



THE COLLEGE OF  
VETERINARIANS  
OF ONTARIO

# ***POSITION STATEMENT***

## ***Regulatory Effectiveness***

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Good regulatory outcomes depend on regulatory organizations to not only develop, but to administer, well designed rules that ensure the public interest. Regulatory integrity inspires public trust. This means that for a regulator to be effective in its mandate, its behaviours must be objective, impartial, consistent and free from conflict.

The College of Veterinarians of Ontario is committed to the effective regulation of veterinary medicine within the province. To achieve this the College Council believes in maintaining a clear understanding of the current and emerging risks and potential harms that may arise in the practice of the profession and within its regulatory accountability. Our approach to effectiveness is evidence informed and includes broad consultation, a deliberate focus on legitimate public interest matters, and an emphasis on independence in decision making. Furthermore, all College programs and policies are dedicated to supporting harm prevention and reduction in veterinary care and to promoting professionalism in veterinary practice.

In demonstrating its responsible leadership to society in the regulation and the governance of the veterinary profession in Ontario, the College systematically introduces regulatory policy and regularly measures its effectiveness in achieving both its overall mandate and specific strategic policy objectives. The effectiveness of the College is regularly reported publicly.

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