

# Arkansas Veterinary Medical Association

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ArVMA's mission is to improve animal and human health, and the environment, by protecting and advancing the veterinary medical profession.

## STRENGTHENING RX XYLAZINE

ADH is reviewing language for potential veterinary exemptions for limited use of xylazine in nonhumans. Your board of directors has been doing everything we can to protect the veterinarians use of xylazine by exemption from Class III scheduling for the commercially available product.

## DONATE TO YOUR PAC FUND

Please consider donating to the ArVMA PAC fund. These funds are used to fund campaigns and meetings with legislators who work to advance veterinary-focused bills.

SCAN TO DONATE



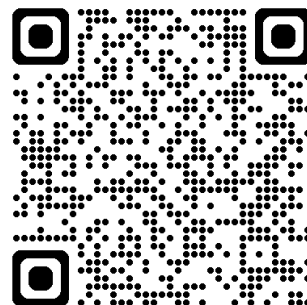
## SUMMER CONVENTION AVMA HOUSE OF DELEGATES

The AVMA House of delegates met in Austin, TX on June 20-21. All 50 states and 18 allied organizations were represented in this meeting. The AVMA was proud to announce that we have maintained over 105,000 members of the association with sights set on breaking 106,000 members by the end of 2024.

## VOICE YOUR OPINION!

Please consider participating in this survey to offer your perspective about what skills you feel are needed by today's veterinarian workforce and the impacts of expanding the veterinary workforce through new in-state veterinary schools and a potential veterinary technologist degree program in which students obtain a 4-year bachelor's degree in animal science with training as a veterinary technician

SCAN TO TAKE THE SURVEY



## Animal Bite Reporting- New & Improved

Mammalian animal bites (considered a risk for rabies infection) are reportable to the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH). To ensure appropriate medical follow-up with bite victim patients, it is important to identify the health status of the biting animal, circumstances surrounding the bite event, and epidemiology of animal rabies in the location where the bite occurred. We are now transitioning to an online survey portal to submit bite report information and for conducting follow-up activities with both the bite victim for medical guidance and the animal owner for quarantines or rabies testing. Please ensure that anyone needing to report a mammalian animal bite use this online survey instead of faxing the old bite report form.

Access the Animal Encounter Intake form by scanning this QR code:



## SOUTHWEST VET SYMPOSIUM

Is Fort Worth worth it? YES!

Join us in Fort Worth for Southwest Veterinary Symposium.

Early bird registration ends on July 31<sup>st</sup>, so please sign up before then to take advantage of these savings.

You can also enjoy a 20% discount when you register 4 or more, so convince your friends to join you in Fort Worth!

Southwest Veterinary Symposium is a partnership of the Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas VMAs, as well as the Arkansas Veterinary Technician Association, Oklahoma Veterinary Technician Association, New Mexico Registered Veterinary Technician Association and the Veterinary Team Association of Texas.



### Bylaws review - COMMENT PERIOD OPEN

The Bylaws for the ArVMA were last revised in January, 1998. The needs of our Association and the ways our Association can serve you, the membership, have changed dramatically over the past 25 years. The intention of your Executive Board in considering changes to the Bylaws is not to change the way your Association does business, but to update the way your Association operates in a relevant way.

A motion was made to accept the Bylaws Revisions at the 2024 Winter Meeting. That motion has been tabled for 1 year to allow thorough discussion and consideration of the Revisions for 1 year by the membership.

**Please review the bylaws on the front page of our website at [www.arkvetmed.org](http://www.arkvetmed.org)**

A vote to accept the Bylaws Revision will be conducted at the 2025 Winter Meeting. Comments will be accepted for the next 6 months to allow for adequate time. **Comments will close on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024.** This will allow time for the Bylaws Committee to formulate the final document. The new Bylaws as revised will be provided to membership 60 days prior to the 2025 winter meeting to allow for proper time to review. A vote will be taken at the 2025 winter meeting.