

# 2020-2023

# ANIMAL WELFARE AGENDA

## YEAR ONE

- To publish a policy statement on veterinary medicine and wildlife.
- To promote new provincial animal welfare legislation to both veterinarians and the public.
- To further develop resources that support antimicrobial stewardship in all veterinary practices.

## YEAR TWO

- To publish a revised policy statement on complementary and alternative veterinary medicine.
- To explore and better understand the One Welfare movement and the potential role of veterinarians and the College.
- To host a provincial forum on animal welfare and veterinary medicine to enhance veterinary leadership.

## YEAR TWO

- To consider the educational needs of veterinarians in relation to animal welfare, ethics and law.
- To explore veterinary care and indigenous communities and determine any regulatory policy implications.

Animal welfare, inclusive of harm reduction and the prevention and relief of suffering, is central to the practice of veterinary medicine. The College of Veterinarians of Ontario has publicly acknowledged its opportunity to meaningfully contribute to positive outcomes that support animal health and wellbeing in its 2015 Position Statement on Animal Welfare. As part of its Strategy 2023 platform the College Council has identified specific welfare areas that offer opportunities for partnership and for impact.