RESOLUTION 8—2014
Regular Annual Session

Submitted by
AVMA EXECUTIVE BOARD

REVISED/REFORMATTED PRINCIPLES OF VETERINARY MEDICAL ETHICS

RESOLVED, that the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) adopt the revised/reformatted Principles of Veterinary Medical Ethics (PVME) as noted in the attachments (additions are underlined; deletions are struck through).

Statement about the Resolution

The proposed revised/reformatted PVME includes revisions based on feedback obtained from AVMA councils and committees, members of the House of Delegates, AVMA members, AVMA General Counsel, and other veterinary stakeholders.

As noted in attachment 3 (rationale), two sections of the document (Principle III, l & m; Principle VI, diii & dv) are recommended for “temporary” deletion (and highlighted in green) to allow the Council time to obtain expertise and allow more in-depth related discussion, for later Board and HOD consideration and inclusion in the PVME.

Financial Impact:  None

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A minority report from the Texas delegation was delivered to the HOD. The report was primarily devoted to the use of “shall” in the proposed draft PVME.

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As indicated above, the Board of Directors (then Executive Board) and House Advisory Committee recommended approval of proposed Resolution 8, Revised/Reformatted Principles of Veterinary Medical Ethics.

After presentation of a minority report from the Texas Delegation objecting to use of the word “shall” in the draft document, the House of Delegates voted to refer the Resolution back to the Board for return to the House in January 2015. Although the reason for referral was not specified, it is assumed that the referral was based on the objection stated in the minority report.

During its September 2014 meeting the Board of Directors referred Resolution 8 to the Judicial Council for further consideration. The Council subsequently further edited the draft as noted in the attachments.

Board of Directors Recommendation—Approval
House Advisory Committee Recommendation—
Reference Committee 1 Recommendation—
House of Delegates Action—

Attachment 1 — “Clean” PVME
Attachment 2 — Edited PVME (edits subsequent to 2014 HOD Summer Meeting in Blue)
Attachment 3 — Rationale for revision (edits subsequent to 2014 HOD Summer Meeting in Blue)