



# Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association

## Code of Ethics

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**Preamble** - Members of the MVMA engage in principle-based ethical practice of veterinary medicine. These principles promote the ethical provision of veterinary service. Members of the MVMA uphold the following core ethical principles:

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### **Integrity**

Members demonstrate integrity when they:

- Are accountable to their clients, patients, and the public at large.
  - Are honest in their communications.
  - Identify and avoid conflicts of interest.
  - Maintain the trust of clients and society.
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### **Compassion**

Members demonstrate compassion when they:

- Approach their clients and patients with compassion.
  - Treat themselves with compassion and practice self-care.
  - Treat fellow members and colleagues with compassion.
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### **Respect**

Members demonstrate respect when they:

- Extend respect to clients, patients, colleagues, other health professionals and the public.
  - Display respect for clients through open communication and informed consent.
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### **Impartiality**

Members demonstrate impartiality when they:

- Uphold human dignity. No member shall discriminate on grounds of race, gender, economic status, religion, politics, disability, marital status, or sexual orientation.
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### **Animal Welfare & Animal Health**

Members uphold animal welfare and animal health when they:

- Promote animal health.
  - Acknowledge that the welfare of animals is a central role for practice.
  - Report animal abuse and reportable diseases.
  - Recognize a responsibility to improve animal welfare and health.
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### **Competence**

Members demonstrate competence when they:

- Ensure competence in the practice of veterinary medicine.
  - Practice only within their range of competence.
  - Engage in ongoing continuing education.
  - Demonstrate competence to clients and the public through sharing their knowledge and expertise of animal health, animal welfare and human health.
  - Help to promote the competence of the profession by engaging in mentorship.
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### **Confidentiality**

Members demonstrate confidentiality when they:

- Uphold the principle of confidentiality and keep information obtained in their professional dealings confidential. Exceptions exist when appropriate disclosure concerns public health, animal health and/or welfare.
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The Code of Ethics will be in force an effect as per by-laws 4-3-1 and 4-3-2 of the MVMA General By-Law No. 1 As approved by the MVMA membership on January 20, 2023.

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