



American Veterinary Medical Foundation

AVMF highlights for 2016 AVMA Annual Report

The American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF) is the charitable arm of the American Veterinary Medical Association, one of the oldest and largest veterinary medical organizations in the world. For more than 50 years, the AVMF has been developing resources to advance the science and practice of veterinary medicine to improve animal and human health. Through the contributions of our donors, 2016 demonstrates a year of accomplishments that made an impact for veterinarians and the animals they care for.

The AVMF Veterinary Care Charitable Fund®, a relatively new program that helps AVMA members provide charitable care to clients facing hardships, saw significant expansion in 2016. Donors have made gifts of more than \$200,000 in support of the work of veterinary hospitals across the country. Through the program, veterinarians can access these donated funds to help more injured, abused, and abandoned animals.

Donations helped support community service projects bringing the veterinary community, students, and animal loving public together. The AVMF community outreach program, Our Oath in Action™ included seven events across the country in 2016. The events provided veterinary care to 303 animals, utilized the time, talents and skills of 345 volunteers and were attended by over 9,100 animal lovers. The projects included a spay and neuter clinic, pet wellness exams, vaccinations for the pets of homeless and low income pet owners, a shelter renovation, and exhibits at the New York State Fair.

The AVMF believes that by investing in the education of America's veterinary students, we play a role in ensuring that future veterinarians have the skills and training necessary to treat our pets, safeguard our food supply, and protect public health. Through the generosity of many supporters of AVMF Student Enhancement initiatives, \$309,000 in scholarships was awarded to 82 outstanding veterinary students last year. In addition, we are pleased to report the launch of the new AVMA/AVMF Scholarship for Veterans. This scholarship honors the 100th anniversary of the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps and those men and women who have served our country and are now pursuing a career in veterinary medicine.

In addition to scholarships, donations supported ten externship stipends for students working throughout the world and ten externships at AVMA headquarters. These

externship experiences add breadth to students' perspectives and make them better advocates for their patients and their profession.

Expanding on advocacy, the AVMF helped support the AVMA Congressional Fellowship program again in 2016. Three fellows spent a year on Capitol Hill advising members of Congress and their staff on matters of national concern from animal welfare to food safety and public health. The fellowship program also heightens awareness and enhances the reputation of the veterinary profession on Capitol Hill.

In the area of research, donations supported funding for five Second Opportunity Research Scholarships, three Young Investigator Awards, and the Merit / National Institutes of Health Research Scholars Symposium.

Thank you to all of the individuals, veterinary practices, organizations, and corporations who helped make our AVMF programs and activities successful in 2016.

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