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### **New Global Guidelines to be Unveiled at WSAVA 2023**

#### **Latest thinking offered to companion animal veterinary teams**

New Global Guidelines on Professional Wellness, Reproduction and Direct Zoonoses, as well as an updated set of its highly-regarded Vaccination Guidelines are set to be launched by the World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA) during [WSAVA World Congress 2023](#). The event takes place in Lisbon, Portugal, from 27-29 September 2023.

The [WSAVA](#)'s peer-reviewed Global Guidelines are created by experts on its clinical committees to highlight best practice and set minimum standards in key areas of veterinary practice. Free to WSAVA members, they are designed to be relevant to veterinarians wherever in the world they are working and are its most frequently downloaded educational resource.

- The new Global Guidelines on Professional Wellness have been created by the WSAVA's Professional Wellness Group to form an evidence-based, accessible set of tools and other resources to support veterinary wellness, that embrace the differing regional, economic and cultural needs of WSAVA members around the world.
- The Reproduction Control Guidelines, created by the WSAVA's Reproduction Control Committee, aim to help members make science-based choices for the management of reproduction in their patients, while safeguarding animal welfare and supporting the human-companion animal bond.
- The new Zoonoses Guidelines from the WSAVA's One Health Committee present global recommendations on how to avoid human illness from direct contact with small companion animals and their infectious agents. Regional guidelines are expected to follow.

- The new Vaccination Guidelines provide a comprehensive update to its existing Guidelines and offer a range of new sections and content areas.

All of the new Global Guidelines will be submitted to the Journal of Small Animal Practice, the WSAVA's official scientific journal, for peer review. The WSAVA launched an updated set of its Global Guidelines for Pain Management in 2022, with Guidelines in other areas, including nutrition and dentistry also available for free download from the WSAVA website.

WSAVA World Congress is the leading global forum for companion animal veterinary professionals. Its unrivalled scientific program brings together expert speakers from around the world to discuss the latest thinking in key areas of companion animal practice. New for 2023 is the inclusion of a stream covering key topics, such as leadership and business management. Masterclasses, workshops, lectures from this year's WSAVA Award winners and a social program showcasing Lisbon's renowned culture and cuisine are all on offer.

Commenting, WSAVA President Dr Ellen van Nierop, said: "Standards of companion animal veterinary care vary around the world. WSAVA Global Guidelines help to address this inconsistency, offering tiered protocols, tools and other guidance to support veterinary team members wherever they are in practice.

"We're delighted to be adding these new WSAVA Global Guidelines to our portfolio – and I thank the many committee members who have dedicated so much of their own time to producing these invaluable resources for WSAVA members worldwide. They will join our existing Global Guidelines as hallmarks of best practice."

She added: "We're looking forward to launching these new Global Guidelines during WSAVA 2023 - the annual coming together of the global companion animal veterinary community. Our Congress is a unique opportunity for the profession to learn, share ideas, and build relationships with colleagues from all over the world. We can't wait to meet old friends and new in Lisbon for another memorable Congress later this year."

The creation of the new WSAVA Global Guidelines has been supported by the association's Industry Partners as below:

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**Note to editors:**

The WSAVA 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.

WSAVA World Congress 2023 will take place in partnership with FECAVA EuroCongress, FIAVAC Congress and APMVEAC National Congress.

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