



## **VETERINARY ETHICS CLUB**

**def: ethics — moral principles that govern a person's or group's behavior**

Veterinarians face ethical issues every single day in practice, whether it be decisions on euthanasia, financial quandaries, difficult clients, abused/neglected animals, lab animal research, or production animal factory farming, the list goes on and on. This club was started in 2016 for the chance to address controversial issues such as these in an educated and influential environment amongst students and faculty. We believe the veterinary profession to serve as a voice for the voiceless animals we study, discover, and befriend each day of our career's journey. As the only veterinary ethics club in the nation, we hope to start something new here at OSU and share our discussions to other schools in the country and begin the tough conversations that we are bound to face in the future!

We are excited for what is to come and hope you will join us!

## **PURPOSE:**

### **Constitution of VEC**

The purpose of VEC shall be:

- i. To expose its members to historical, current, and predicted ethical issues pertaining to the veterinary community.
- ii. To provide its members a platform to critically analyze and discuss ethical issues pertaining to the veterinary community throughout their veterinary education.
- iii. To provide a positive, respectful, and non-competitive learning environment for members to discuss veterinary ethics.

## **GOALS:**

1. Monthly student-run discussions on various topics (Examples: Euthanasia, Fish hatcheries, What is "animal abuse?", What is "minimal care"? etc.)
2. Panel discussions with veterinarians in the area
3. Lunch-talk Speakers

***"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."***

***— Margaret Mead***

## REFERENCES:

### **OSU**

#### **OSU CVM Bylaws:**

##### **F. Animal Welfare and Ethics Committee**

1. Committee Membership: Membership on the Committee will consist of two faculty members from each department nominated by the Faculty Advisory Committee and approved by the Faculty for two-year staggered terms, and a veterinary student member, elected by the student body for a two-year term. Department Heads, Associate Dean(s) and the Dean are not eligible to serve. The Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education and the Associate Dean for Student and Academic Affairs will serve as ex officio members. Members of the committee may serve multiple terms, but will be limited to a maximum of two consecutive terms. The committee shall elect a chairperson from among the faculty members serving on the committee. An initial meeting is required within the first month of the academic year to plan and set the agenda for the year.
2. Committee Charge: The committee will be responsible for advising the Dean, Faculty Advisory Committee and Faculty on issues and policies regarding matters of animal welfare, ethical conduct related to all animal welfare issues that fall under the College's jurisdiction, and compliance with Federal, State, and other regulations pertaining to animal care and use.
3. The Committee reviews and develops policies and procedures to help insure that animals owned by the College, and those under the College's care, are created humanely and that the College is in compliance with the Animal Welfare Act and the Public Health Service policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals. The committee also encourages the ongoing evaluation of the use of alternatives for live animals in teaching and research and will encourage changes which are to the best benefit of the College. All such matters pertaining to animal welfare and ethics, including concerns raised by faculty, staff, students or the public, should be brought to the attention of the Committee for review and recommendation.

**OSU Animal Welfare and Ethics Committee 2016** Committee members: Duncan Russell (Chair), Milan Milovancev, Katy Townsend and Natalia Shulzhenko The Animal Welfare and Ethics Committee welcome any feedback regarding use of animals in this college. This committee is responsible for advising the Dean, Faculty Advisory Committee and Faculty on issues and policies regarding matters of animal welfare, ethical conduct related to all animal welfare issues that fall under the College's jurisdiction, and compliance with Federal, State, and other regulations pertaining to animal care and use. The Committee reviews and develops policies and procedures to help insure that animals owned by the College, and those under the College's care, are treated humanely and that the College is in compliance with the Animal Welfare Act and the Public Health Service policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals. The committee also encourages the ongoing evaluation of the use of alternatives for live animals in teaching and research and will encourage changes which are to the best benefit of the College. All such matters pertaining to animal welfare and ethics, including concerns raised by faculty, staff, students or the public, should be brought to the attention of the Committee for review and recommendation. If you have any outstanding concerns regarding Animal Welfare or Ethics, please complete this anonymous open feedback form below or contact the committee chair. Thank you!

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### **AVMA**

#### **Principles of Veterinary Medical Ethics of the AVMA**

<https://www.avma.org/KB/Policies/Pages/Principles-of-Veterinary-Medical-Ethics-of-the-AVMA.aspx>

### **OTHER**

#### **The Humane Society of the United States**

[https://secure.humanesociety.org/site/SPageServer?pagename=splash&prefill=35&s\\_src=ad\\_gg\\_search\\_eoy16\\_110116&gclid=CJ3g5O7KotECFVKFfgod1pIERw](https://secure.humanesociety.org/site/SPageServer?pagename=splash&prefill=35&s_src=ad_gg_search_eoy16_110116&gclid=CJ3g5O7KotECFVKFfgod1pIERw)

#### **People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals**

[http://www.peta.org/about-peta/?gclid=COAiZzLotECFQt\\_fgodJpgM6w](http://www.peta.org/about-peta/?gclid=COAiZzLotECFQt_fgodJpgM6w)