

**RESOLUTION 10—2017
Regular Annual Session**

PENDING WAIVER OF PRIOR NOTICE

Submitted by—
Board of Directors

POLICY ON TELEMEDICINE

RESOLVED, that the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) adopt the policy on Telemedicine as noted in the [attachment](#).

Statement about the Resolution

In December 2016, the AVMA Practice Advisory Panel issued its comprehensive final report on the use of telehealth and telemedicine in the veterinary profession. The report covered several background issues and identified a number of potential activities for AVMA to pursue. At its January 2017 meeting, the Board of Directors received the report as information and for distribution, and postponed recommendations concerning policy and strategy to the April 2017 Board of Directors meeting. The AVMA invited and received over 100 comments on the report and its policy recommendations from members and stakeholders through March 15, 2017.

The proposed Policy on Telemedicine reflects input from over 100 members and stakeholders, including the American Association of Veterinary State Boards. Adoption of the policy will help provide guidance to veterinarians, policy-makers, and the public on the appropriate use of telemedicine in veterinary medicine. It is recognized that developments and improvements in medicine and technology may require review and adjustment of this policy in the future.

Financial Impact:

	Board of Directors	House Advisory Committee	Reference Committee #1	House of Delegates
Recommend Approval	X			
Recommend Disapproval				
Recommend Referral to...				
No Recommendation				
Recommend Postpone Indefinitely				
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