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Human beings are responsible for conserving the global environment and providing for harmony with other living things. Veterinarians in particular are both responsible for the health of animals and also play an important role that is closely associated with human health. This places them in a position to create the conditions under which humans and animals can coexist.

Veterinarians must also respond positively to the requirements of society in a broad and diverse province of specialization, thereby making it possible for people to enjoy a spiritually rich and rewarding life.

Veterinarians must perform their work with penetrating insight and a rigorous approach, which will allow them to feel pride in discharging their vital social mission, and to live spiritually fulfilling lives themselves.

Pursuant to this philosophy we veterinarians pledge:

- 1 To respect the lives of animals and play a leadership role for their health and welfare, while at the same time working to advance human health and welfare.
- 2 To work for the establishment of human-animal bonds, for the development of a peaceful society, and for conservation of the environment.
- 3 To further enhance our character and learning as conscientious members of society, and strive for words and behavior that are befitting of specialists.
- 4 To endeavor to master the latest knowledge of veterinary medicine, and to cultivate and disseminate techniques, as well as to promote interchanges with related sciences.
- 5 To maintain close links and cooperation, and promote international interchange, thereby working for the advancement of veterinary profession worldwide.