

**RESOLUTION #4—2022  
Regular Winter Session**

Submitted by  
Board of Directors

**NEW POLICY ON SUPPORT FOR THE COLLECTION OF ANTIMICROBIAL USE DATA FOR  
ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP**

**RESOLVED** that the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) House of Delegates adopt the policy on Support for the Collection of Antimicrobial Use Data for Antimicrobial Stewardship as noted in the [attachment](#).

**Statement about the Resolution**

The Committee on Antimicrobials (CoA) assists the AVMA with developing many of the association's comments to external stakeholders in response to questions about antimicrobial use. Many of the documents the CoA has been asked to review, and a substantive number of inquiries received, seek information about the AVMA's perspective on collecting data on antimicrobial use and how the data collected might be used to support antimicrobial stewardship. Currently the AVMA does not have policy that directly addresses this issue.

Following the AVMA Core Principles of Stewardship, the CoA developed the proposed policy as guidance for the collection of antimicrobial use data and to encourage veterinarians and key stakeholders to collaboratively and appropriately utilize this data to promote antimicrobial stewardship. The policy describes best practices for collecting this data, what should be considered during its analysis, and how the data might be used to inform and advance veterinary clinical decision making.

The AVMA plans to publish an article in *JAVMA*, which provides additional background for the policy and will serve as an educational resource. It is anticipated that the article will be published early next year.

**Financial Impact: None**

	<b>Board of Directors</b>	<b>House Advisory Committee</b>	<b>Reference Committee #</b>	<b>House of Delegates</b>
<b>Recommend Approval</b>	X	X	X	X
<b>Recommend Disapproval</b>				
<b>Recommend Referral to...</b>				
<b>No Recommendation</b>				
<b>Recommend Postpone Indefinitely</b>				

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