



# World Aquatic Veterinary Medical Association

*One Profession, One Discipline, One Voice, Cohesive & Inclusive*

## WAVMA HISTORY

In 2006, a small group of veterinarians came together to form the World Aquatic Veterinary Medical Association (WAVMA) as a global organization to address issues affecting aquatic veterinary medicine and support aquatic veterinarians around the world. It has since grown to include members in more than 40 countries who work together to advance aquatic veterinary medicine. Information about the organization and its many programs can be found at [www.wavma.org](http://www.wavma.org).

## MISSION

The mission of the World Aquatic Veterinary Medical Association is to serve the discipline of aquatic veterinary medicine through enhancing aquatic animal health and welfare, public health and seafood safety, to support aquatic veterinarians, aquatic animal owners and industries, and other stakeholders.

## OBJECTIVES

1. To serve aquatic veterinary medicine practitioners of many disciplines and backgrounds by developing programs to support and sustain members, and the aquatic species industries that they serve.
2. To identify, foster and strengthen professional interactions among aquatic medical practitioners and other organizations around the world.
3. To be an advocate for, develop guidance on, and promote the advancement of the science, ethics and professional aspects of aquatic animal medicine within the veterinary profession and a wider audience.
4. To optimally position and advance the discipline of aquatic veterinary medicine, and support the practice of aquatic veterinary medicine in all countries.

## BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Opportunity to become a Certified Aquatic Veterinarian (CertAqV) by gaining the necessary knowledge, skills and experience
- Discounted rates for WebCEPD programs to advance your knowledge and skills
- Receive discounted subscriptions to publications and meetings
- Utilize WAVMA's Picture and Video Libraries for your use and presentations
- Join listservs to discuss clinical cases and other important issues facing the profession
- Serve as a mentor and be mentored to expand the skills of others while increasing your professional network
- Publish your articles in *The Aquatic Veterinarian*
- Find world-wide externships and jobs in all areas of aquatic veterinary medicine
- Access the online Member Directory to find aquatic veterinarians around the world
- Learn about conferences and meetings around the world related to aquatic veterinary medicine

Interested in enjoying membership benefits? Apply now at [www.wavma.org/Become-a-member](http://www.wavma.org/Become-a-member)

### Member Categories

- Full (practicing veterinarians)
- New Graduates (veterinarians in first year post graduation)
- Students (veterinary students, interns, and residents)
- Vet Techs/Nurses
- Affiliates
- Libraries/Institutions
- Allied Veterinary Organizations (other aquatic veterinary organizations)



Aquatic Veterinary e-Learning  
Supporting WAVMA's WebCEPD, PubCEPD  
CertAqV & Clinical Cases Programs.



# WAVMA PROGRAMS

## Recognizing Aquatic Veterinary Competency

WAVMA's **Certified Aquatic Veterinarian (CertAqV) Program** offers members the opportunity to become recognized and certified as having competency in nine core areas necessary to practice aquatic veterinary medicine. WAVMA also works with other organizations on programs for recognizing highly specialized training.

## Continuing Education

### WAVMA Organized Conferences and Meeting Sessions

WAVMA Conferences and special sessions at other meetings ensure the continued availability of important aquatic topics for all veterinarians and make these opportunities available to members at discounted prices. Online list of events around the world related to aquatic veterinary medicine.

### WebCEPD Program

Live and recorded webinars given by leading experts on a wide variety of aquatic veterinary medicine subjects. These sessions are useful for annual license renewal or registration to practice veterinary medicine and may be useful for presentation at WAVMA Student Chapter meetings.

### John L. Pitts Aquatic Veterinary Education Awards Program

Provides financial support to veterinary students and recent graduates interested in aquatic veterinary medicine. Support for activities such as presentations at meetings, participation in externships, internships, or engaging in small-scale research projects.

### WAVMA Student Chapters

Supporting student organizations at veterinary schools throughout the world increasing aquatic veterinary educational activities and events.

## Job Support

### Job Listing

Members-only online and email listing of job opportunities and continuing education events, keeping members poised for meaningful careers in aquatic veterinary medicine.

## Networking



### Listservs, WAVMA e-News, and Social Media

WAVMA member networking and discussions through members-only listservs, providing access to a wide range of expertise throughout the world. WAVMA e-News, along with WAVMA's Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn accounts help keep members up-to-date on important issues and promote aquatic veterinary medicine.

### Committee Participation

Members have the opportunity to broaden their professional network and refine skill sets by serving on WAVMA committees, advancing their careers and the discipline of aquatic veterinary medicine.

### Membership in Global Organizations

To ensure global perspectives, interactions, and recognition of aquatic veterinary medicine, WAVMA is a member of the **World Veterinary Association** and the **World Small Animal Veterinary Association**.

## Publications

WAVMA's quarterly journal, *The Aquatic Veterinarian* keeps members updated on issues related to all aspects of aquatic animals along with new and exciting WAVMA programs.

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