



# Canadian Veterinary Medical Association: Addressing Professional Health and Wellness, Animal Health and Welfare, and Veterinary Drugs

## About CVMA

Since 1948, the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) has been the national and international voice for Canada's veterinarians, providing leadership and advocacy for veterinary medicine.

The CVMA is pleased to collaborate on many projects with colleagues in the following organizations:



Public Health  
Agency of Canada

Agence de la santé  
publique du Canada



Agriculture and  
Agri-Food Canada

Agriculture et  
Agroalimentaire Canada



Canadian Food  
Inspection Agency

Agence canadienne  
d'inspection des aliments



Health  
Canada

Santé  
Canada

CVMA speaks for over 25,000 veterinarians and registered veterinary technicians and technologists throughout the country who provide vital care and services for millions of clients, including both small and large animals. CVMA members are dedicated to using their scientific knowledge and skills for the benefit of society and strive to:

- Promote animal health and welfare,
- Contribute to food safety and food security,
- Prevent and relieve animal suffering,
- Protect the health of the public and the environment, and
- Advance comparative medical knowledge.

The CVMA recently submitted the following recommendations in advance of the 2024 Federal Budget:

### Recommendation 1

That the federal government address workplace shortages and ensure there is a robust veterinary workforce through additional investments for projects and veterinary infrastructure. This can be achieved by recruiting and onboarding foreign trained veterinarians (FTVs), establishing a national testing center for internationally educated veterinarians, and ensuring there are dedicated funds to support veterinary infrastructure.

### Recommendation 2

That the federal government address workplace shortages by investing in the mental health of all veterinary professionals and paraprofessionals.

### Recommendation 3

That the federal government invest in ways to maintain and strengthen the availability of critical veterinary drugs in the interest of protecting public health and safety, animal health and welfare, and food safety and security. Canada should lead in collaboration with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the European Medicines Agency (EMA) to improve shared drug approval pathways making the process more efficient and effective.

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