

**RESOLUTION #17—2023  
Regular Annual Session**

Submitted by  
Board of Directors

**NEW POLICY ON CANINE HYBRIDS**

**RESOLVED** that the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) House of Delegates adopt the new policy on Canine Hybrids as noted in [Attachment 1](#), which will supersede the current policy on Canine Hybrids ([Attachment 2](#)) and the policy on Vaccination of Wolf Hybrids – Position of the AVMA-PLIT ([Attachment 3](#)).

**Statement about the Resolution**

The Council on Public Health (COPH) reviewed the policies on Canine Hybrids and Vaccination of Wolf Hybrids – Position of the AVMA-PLIT. The intent of the new policy is:

- To incorporate the policy on Vaccination of Wolf Hybrids – Position of the AVMA-PLIT to allow members and other stakeholders access to a single document that clearly conveys the AVMA’s policy on canine hybrids;
- To define the term “canine hybrid”;
- To emphasize that providing care for a canine hybrid may be considered an illegal act and that in jurisdictions that do permit canine hybrids, veterinarians may be required to verify legal ownership; and
- To eliminate language encouraging development of drugs and vaccines for use in canine hybrids.

**Financial Impact: None**

	<b>Board of Directors</b>	<b>House Advisory Committee</b>	<b>Reference Committee #7</b>	<b>House of Delegates</b>
<b>Recommend Approval</b>	X	X	X	X (amended as noted below)
<b>Recommend Disapproval</b>				
<b>Recommend Referral to...</b>				
<b>No Recommendation</b>				
<b>Recommend Postpone Indefinitely</b>				

(use this space for additional narrative, if needed)

**\*New Policy on Canine Hybrids**

Amendment to Attachment 1 – Add “, or the offspring of such hybrids crossbred with wild canine species.” to the end of the first sentence in the first paragraph.