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PRESS RELEASE

New WSAVA Course Aims to Increase Knowledge of Vaccines and Vaccination Practice

A three-module online course on vaccination has been launched by the <u>World Small Animal Veterinary</u>
<u>Association</u> (WSAVA). Available free of charge to WSAVA members, the course offers foundational learning on all aspects of vaccine practice for those keen to develop their knowledge in this important area of veterinary medicine.

The course is based on the Global Vaccination Guidelines created by the WSAVA's <u>Vaccination Guidelines</u> <u>Group</u> (VGG). They provide globally applicable recommendations on best practice for the vaccination of dogs and cats to help veterinarians to undertake the practice in a standard and evidence-based way. Each module features narrated and interactive e-learning, with videos, downloadable resources, multiple choice questions and drag and drop activities to help learners test their knowledge.

The modules are available in English with other languages to follow shortly. They can be accessed here: https://bit.lv/3OUTvLp RACE accreditation is underway.

The course has been generously supported by MSD Animal Health, committed Partner of the VGG.

Dr Richard Squires chairs the VGG, a team of experts from around the world which provides evidence-based scientific advice to the global veterinary profession on optimum vaccination practice. Commenting on the launch of the modules, he said: "The VGG's goal is to enhance the understanding and practice of vaccination in companion animals globally and we are delighted that our Vaccination Guidelines are one of the most frequently downloaded resources on the WSAVA's website.

"We hope that this new course will encourage even more veterinarians to update their knowledge in this evolving area of veterinary medicine and that they will then join with us in driving positive change in vaccination, ensuring that even more companion animals are vaccinated in a scientifically-based, robust and safer fashion."

Note to editors:

The <u>WSAVA</u> represents more than 200,000 veterinarians worldwide through its 115 member associations and works to enhance standards of clinical care for companion animals. Its core activities include the development of WSAVA Global Guidelines in key areas of veterinary practice, including pain management, nutrition and vaccination, together with lobbying on important issues affecting companion animal care worldwide.

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