



# IAAHPC Student Welcome Packet

## Vision

The IAAHPC promotes comfort care that addresses the physical, psychological, and social needs of animals with chronic and/or life-limiting diseases. We promote physical, emotional, and spiritual support for caregivers. We also educate professionals and advance research in the field of animal hospice and palliative care.

## What We Do

The IAAHPC strives to create a world in which animal hospice and palliative care services are widely available to animals and their caregivers. We want 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 care.

## STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE IAAHPC CONSTITUTION

### Article I. Organization Name

The name of this organization shall be the Student Chapter of the IAAHPC

### Article II. Purpose of the Organization

- Promote an understanding and awareness of veterinary hospice and palliative care
- Help veterinary students recognize hospice and palliative care as a viable and necessary career path of veterinary medicine, as well as what hospice and palliative resources may be available to them in traditional career fields
- Arm veterinary students with the knowledge of and resources supporting hospice and palliative care so that they are best equipped to support the pet owners they will serve after graduation

### Article III. Membership

- Membership in this chapter is limited to currently enrolled DVM candidate students
- Membership shall be based upon expressed interest
- Members shall be registered members of the IAAHPC parent organization (student membership is available at no cost)
- Members shall maintain good standing by paying student chapter dues annually
- There shall be no hazing



## Article IV. Officers

Officers shall be as follows:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Historian

Terms of office shall be for one year, with elections to be held in the spring semester

## Article V. Duties of the officers

- President
  - Preside over all meetings
  - Call special meetings
  - Carry out the provisions of the Constitution
  - Appoint committees and chairpersons
  - Oversee all committee activities
  - Represent the organization on public occasions
- Vice President
  - Assume the duties of the president in the event of an absence
  - Act as publicity chair
  - Act as liaison to other student chapters of IAAHPC
  - Perform any duties delegated by the President
- Treasurer
  - Administer funds and finances for the club
  - Keep financial records and collect dues
  - Pay bills and release funds as voted by the general membership
  - Make financial reports when called upon to do so
  - Work with Advisor to ensure that funds are properly collected, deposited, and accounted
- Secretary
  - Keep accurate minutes of meetings
  - Responsible for correspondence
  - Distribute agendas and minutes for meetings
- Historian
  - Keep a historical record of hospice veterinarians or experts who speak with the student chapter
  - Maintain the club bulletin board
  - Keep photographic records of club events
  - Submit materials to the yearbook committee

## Article VI. Impeachment and replacement of officers

- Impeachment of officer is based upon:
  - Failure to complete the duties of office
  - Withdrawal from the College of Veterinary Medicine
- Impeachment may be initiated by any member of the organization by:
  - Stating the intent to impeach in writing to all other officers
  - The matter shall be discussed in a private meeting by the other officers
  - A majority vote is required to complete impeachment proceedings

## Article VII. Meetings

- Meetings shall be held according to need
- All membership is welcome to attend any meeting however this is not required
- Officer attendance is required as schedule allows, acceptable absences include:
  - Classes
  - Clinics

## Article VIII. Advisor(s)

- The advisor(s) must be a College of Veterinary Medicine faculty or staff
- The advisor(s) shall be selected by the officers

## Article IX. Responsibilities

- This organization accepts full responsibility for all activities which bear its name as an official sponsor, and will adhere to all University and College policies and procedures