

## RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

The individual named below (referred to as "I" or "me") desires to participate in the 2021 AVMA Convention (the "**Activity**") provided by the American Veterinary Medical Association, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation located at 1931 N. Meacham Road, Suite 100, Schaumburg, IL 60173. In consideration of being permitted by the Association to engage in the Activity and the intangible value that I will gain by participating in the Activity, and in recognition of the Association's reliance hereon, I agree to all the terms and conditions set forth in this agreement (this "**Release**").

1. I am aware and understand that the Activity is a potentially dangerous activity and involves the risk of serious injury, disability, death, and/or property damage. I am also aware of the highly contagious nature of viral diseases, including the 2019 novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) (collectively, the "**Disease**") and the risk that I may be exposed to or contract the Disease by engaging in the Activity, which may result in serious illness, personal injury, disability, death, and/or property damage. I acknowledge that these risks may result from or be compounded by the actions, omissions, or negligence of Association employees or others, including negligent emergency response or rescue operations of the Association. I understand that while the Association has implemented measures to reduce the risk of injury from the Activity and the spread of the Disease, the Association cannot guarantee that I will not be injured or become infected with the Disease due to my participation in the Activity and that engaging in the Activity may increase my risk of contracting the Disease. NOTWITHSTANDING THESE RISKS, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I AM VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITY WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THE DANGERS INVOLVED. I HEREBY AGREE TO ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL RISKS OF INJURY, ILLNESS, DISABILITY, DEATH, AND/OR PROPERTY DAMAGE ARISING FROM MY PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITY, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE ORDINARY NEGLIGENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION OR OTHERWISE.

2. I hereby expressly waive and release any and all claims, now known or hereafter known, against the Association, and its officers, directors, employees, agents, affiliates, members, successors, and assigns (collectively, "**Releasees**"), on account of injury, illness, disability, death, or property damage arising out of or attributable to my participation in the Activity, whether arising out of the ordinary negligence of the Association or any Releasees or otherwise. I covenant not to make or bring any such claim against the Association or any other Releasee, and forever release and discharge the Association and all other Releasees from liability under such claims. This waiver and release does not extend to claims for gross negligence, willful misconduct, or any other liabilities that Illinois or Minnesota law does not permit to be released by agreement.

3. I confirm that I am: (a) in good health, in proper physical condition, and do not have any medical or other conditions that would impair my ability to participate in the Activity; and (b) not experiencing symptoms of the Disease (such as cough, shortness of breath, or fever), do not have a confirmed or suspected case of the Disease, and have not come in contact in the last 14 days with a person who has been confirmed to have or suspected of having the Disease. I will comply with all federal, state, and local laws, orders, directives, and guidelines related to the Activity and the Disease while participating in the Activity, including, without limitation, quarantine or self-isolation periods, requirements related to hand sanitation, social distancing, and use of face coverings and safety equipment. I will also follow all instructions, recommendations, and cautions of the Association at all times during the Activity. If at any time I believe conditions to be unsafe, that I am no longer in proper physical condition to participate in the Activity, or I begin experiencing symptoms of the Disease, I will immediately discontinue further participation in the Activity and/or not attend the Activity.

4. I shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Association and all other Releasees against any and all losses, damages, liabilities, deficiencies, claims, actions, judgments, settlements, interest, awards, penalties, fines, costs, or expenses of whatever kind, including reasonable attorney fees, fees, the costs of enforcing any right to indemnification under this Release, and the cost of pursuing any insurance providers, incurred by or awarded against the Association or any other Releasees, arising out or resulting from any claim of a third party related to my participation in the Activity, including any claim related to my own negligence or the ordinary negligence of the Association.

5. I hereby consent to receive medical treatment deemed necessary if I am injured or require medical attention during my participation in the Activity. I understand and agree that I am solely responsible for all costs related to such medical treatment and any related medical transportation and/or evacuation. I hereby release, forever discharge, and hold harmless the Association from any claim based on such treatment or other medical services.

6. This Release constitutes the sole and entire agreement of the Association and me with respect to the subject matter contained herein and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous understandings, agreements, representations, and warranties, both written and oral, with respect to such subject matter. If any term or provision of this Release is invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other term or provision of this Release or invalidate or render unenforceable such term or provision in any other jurisdiction. This Release is binding on and shall inure to the benefit of the Association and me and our respective successors and assigns. All matters arising out of or relating to this Release shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of Illinois without giving effect to any choice or conflict of law provision or rule (whether of the State of Illinois or any other jurisdiction). Any claim or cause of action arising under this Release may be brought only in the federal and state courts located in Cook County, Illinois, and I hereby consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of such courts.

BY AGREEING, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD ALL OF THE TERMS OF THIS RELEASE AND THAT I AM VOLUNTARILY GIVING UP SUBSTANTIAL LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE THE ASSOCIATION.