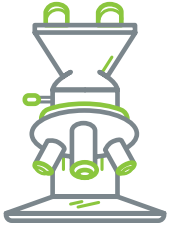


PATHWAY FROM issue to AVMA policy

There are several paths an issue can take to become policy—and several ways it can begin. Policymaking is powered by you as an AVMA member. See how you can get involved and help shape policy at avma.org/PoweredByYou.



Stage 1: Identify the issue

Issues are continually identified—through clinical experience, discussion among colleagues, publication review and more. They're then directed to the appropriate volunteer group for consideration.



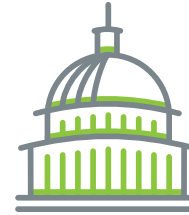
Stage 2: Expert evaluation

A volunteer council, committee or task force evaluates the issue and its importance to the AVMA and our profession. The panel seeks input from relevant experts, colleagues and scientific resources. If appropriate, it recommends consideration by the BOD.



Stage 3: Make a recommendation or resolution

Recommendations, resolutions or a petition by at least 50 members are presented to the voting body for consideration.



Stage 4: Policymakers discuss and decide

The BOD and HOD evaluate and vote on the matter. Proposals may be approved, disapproved, or referred for further refinement and input.



Stage 1: Policy is created

Once a policy is approved by the BOD or HOD, it immediately becomes official policy.

