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Call for experts

Dear WVA members,

The Animal Welfare Working Group of the World Veterinary Association (WVA) is seeking dedicated experts to collaborate on the study and development of a factsheet on Free Roaming cats.

Background

Free roaming cats, including owned, unowned, and community (feral and stray) populations, pose significant animal welfare and public health concerns across the globe. These concerns include lack of veterinary care, spread of zoonotic diseases, impact on biodiversity, and ethical management challenges. In recognition of the global relevance of this issue, the WVA is committed to developing evidence-based resources and guidance to support veterinarians, policymakers, and stakeholders in addressing these challenges responsibly and humanely.

We are now forming a team of international experts to assist in the creation of a comprehensive **WVA Factsheet on Free Roaming Cats**, which will support awareness, education, and policy development on this topic.

Scope of work

We are seeking experts with knowledge in feline medicine, animal welfare, population management (ecology/behavioural ecology), and related fields. Your main role will be to:

Contribute to the development of the Factsheet by providing accurate, evidence-based information on the biology, welfare issues, management options, and best practices related to free roaming and abandoned/lost cats.

Review and validate draft content to ensure scientific accuracy and practical relevance.

Provide **recommendations for key messages** to be included in the factsheet for veterinarians, animal welfare professionals, and policymakers.

Application Process

Please share this call with your members inviting them to submit their applications by sending the following documentation:

- A brief resume or curriculum vitae highlighting your relevant experience.
- A statement of interest outlining your motivation for joining this initiative.
- Any previous work or publications related to the topic.

Deadline for applications

Please submit your application no later than the 20th October to secretariat@worldvet.org

Selection Process

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Applications will be reviewed by the Animal Welfare Working Group, and selected experts will be contacted for further discussions.

Note

This is a **voluntary position**. Selected experts will contribute their time and knowledge to support global efforts toward the responsible and ethical management of free roaming cats and the broader goals of animal welfare.

We look forward to receiving your applications and working together to make a meaningful impact

Sincerely,

Enid Stiles

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Co-Chairs of the WVA Animal Welfare Working Group

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