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**NEW BUSINESS**

**(To be submitted and introduced by Delegates only)**

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2/10/2021 American College of Veterinary Pharmacists  
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**Subject: Definition of patient**

**Motion: Adopt the following policy statement,**

APhA calls for the adoption, by pharmacy organizations and regulatory and professional entities, of the expanded definition for patient to include human or non-human species.

**Background:** In two independent surveys<sup>1,2</sup>, 77% of pharmacists responding reported that they routinely filled prescriptions for animals. The Current APhA Policy Manual discusses veterinary drugs and Animal Investigational New Drug Applications but does not acknowledge animals as patients. Both NABP and the American Veterinary Medical Association have expressed resolutions emphasizing the need for pharmacist education in veterinary pharmacotherapy. To include non-human species in APhA's definition for patients would provide a platform for future APhA policy and initiatives that could broaden pharmacy impact in areas including but not limited to One Health Medicine and providing pharmaceutical care for animals.

1. Sorah, E. and Davidson, G., 2015, June. Royal K. Dispensing errors for non-human patients in the community pharmacy setting: A survey of pharmacists and veterinarians. In Poster presented at: Society of Veterinary Hospital Pharmacists, 34th Annual Meeting.

2. Mingura, M., 2017, June. Community pharmacists and veterinary prescriptions: An analysis of prevalence, type, training, and knowledge retention. In Poster presented at: Society of Veterinary Hospital Pharmacists 36th Annual Meeting.

## **Current APhA Policy & Bylaws:**

### **2004, 1988 Pharmacists' Relationship to Veterinarians**

APhA encourages pharmacists and student pharmacists to become more knowledgeable about veterinary drugs and their usage.

*(Am Pharm NS28(6):395 June 1988) (JAPhA NS44(5):551 September/October 2004) (Reviewed 2010) (Reviewed 2015)*

### **1989 Pharmacists as Principal Investigators in Clinical Drug Research**

1. APhA urges the sponsors of drug research to permit pharmacists to serve as principal investigators.

2. APhA encourages state and federal agencies to eliminate regulatory and policy obstacles that prohibit pharmacists from being investigators, including principal investigators, in drug research or sponsors of Investigational New Drug Applications, Investigational Device Evaluations, and Animal Investigational New Drug Applications.

*(Am Pharm NS29(7):465 July 1989) (Reviewed 2005) (Reviewed 2009) (Reviewed 2014)(Reviewed 2019)*

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