

**RESOLUTION #13—2021
Regular Annual Session**

Submitted by
Board of Directors

**REVISED POLICY ON NOTIFICATION TO THE VETERINARIAN OF VIOLATIVE RESIDUES
IN FOODS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN**

RESOLVED, that the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) House of Delegates adopt the revised policy on Notification to the Veterinarian of Violative Residues in Foods of Animal Origin, as noted in [attachment 1](#) (additions are underlined, deletions are ~~struck through~~; clean copy provided as [attachment 2](#)).

Statement about the Resolution

The policy was reviewed by the Food Safety Advisory Committee - suggested revisions are to:

- Clarify that veterinarians consider drug residues, as well as the residues of pesticides or environmental contaminants, when making decisions regarding medications used in their patients.
- Make it clear that such medications are prescribed and administered in the context of a veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR).
- Emphasize the importance of continued collaboration by FDA-CVM and USDA-FSIS to ensure they identify and address residues in an expedient manner to notify veterinarians as soon as possible if a residue is detected.
- Encourage veterinarians to inform clients of their obligation to maintain a written residue prevention plan and to inform their veterinarian if a drug residue is detected.
- Remove language that indicates all violators should be notified in a public forum. First-time violators do not often become repeat violators and the FSAC does not believe public scrutiny for every residue detected is in anyone's best interest.

Financial Impact: None

	Board of Directors	House Advisory Committee	Reference Committee #7	House of Delegates
Recommend Approval	X	X	X	X
Recommend Disapproval				
Recommend Referral to...				
No Recommendation				
Recommend Postpone Indefinitely				

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