

AVMA Governmental Relations Division Externship Application form

First Name:

Last Name:

Veterinary Medical College:

Year of Expected Graduation:

Preferred time blocks in 2013: Externships run for four weeks. Applicants are asked to check their top two choices. Note that May and June are the most popular timeframes, so applicants may select one or the other but not both when making their choices.

January 28-February 22 February 25-March 22 March 25-April 19 April 22-May 17
 May 20-June 14 June 17-July12 September 9-October 4

Congress is usually in session during the months of January, February, March, April, May, June, July, September, October and November. Congress is in recess for observance of all federal holidays as well as most Christian and Jewish holidays.

My application is complete: CV/resume Letter of recommendation Personal Statement
 Case Study

Interest in Advocacy, Policy and Politics: Check the box for all that apply. Your answers will provide a context for your interest in and involvement with AVMA's legislative agenda and the political process.

I have completed a policy-related externship sponsored by the federal government, AVMA, State VMA or allied organization

I am interested in public policy, politics and how they interface with the veterinary profession

I am familiar with the AVMA legislative agenda

I subscribe to and regularly read the AVMA Advocate

I am active in the AVMA Congressional Advocacy Network (grassroots network)

I have participated in the AVMA Veterinary Leadership Experience

I have participated in an AVMA Student Lobby Day "Fly-in"

I have attended an AVMA Annual Convention

I am a member of SCAVMA and/or SAVMA (or Associate Organization)

I am an officer of SCAVMA and/or SAVMA (or Associate Organization)

I am active in my state VMA

I have voted in an election for state or national office

I have attended a town hall meeting hosted by a candidate for state or federal elected office

I have contacted an elected state or federal official via phone, email, fax or in-person meeting

I have volunteered for a candidate for state or federal elected office

Issues of Interest: Check the box for the issues that most interest you.

Animal welfare Animal drug issues Aquaculture/Marine Education issues

- Environment Farm bill Federal Accreditation Federal Vet Pay
 Food safety Food security Guardianship Homeland security
 Human/Animal bond Public Health Regulatory issues Student financial aid
 Vet Workforce issues Veterinary research Zoo Medicine Zoonotic disease
 other issues (please list):

Personal Statement: In 250 words or less, explain your motivations to apply to the AVMA-GRD Externship program and describe why you should be selected.

Case Study: Applicants are required to complete the case study assignment on the following page.

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: AVMA EXTERN
FROM: CHIEF OF STAFF
SUBJECT: PET OWNERSHIP VERSUS GUARDIANSHIP
DATE: PLEASE SUBMIT BY OCTOBER 12, 2012

Recently, a Senate colleague approached our boss and asked her to be an original cosponsor of a bill, not yet drafted, that would prevent any federal act, regulation, policy, or guideline to define or describe the relationship between a person and his or her domestic animal(s) as anything other than said person may own domestic animal(s).

The draft legislation is unavailable for review at this time. It is uncertain which committee will have jurisdiction upon introduction.

Please write a brief memo of no more than 900 words (1-inch margins, Arial font size 12) summarizing the issue, the pros and cons of pet ownership versus guardianship, potential impacts to our constituents, and which organizations support and oppose similar measures. Include your recommendation with rationale on whether or not the Senator should cosponsor such a piece of legislation.