

IV. The Charge to the One Health Initiative Task Force (OHITF)

The AVMA Executive Board charged the OHITF to:

1. Articulate a vision of One Health that will enhance the integration of animal, human, and environmental health for the mutual benefit of all
2. Identify areas where such integration exists and where it is needed
3. Identify potential barriers or challenges to such integration
4. Identify potential solutions to overcoming barriers or meeting challenges
5. Prepare a comprehensive written report for the Executive Board detailing its findings and recommendations

V. Responding to the Charge

1. Articulate a vision for One Health

Vision Statement

To promote and improve the health of humans, animals and our environment, individually and collectively, by encouraging and ensuring the acceptance and adoption of One Health and its associated activities.

Definition of “One Health”

One Health is the collaborative effort of multiple disciplines-working locally, nationally, and globally – to attain optimal health for people, animals and our environment.

The Scope of “One Health”

The scope of One Health is impressive, broad, and growing. Some of the dimensions defining the scope of the concept are shown in the chart on the following page:

