules pertaining to veterinary practice in the District. The Board may adopt or implement a District of

Columbia Veterinary Jurisprudence Examination or other methods such as mandatory educational sessions.

**11205 ALTERNATIVE QUALIFICATION THROUGH EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

**11205.1** Notwithstanding the requirement of § 11202, an applicant who does not meet the requirement of § 11202.1 may qualify for a veterinary technician certification if he or she:

(a) Has completed, with a minimum passing grade of C or equivalent, at least two-hundred and thirty (230) clock hours of post-secondary instruction relevant to the practice of veterinary technician, which includes:

- (1) Biology I;
- (2) Biology II;
- (3) Microbiology;
- (4) Chemistry;
- (5) Anatomy and physiology I; and
- (6) Anatomy and physiology II; and

(b) Has accrued at least four thousand (4,000) hours of Directed Clinical Practice under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian

**Fee Schedule:**

VETERINARY EUTHANASIA TECHNICIAN:	VETERINARY TECHNICIAN:
Initial Certification Fee \$ 50.00	Initial Certification Fee \$ 50.00
Inactive Status Fee \$ 10.00	Inactive Status Fee \$ 10.00
Renewal Fee \$ 50.00	Renewal Fee \$ 50.00
Late Renewal Fee \$ 20.00	Late Renewal Fee \$ 20.00
Certificate Duplication Fee \$ 34.00	Certificate Duplication Fee \$ 34.00
Verification of Records \$ 34.00	Verification of Records \$ 34.00

	Reinstatement Fee \$ 70.00	Reinstatement Fee \$ 70.00	
	Criminal Background Check \$ 50.00	Criminal Background Check \$ 50.00	
OS-0717-22	<b><u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS</u></b>  <a href="https://dccouncil.us/events/list/">https://dccouncil.us/events/list/</a>		

DISCUSSION ITEMS	
OS-0717-23	<b><u>MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</u></b>
OS-0717-24	<b><u>FINAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></b>
OS-0717-25	<b><u>READING OF OPEN SESSION MOTIONS</u></b>

<b>CLOSING</b>		
OS-0717-26	<p><b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><b>Background:</b> This concludes the Public Open Session of the meeting. The Board will now move into the Executive Section, which is closed to the public, to seek the advice of counsel to the board, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(4); to administer licensing of health professionals governed by the Board, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(6); to discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(9); administration of licensing pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(6); discuss ongoing or planned investigations pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(14). This meeting is governed by the Open Meetings Act. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at <a href="mailto:opengovoffice@dc.gov">opengovoffice@dc.gov</a></p>	
OS-0717-25	<p><b><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Board.</p>	

**This ends the Open Session Agenda, next meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2025**

**This meeting is governed by the Open Meetings Act. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at [opengovoffice@dc.gov](mailto:opengovoffice@dc.gov)**

## **DC Board of Veterinary Medicine Jurisprudence Affidavit**

I attest that I have read the relevant laws and regulations related to the practice of veterinary medicine in the District of Columbia, including, but not limited to, The Health Occupations Revision Act (D.C. Official Code § 1201 *et seq.*) and Chapter 28 (Veterinarians) of Title 17 (Business, Occupations and Professions) of the D.C. Municipal Regulations and have competent knowledge and understanding of the laws and regulations pertaining to veterinary practice in the District of Columbia, specifically relating to the following:

1. Continuing Education Requirements and Audits
2. Veterinary-Client-Patient Relationship
3. Delegation of Duties and Supervision of Veterinary Technicians and Other Clinical Support Staff
4. Standard of Conduct
5. Management, Storage, Inventory, and Use of Drugs

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**Applicant Name**

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**Applicant Signature**

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**Date**

## Board of Veterinary Medicine Character Reference Form

The District of Columbia Board of Veterinary Medicine, in its consideration of a candidate for licensure, depends on information from persons and institutions regarding the candidate's employment, training, affiliations, and staff privileges. Please complete this form to the best of your ability and upload it in your application portal so the information you provide can be given consideration in the processing of this candidate's application in a timely manner.

**Applicant Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Please evaluate:**

	Poor	Fair	Good	Superior
Professional Knowledge				
Clinical Judgment				
Ethical/Professional Conduct				
Interest in Work				
Ability to Communicate				

2. To your knowledge, has the applicant been the subject of any disciplinary or legal proceeding convened by a state regulatory agency or board, employer, hospital or health care facility?

NO \_\_\_\_\_

YES \_\_\_\_\_ (if yes, please explain on a separate sheet)

3. **Recommendation:** (please indicate with check mark)

Recommend highly and without reservation \_\_\_\_\_

Recommend as qualified and competent \_\_\_\_\_

Recommend with some reservation \_\_\_\_\_ (please explain on a separate sheet)

4. **The above report is based on** (Check all that apply)

Close personal observation \_\_\_\_\_

General impression \_\_\_\_\_

A composite of evaluations \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Print/type name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date (Required) \_\_\_\_\_





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# IMPACT in DC

## The Power of Play

In May we were proud to welcome a team from **Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL)**, marking their 400th shelter served. DPFL is a nonprofit with a mission to enhance the quality of life of shelter dogs by allowing them to play in groups - every day! DPFL's team spent a week visiting both campuses in the District where they provided hands-on training to our staff and volunteers. This is another way we are investing in improving the life of the dogs in our care, decreasing their length of stay, and increasing lifesaving. Thank you to everyone who participated in this important training.



## Supporting Pet Owners of All Ages

On May 23, we joined more than 2,000 DC seniors gathered at the Southeast Tennis & Learning Center for the 2025 Senior Fest. We are always striving to support pet owners of all ages, and our staff spent the day talking to seniors about the low-cost veterinary services, including wellness visits, preventatives, and spay/neuter surgeries, we offer at our Animal Health Center.





# SERVING PET FAMILIES

## A Note From Our CEO

Kitten season is now in full swing! In fact, **we welcomed more than 100 kittens into our care during the month of May**, all while continuing to offer free spay and neuter to community cats. We're incredibly grateful to our foster families who have stepped up to give these little ones the care and attention they need to thrive until they are ready for adoption.

This month, **we also launched a series of free microchip clinics**, helping ensure that more pets in our community can be reunited with their families if they ever become lost. With the overwhelming majority of the animals in our care coming in as strays, owner reunifications are a critical part of our work. **We're proud to have microchipped more than 191 pets at these free clinics!**

A special highlight in May was welcoming **Dogs Playing for Life, a national nonprofit dedicated to enriching the lives of shelter dogs**. Their team spent a week with us, training our staff and volunteers on the powerful impact of playgroups. This new approach is already transforming the way our dogs socialize—boosting their overall well-being and increasing their chances of adoption. We will continue to look for opportunities to provide valuable training like this as an investment into our team and the animals who count on us.



**Adam Lamb**  
CEO



## It's Hip to Be (Micro) Chipped!

**After 46 long days apart, a missing pup named Sativa is finally home!** Back on March 29, Sativa got separated from her family during a trip to the District from New Jersey. Heartbroken and searching, her owners never gave up hope. Then on May 15, a Good Samaritan found Sativa and brought her to our shelter. Thanks to a microchip, we were able to contact the owners and make this heartwarming reunion possible. Sativa's story is a powerful reminder of the importance of microchipping your pets. That's why we offered free microchip clinics on Saturdays in May. **We're happy to share that we provided 191 microchips to pets in our community.**





# SERVING OUR COMMUNITY



## A Buzz-Worthy Rescue!

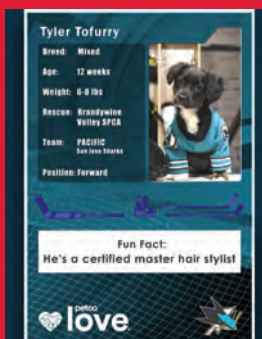
A swarm of more than 40,000 honey bees made a surprise appearance at our New York Ave campus last month. Thanks to a quick response, and the help of a local beekeeper, we were able to safely relocate the swarm, so they can continue their vital work as pollinators. Honeybees play a crucial role in our ecosystem, and we're proud to have given them a second chance — just like we do with all animals who need our help. **Big thanks to Del Voss, DC's Honey Guy**, for helping us expand our lifesaving work to honeybees!



## 2025 Stanley Pup



The Brandywine Valley SPCA was a proud participant again this year in the Stanley Pup! In celebration of the 2025 Stanley Cup Playoffs and in partnership with the NHL and Petco Love, the Stanley Pup is a friendly competition featuring adoptable rescue dogs and appearances by celebrity dog lovers. Throughout the program, which was broadcast on truTV and the NHL Network, viewers were introduced to adoptable pups representing NHL teams across the league, including **11 Brandywine pups!**

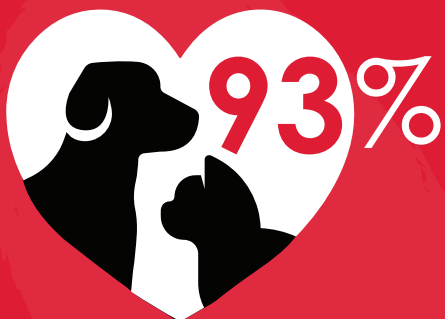


## Shelter Pups Dance Into Forever

From May 9-18, we invited the community to dance into forever during our 2025 prom themed adoption event. During the promotion, adopters were invited to welcome any adult dog, 1yr+ into their home with no adoption fee. **Sixteen lucky dogs received their promposals during the promotion.**



## MAKING AN IMPACT IN DC | MAY 2025



LIVE RELEASE RATE (ORG)



LIVE RELEASE RATE (DC)



ANIMALS IN CARE

636



ADOPTIONS

151



LOST PETS REUNITED

43



SPAY/NEUTERS

439



VACCINATIONS  
ADMINISTERED

1,716



ANIMAL CONTROL  
DISPATCH CALLS

4,374



ANIMAL CONTROL  
CASES

1,362

## LOCATIONS

### New York Ave

1201 New York Ave NE  
Washington, DC 20002

### DC Village

4 DC Village Lane SW  
Washington, DC 20032

### Animal Control & Shelter

(202) 888-PETS

### Animal Health Center

(202) 888-VETS



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