

## **IAAHPC STUDENT CHAPTER CODE OF CONDUCT**

Approval Date:

The mission of the International Association for Animal Hospice and Palliative Care (IAAHPC) is to promote comfort care that addresses the physical, psychological, and social needs of animals with chronic and/or life-limiting diseases. The IAAHPC also promotes physical, emotional, and spiritual support for caregivers. The IAAHPC is committed to providing education for professionals, and advance research in the field of animal hospice and palliative care. Its vision is for hospice and palliative care to be broadly recognized by veterinarians, veterinary nurses/technicians, and mental health/spiritual care professionals worldwide as an integral part of quality animal care. The IAAHPC is committed to innovation, respect, teamwork, integrity, commitment, and inclusivity. IAAHPC Student Chapters are our next step in educating veterinarians and students about the importance of animal hospice and palliative care. Your participation is encouraged and warmly welcomed, as it is an integral part of our mission. Below, you will find a set of regulations to which IAAHPC Student Chapters are expected to adhere. Should you have questions, please contact our Executive Director, Coleen Ellis, at [Coleen@IAAHPC.org](mailto:Coleen@IAAHPC.org).

**RECOGNITION OF STUDENT CHAPTERS BY THE IAAHPC:** As student chapters are being developed, they should be in close contact with the IAAHPC Executive Director Coleen Ellis at [Coleen@IAAHPC.org](mailto:Coleen@IAAHPC.org) to ensure that the IAAHPC Board of Directors is kept informed. Once established, student chapters should continue to keep in contact with the IAAHPC Executive Director to ensure open lines of communication with the IAAHPC Board. In this way, new and established student chapters can be recognized by the IAAHPC Board, which will then make them and their student members eligible for the benefits outlined below.

**BENEFITS:** Adherence to this code will grant student chapters continued recognition by the IAAHPC Board of Directors. Members of IAAHPC recognized student chapters will be eligible to apply for any IAAHPC-supported events and programs targeting students (e.g., travel grants, leadership workshops, awards). The IAAHPC Board of Directors will also make every attempt to provide a speaker to each student chapter each year to support the chapter's mission and at no or minimal cost to the student chapter.

**CHAPTER EVENTS:** Chapter events need to reflect the IAAHPC mission to promote animal hospice and palliative care. Speaking events and workshops should focus on topics that introduce and educate on the subject of hospice and palliative care for animals. Topics may include, but are not limited to: the components of hospice plans,

euthanasia, palliated death, clinical hospice & palliative care, grief support, self-care, aftercare

**LOGO:** Use of the IAAHPC student chapter logo is permitted for chapter correspondence, meeting notices and other routine communications consistent with the mission and message of the IAAHPC. Use of the logo on other promotional material (clothing, etc.) requires prior approval from the IAAHPC Board of Directors (other than what is available in IAAHPC's existing online store). Inappropriate use of the IAAHPC logos will result in the student chapter immediately ceasing such use and may result in revocation of the chapter's recognition by the IAAHPC Board of Directors. Any questions regarding logo use can be directed to the IAAHPC Executive Director at [Coleen@IAAHPC.org](mailto:Coleen@IAAHPC.org).

**SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:** The founding member may choose to start a Facebook Page or Group, Instagram and/or Tiktok account on behalf of the chapter with the following rules:

1. The handle should be @UNIVERSITYNAMEIaahpcStudents (e.g. @cornelliaahpcstudents)
2. The username, email and password used for log in must be recorded and provided to the student director and verified as a part of each year's annual report
3. For platforms (e.g. Facebook) that allow multiple admins, please add at least two admins and the student director in an attempt to avoid getting locked out

**ANNUAL REPORT:** The IAAHPC student chapter will be responsible for submitting an annual report of their chapter's events, activities, and officer and chapter advisor information to the IAAHPC Student Director. Such reports should be submitted at the conclusion of a school year.

Print: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_