VETERINARIANS – PUT YOUR OATH IN ACTION

Host an Open House in your clinic for new pet owners
• Work with a local shelter to promote your open house to new adoptive families
• Educate new pet owners on the proper medical care that their new pet will need
• Show the importance of micro-chipping pets
• Provide nutritional guidance for puppies and kittens

Invite family and friends to your home for an ice cream social
• Tell them about your favorite AVMF program and ask them to make a financial contribution
• Invite them to become Ambassadors for Animals

Participate in a local community event
• Pitch a tent, set up a table and pull up a chair!
• Introduce yourself to your community with an “Ask a Vet” booth
• Prepare a few brief educational sessions at your table
  ° Proper pet nutrition
  ° Household hazards for pets
  ° Basic pet first aid
  ° Disaster preparedness for pets
  ° Protecting your pets in extreme hot and cold weather

Happy Holidays from your Veterinarian
• Treat your clients to a holiday photo with their pet
• Invite pet owners to a trick-or-treat costumed pet parade

Reach out to the less fortunate in your community
• Contact a local government agency, church or senior citizen center to offer a day of complimentary or low cost pet care to those who cannot afford a health care check-up for their pets
• Provide a day of pet care to homeless pet owners in your community

Host a spontaneous Good Deed Day:
• Deliver doggie treats to your local police department as a special gift to the K-9 dogs
• Take leashes, collars, etc. to a local shelter
• Pay for a stranger’s purchase at a local pet store
• Give a gift certificate for a free exam to a person walking their pet
• Create your own list of good deeds that you think your community needs

NOT A VET... NOT A PROBLEM!
BECOME AN AMBASSADOR FOR ANIMALS

Small hands and big hearts can make a difference – Collect AVMF donations while doing good deeds!
• Become an AVMF Ambassador for Animals and invite friends to sign up, too!
• Organize a dog wash outside your veterinarian’s clinic
• Collect pet food to donate to a local pet food pantry
• Offer to walk a friend’s pet to provide some happy healthy exercise for their animal
• Form an animal-stories book club and donate “membership dues” to the AVMF

The American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF) is the charitable arm of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA). For over 50 years, AVMF has been dedicated to embracing and advancing the well-being and medical care of animals. Charitable contributions and support to the Foundation help veterinarians help animals. Initiatives include: Humane Outreach-Animal Welfare, Education and Public Awareness, Research Support, Student Enhancement and Support of the AVMA and its Initiatives. In the last decade, AVMF has awarded grants totaling nearly $10,000,000.

To support the AVMF, go to www.avmf.org/donate
At the American Veterinary Medical Foundation We Care 4 Animals. Veterinarians help us Care 4 Animals by providing compassionate veterinary medical care. Animal lovers Care 4 Animals by providing their pets with proper veterinary care, a healthy lifestyle and lots of love and affection.

Unfortunately many animals don’t get the medical care they need. Too often animal owners find themselves in catastrophic situations where they cannot provide essential veterinary care for their animals. Natural disasters destroy homes and businesses leaving animals injured and separated from their owners. Animals are stricken with fatal illnesses with no hope for a cure. Personal tragedies like family illness, loss of employment or physical disabilities leave pet owners unable to care for their four-footed family members. Animals become victims of abuse and neglect.

In times like these, when animals are in most need of medical care, the American Veterinary Medical Foundation offers hope. Through our disaster grants, medical health research support, the the Veterinary Care Charitable Fund and other animal assistance programs we provide veterinary care when it is most desperately needed.

You can have some fun while helping us care for animals - organize an Our Oath in Action or Ambassadors for Animals event.

OUR OATH IN ACTION is a veterinary-community outreach program that provides members of the veterinary profession the chance to connect with animals and pet owners outside the walls of the veterinary clinic. Hundreds of dedicated professionals volunteer their time and medical skills to provide their neighbors educational and medical programs that help animals in need.

AMBASSADORS FOR ANIMALS are animal lovers everywhere who make a pledge to support the AVMF monetarily and through participation in animal related activities in their local community.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
Veterinarians and anyone who considers themselves a friend of animals can make a significant impact in the lives of animals by hosting a local Our Oath in Action or Ambassador For Animals project in their community.

The AVMF will make the project planning easy for you by providing simple ideas on how you can make a big difference. Host your event on National Make a Difference Day – the last Saturday in October – or any other date in the year!

“Every day we make a living. Take one day and make a difference.”

We Care 4 Animals... and You Can Too!

Name:
Address:
City, State, Zip:
Telephone Number:
Email Address:

☐ Yes! I’d like to host an Our Oath in Action or Ambassador for Animals Event. Please contact me to discuss my project.

You can submit your project idea at AVMF.org

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