

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.

DINNER WITH LEGISLATORS BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

Your legislative committee convened in Little Rock to meet with prominent legislators who play an important part of legislation that can affect veterinary medicine.

The legislative committee spent time discussing issues, problems, and resolutions. We are hopeful for a positive upcoming legislative session, but we need your help by supporting the PAC fund.

TITLE PROTECTION VET TECHS

Title protection for 'Veterinary Technician' is needed, desired, but absent and misunderstood in most states. Veterinarians and veterinary clinic managers often call unlicensed employees technicians.

Arkansas Veterinarians can show our support of licensed technicians by reserving that title for them.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR ARVMA WINTER MEETING

We had SUCH a great meeting last year, and anticipate an even better turn out this year. Please plan to attend the ArVMA Winter Meeting in

Hot Springs, AR

February 7-9, 2025

Bring your staff, your spouse, and your friends!

SCAN TO DONATE TO
THE ARVMA PAC FUND



Can we get 10 new PAC donors by September?

Just \$20? \$50? Anything helps!

Please consider donating to the ArVMA PAC fund. These funds are used to donate to legislators who support the veterinary agenda. We are constantly using these funds. This is not a savings fund and needs to be replenished.

Your legislative committee is already preparing for an active 2025 legislative session and is requesting your support in the manner of a PAC donation.

Meditomidine/Dexdomitor Survey

The Arkansas State Fusion Center (ASFC) collaborates with and facilitates information sharing among state, local, tribal, and territorial government agencies, as well as federal and private sector partners regarding emerging criminal activity and public safety threats. The ASFC is currently researching the recent trend of using medetomidine/dexmedetomidine (Dexdomitor) to adulterate numerous types of illicit drugs and the tragic consequences resulting from those overdoses. They are seeking participation in a survey to collect data on illicit or attempted illicit activities that may be negatively impacting veterinarian clinics and the community. To assist in this endeavor, please see the attached survey and return it to arfusioncenter@asp.arkansas.gov with the subject line "Veterinarian Survey".

The Survey deadline is 16 August 2024.



SOUTHWEST VET SYMPOSIUM

We are proud to be a partner state at the Southwest Veterinary Symposium 2024, taking place from September 26 to 29 at the Fort Worth Convention Center, Texas. This event is a collaboration between the Veterinary Medical Associations of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas, as well as the Oklahoma Veterinary Technician Association and the Texas Association of Registered Veterinary Technicians. It serves as a platform for continuing education for veterinary professionals in the Southwest region and across the nation. If you are looking for a FUN and ENERGETIC way to get CE, please consider this conference. Our Association benefits with each Arkansan's attendance. It's a WIN WIN situation!

COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED

Revised Bylaws review:

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

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 September 5th, 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.