

## How Do I Join?

The membership application can be downloaded from the website or you can join online by visiting: [www.vvma.org](http://www.vvma.org).

All members must be graduates of veterinary medical schools recognized by the AVMA. The categories are:

*Regular Membership.* This is the standard membership. This membership allows you to vote, hold office as a member of the board, serve on committees, participate in activities and receive all benefits of membership in the VVMA.

*Multi Veterinarian Membership.* This is also a standard membership. The membership fee is reduced for veterinarians at the same address after the first veterinarian has paid for regular membership. This membership allows for all the same benefits as the Regular Membership.

*Veterinary Faculty Members of VMRCVM.* This membership is at a reduced rate. However, it provides for all the same benefits as the Regular Membership.

### *Current Year Graduates:*

Upon graduation and application for membership, new graduates will be accepted into regular membership status with all the benefits afforded regular members but will not be required to pay dues until January 1 of the calendar year following graduation. At that time, the fee for the first full year of membership is 50% of the current rate for regular membership.

*Non-Residents.* Any veterinarian who neither resides or practices, nor has ownership of either a residence or practice in the Commonwealth of Virginia shall be eligible and be assessed dues 50% of that of regular members but not afforded the right to vote or hold office.

### *Industrial, Government & Research Members.*

This special category is available for veterinarians practicing in the described areas. The veterinarians have all the rights and privileges of a regular member, but not afforded the right to vote or hold office. They are required to pay 60% of the dues assessed regular members.

*Retired.* Regular members may convert their status to retired if they meet the following requirements: active membership in the association for twenty years, not actively employed and two certificates of vouchers. Members in this category have all the rights and privileges of a regular member except they pay only 50% of the annual dues.

*Student Members.* Any person who is enrolled in any school of veterinary medicine recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association on a full-time basis and is actively pursuing a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degree, shall become a non-voting student member. There shall be no dues required.

If you have questions about membership, contact the VVMA office:

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# Virginia Veterinary

# Medical Association



## Your Profession

## Your Membership

## Your Benefits

# Let your professional organization work for you.

Make being a veterinarian easier, more profitable and more enjoyable by joining the VVMA. Your professional organization is a proactive and dedicated group of more than 1100 veterinarians in all areas of our profession – clinical practice, public health and regulatory, veterinary faculty and students, industry and research.



The VVMA mission is to preserve and enhance the quality of human and animal life through veterinary medicine. You can help the VVMA achieve its mission and reap the many benefits of belonging by joining today.

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## VVMA Membership: A great return on your investment

So what will I get for my annual dues? Quite a lot!

### **Legislative Liaison**

*Legislative Committee.* The VVMA Legislative Committee, along with our full time lobbyist, tracks, initiates and acts to influence legislation affecting you.

*Key Member Program* - a grassroots approach to educating legislators. VVMA members are matched to state legislators to help make the VVMA the go-to source for animal-related issues.

### **Interaction with Colleagues**

The VVMA offers opportunities to expand your network and build professional relationships that can benefit you personally and professionally.

*Continuing Education.* At the Virginia Veterinary Conference, you can stay on top of veterinary medicine in Virginia by

meeting with your colleagues and by hearing world-class speakers at the same time.

*Membership Directory.* Your link to other veterinarians in Virginia for referrals, specialists and key contacts for information you need to know to be a successful veterinarian in Virginia.

*Mentor Program.* This joint effort with the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine provides opportunities to guide colleagues of tomorrow.

### **Resources**

*Town and Country Call.* Our newsletter provides the latest Virginia news and views that affect you, including legislative information, updates on key issues, continuing education opportunities and classified ads.

*VVMA Website.* The website helps members by providing a veterinarian locator service for the public and by providing information and updates for member veterinarians.

*Email updates.* Up-to-the-minute legislative, regulatory and informational updates are sent in a timely manner.

*VVMA Staff.* The VVMA staff is willing and eager to help answer your questions or find resources for you. They also answer questions from the public and the media on your behalf. They are just a toll free phone call or an email away.

### **Participation**

The VVMA is for veterinarians, run by veterinarians. The Board of Directors, elected from each region, and the officers and committees look out for your interests. Your participation is critical in helping the VVMA be successful. When a key issue in veterinary medicine surfaces, members have peace of mind knowing a group of their peers is working to address it.