

**North American Veterinary Medical  
Education Consortium  
Looking to the Future of  
Academic Veterinary Medicine  
in North America**

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*The Future of Veterinary Medicine*

# **A Call to Action— Academic Veterinary Medicine in North America**

## **Meeting Societal Needs!!**

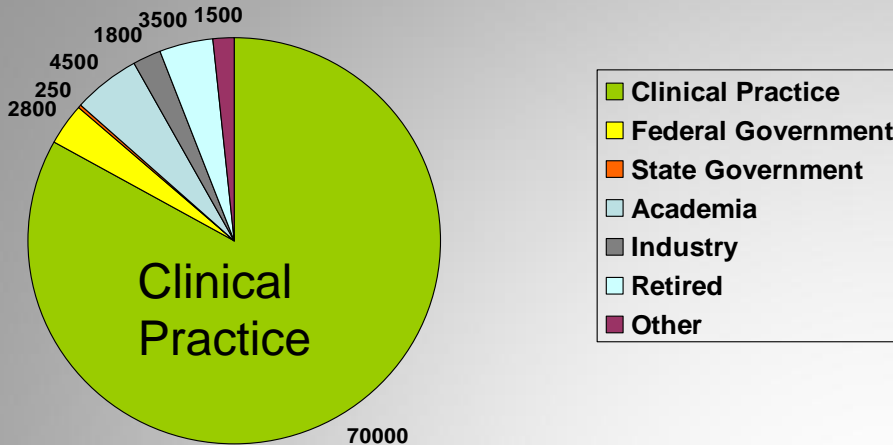
# The Broad Spectrum of Veterinary Medicine Meeting Societal Need



# The Veterinary Oath

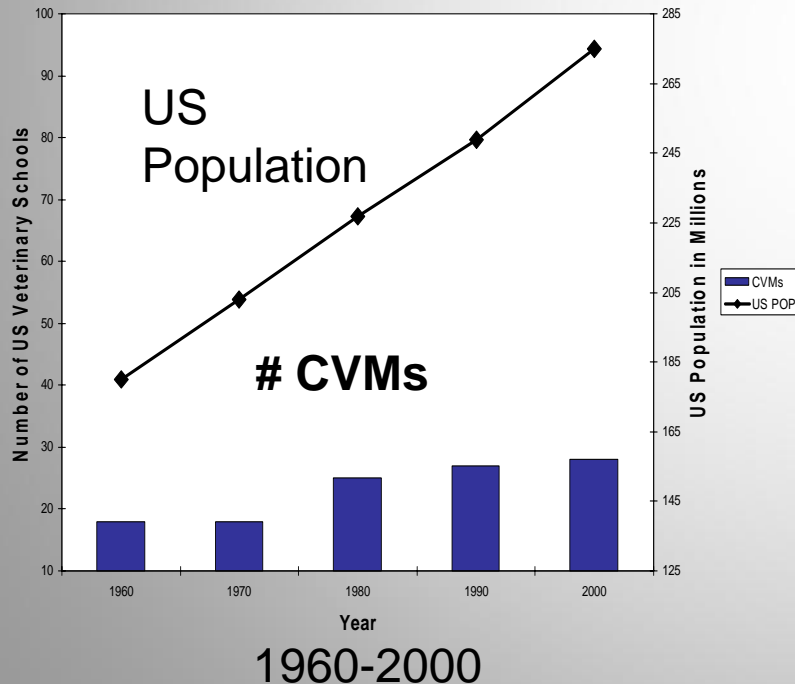
“.... I solemnly swear to use my scientific knowledge and skills for the benefit of society through the protection of animal health, the relief of animal suffering, the conservation of livestock resources, the promotion of public health and the advancement of medical knowledge.”

# Need for more graduates!

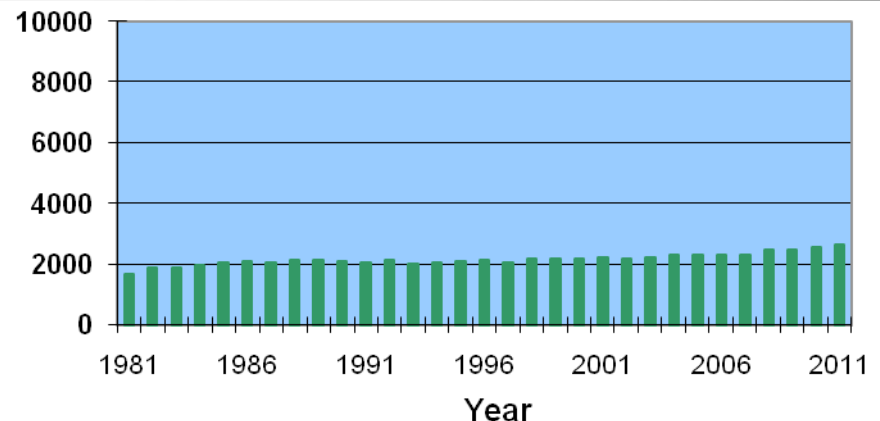


## Roles of Veterinarians

- Companion animal medicine
- Food animal medicine – Dz prev & control, FAD, International trade
- Wildlife, Zoo Veterinary Medicine
- Public health, Emerging Inf Dz, BT
- Biomedical research
- Pathology
- Lab Animal Medicine
- Environmental health
- Emergency response
- Industry
- More



## # Graduates Per Year



# AAVMC

## Academic Veterinary Medicine

### ● Represents

- ◆ All 33 veterinary medical colleges in the US and Canada
- ◆ Nine departments of veterinary science
- ◆ Nine departments of comparative medicine
- ◆ Three veterinary medical education institutions
  - Department of Veterinary Science, Academy of Health Sciences, US Army Medical Department Center and School; NY Animal Medical Center, Boston Angel Memorial
- ◆ Eight international colleges of veterinary medicine
- ◆ Four affiliate colleges of veterinary medicine

# AAVMC Mission

Provides leadership for and promotes excellence in academic veterinary medicine to prepare the veterinary work force with the scientific knowledge and skills required to meet societal needs through the protection of animal health, the relief of animal suffering, the conservation of animal resources, the promotion of public health, and the advancement of medical knowledge.

# Six Strategic Goals FY10 – FY14

1. Lead efforts to review, evaluate and improve veterinary medical education in order to, prepare graduates with the competencies needed to address societal needs.
2. Lead efforts to increase the amount of veterinary research conducted and the number of graduates entering research careers.

# Six Strategic Goals Continued

## FY10 – FY14

3. Lead efforts to recruit a student body aligned with the demands for veterinary expertise.
4. Lead efforts to increase the number of racially and/or ethnically underrepresented in veterinary medicine individuals throughout academic veterinary medicine.

# Six Strategic Goals Continued

## FY10 – FY14

5. Lead efforts to develop the next generation of leaders for academic veterinary medicine.
6. Strengthen AAVMC's capacity to better serve its members, partners, and other stakeholders, in advancing the AAVMC mission.

# 1.) Lead efforts to review, evaluate and improve veterinary medical education in order to, prepare graduates with the competencies needed to address societal needs

Develop a plan to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of veterinary medical education to meet societal needs.

# North American Veterinary Medical Educational Consortium

- North American Veterinary Medical Educational Consortium - Participation of and sponsorship by broad spectrum of stakeholders of veterinary medicine (education, licensure, accreditation, employers)
- Form a Planning Committee with Partners

# North American Veterinary Medical Educational Consortium

- Hold a Series of Meetings Over 2009-2010
  - ◆ Agreement on societal need that veterinarians will deliver
  - ◆ Decide core competencies all DVM/VMD graduates should have
  - ◆ Explore and identify different educational models to meet the need
  - ◆ Address relationship between licensure, curriculum, accreditation

# North American Veterinary Medical Educational Consortium

- Develop a national (or international) plan for veterinary education in North America for colleges to use as they educate veterinarians in the future to meet societal needs
  - ◆ Responsive
  - ◆ Flexible
  - ◆ Builds on different strength of colleges
  - ◆ Allows colleges to partner and collaborate

# North America Veterinary Medical Consortium

- AAVMC
- AVMA
- AAHA
- AAVSB
- NBVME
- Hills, Bayer, Pfizer, Eli Lilly
- Banfield The Pet Hospital™
- Food Industry
- Other Industry
- Practice Owners
- State and local veterinary medical associations
- International Veterinary Medical Associations
- National, Regional, Specialty Veterinary Organizations and Boards
- Organizations related to veterinary medicine
- Public practice veterinarians
- US Government Agencies
- NCVEI
- SAVMA
- Other

**Participation in the  
Consortium to Achieve its  
Goals and Objectives is  
Vital!**

**Thank you!**