## Become an MVMA Member

Download or complete an online application at www.mvma.org or contact the MVMA office at 651-645-7533 or info@mvma.org

### **Membership Categories**

### **Active Member**

Any graduate of a recognized veterinary college who is methods. Practitioners shall be licensed in the area in of good moral character and of reputable professional which the practice.

### **Supporting Member**

Any business individual, partnership, corporation, or other business entity who desires to support the purpose of the Association

### Academic Member

Any veterinarian working full-time (minimum .75 FTE) in a college, university or academic veterinary technician program setting

### **Affiliate Member**

Teachers of veterinary medicine or of the sciences allied to veterinary medicine, who do not qualify for active membership.

### Associate Member

Any veterinarian who meets the qualification of membership but who resides outside the State of Minnesota.

### Graduate Student/Intern/Resident Member

Any DVM currently enrolled in a graduate veterinary program or employed as an intern or resident at an accredited University.

### Graduate Practicing Member

Any DVM practicing in his/her 1st or 2nd year after graduation from an accredited college of veterinary medicine.

### **Student Member**

Any full-time veterinary student of an accredited veterinary college shall become eligible to become a student member of this Association.

### Life or Inactive Member

Please contact the MVMA staff to find out more about categories available to long-time and retired MVMA members.



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### **Become Involved**

There are a number of opportunities for members to become involved in the MVMA including being a state fair volunteer, convention volunteer, or membership on one of the following MVMA committees:

- Chemical Impairment and Addictions Committee
- Continuing Education Committee
- Council of Senior Veterinarians Committee
- CVM Liaison Committee
- Equine Issues Committee
- Finance & Operations Committee
- Food Animal Committee
- Governmental Affairs Committee
- Membership and Community Relations
- MVMRC Disaster Response Committee
- Nominations Committee
- Ethics & Grievance Committee
- Practice Committee
- Public Health Committee
- Small Animal Welfare Committee
- State Fair Miracle of Birth Center Committee
- State Fair Surgery Suite Committee
- Veterinary Technicians Committee

### Join the organization that works both with and for you!

The Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association leads the veterinary profession by contributing to the success of veterinarians, public health safety and the care and well-being of animals.

### Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association

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### Resources

## Education & Networking

## Advocacy

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Committed to the veterinary profession in Minnesota for over a century.

### Our members benefit from

### Resources

### **MVMA Staff**

The MVMA has a dedicated staff working to assist and be a helpful resource to members. Committed to the advancement of your practice and the veterinary profession, our staff is always just a phone call or email away.

### **MVMA Member Only Savings**

An active member of the MVMA can **save**, **on average**, **over \$400 a year** through CE course offerings, online and newsletter classified ads and resource materials discounts. This alone pays for your membership cost.

### MVMA Website www.mvma.org

Through the improved MVMA website, members can keep updated on current issues affecting their profession, find and register for upcoming association events, post and view classified advertisements, and much more. Our site positively promotes the profession to the public through dog bite prevention, pet tip postings, state fair exhibits, and our Find-A-Vet search connects them directly to our members.

#### **MVMA** News

Published six times a year, members receive the MVMA newsletter which provides updates on key issues, legislative developments, classified ads with member discounts, and event calendar.

### **MVMA Committees and Task Forces**

The MVMA has nearly 20 committees and task forces that are open to member participation. These groups tackle a number of veterinary issues and concerns aimed at enhancing the profession.

### **MVMA Alerts**

Product recalls, AVIAN Infuenza, PEDV, the world can be a risky place without the most current information. One goal of the MVMA is to inform members of emerging issues immediately via email, Facebook and Twitter.

### Veterinary Career Network (VCN)

The MVMA Online Career Center now connects its members to the VCN, the most comprehensive career and recruiting site for the veterinary industry. Our partnership with the Veterinary Career Network can help you find or fill a position when it matters most to you. MVMA members also benefit from special pricing.

### Our members benefit from

### **Education & Networking**

### Annual Convention, CE Seminars, and Lunch 'N Learns

With MVMA continuing education events throughout the year, members can enjoy reduced registration fees, as well as fulfill their mandatory CE requirements by hearing top notch, nationally known live speakers or via a webinar. These events are a great opportunity to network with your colleagues.

#### **State Fair Exhibits**

Staffed by volunteer veterinarians and veterinary students, the MVMA's CHS Miracle of Birth Center and Surgery Suite Exhibits are an opportunity to interact with one another while raising public awareness of the profession and responsible care for animals.



"The MOBC is a great way to bring agriculture to the city. It's important for consumers to know how their food is produced. MOBC allows our community to promote both our profession and our agricultural industries, and it's a fun way to spend the day." Kathy Jorgensen, DVM

### **Disaster Planning**

The MVMA has a tradition of providing veterinary assistance in times of natural disasters in Minnesota. The MVMA participates in federal, state and AVMF disaster planning activities and training drills. The Minnesota Veterinary Medical Reserve Corps (MVMRC) are trained MVMA professionals in disaster preparedness and are ready and willing to assist MVMA members in helping them be better equipped and trained in disaster situations.

### **Educational Materials**

The MVMA produces brochures for our members to help them educate clients on important pet care issues including Rabies, Heartworm Disease, Lyme Disease, the importance of spaying and neutering and investing in a build relationship with a veterinarian for the pet. We also have available the Radiology Quality Assurance Manual to keep your practice up to date and compliant.

# Our members benefit from Advocacy

The MVMA understands the importance of being heard and seen at the Minnesota legislature. Over the years, the MVMA has established an enviable presence at the state capitol by employing the most respected lobbyists in the state. When needed, MVMA lobbyists are able to assemble an impressive team of experts to influence



key legislators and help steer legislation impacting Minnesota veterinarians.

The MVMA's VET-PAC (Political Action Committee) raises funds annually that are contributed to legislative campaigns and activities as a means of further strengthening relationships and gaining even greater influence at the state capitol. The MVMA's "key contact" and "clinic visits" programs also works to connect and build relationships between veterinarians and state representatives and senators. MVMA members are encouraged to participate in this program with staff willing to assist members in identifying and establishing contact with their legislators.

The MVMA's combined efforts and activities have helped the MVMA achieve respect and admiration at the state capitol as well as with other special interest organizations throughout Minnesota.

"The MVMA has done so much for me and for the veterinarians of Minnesota. Most important is its role in unifying our profession on a local level. Through the MVMA, veterinarians can work together on issues that affect animals and people of our state. The MVMA provides a united voice when working with the public, the media, the legislature, trade groups and those who seek to work with us or against us." -Kate An Hunter, DVM

"I have always enjoyed the outstanding CE that the MVMA provides throughout the year. But then I get involved with Governmental Affairs Committee and found out that the MVMA has been instrumental in fighting of veterinary sales taxes, effectively working with the MN Board of Phrmacy on annual drug issues, and in making sure the recently passed dog and cat breeder bill reflects veterinary considerations." -John Baillie, DVM