

MVMA Legislative Agenda for 2010

1. Support University of Minnesota's College of Veterinary Medicine at the Legislature.
2. Support Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at the Legislature
3. Monitor legislative activity regarding scope of practice issues
4. Continue discussions with regard to Veterinary Technicians to be included in the Veterinary Practice Act
5. Support continuing discussions with other stakeholders in regard to proposed "Breeder Bills".
6. Support further discussions with individuals or entities with regard to spay/neuter programs in Minnesota.
7. Support the Position Statement of the MVMA on regulation of dog and cat breeders.
8. Support the Board of Animal Health as the state agency with the authority to oversee the inspection and enforcement of breeder legislation provided that the board receives adequate funding for such a program.
9. Support the continued independent status of the Board of Animal Health and the Board of Veterinary Medicine.
10. Support the biennial budgets of the Board of Animal Health and of the Board of Veterinary Medicine.
11. Support legislation that provides financial support for research, education and outreach initiatives surrounding animal health.
12. Support legislation that includes pets in court protection orders in cases of domestic violence.