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### **CVMA Celebrates Contributions of Veterinarians on World Veterinary Day** *Chicago Veterinary Medical Association also acknowledges the essential role that multiple professionals play in delivering high-quality veterinary services.*

With the annual World Veterinary Day (WVD) on Saturday, April 26, the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) salutes its members and celebrates the vital nature of the veterinary profession on the world's animals and their owners and caretakers as well.

Established by the World Veterinary Association (WVA) in 2000, World Veterinary Day acknowledges veterinary professionals, highlights their contributions, and stresses the importance of the role they serve by helping to keep our beloved pets healthy and thriving. WVD is always celebrated on the last Saturday in April.

A new theme is established annually for WVD and 2025's is "Animal Health Takes a Team," highlighting the field's collaborative nature.

The WVA Council selected this theme to shine a spotlight on the dynamic nature of veterinary services, which require cooperation and collaboration across various fields of expertise to address the diverse challenges in animal health and care. By working together, veterinary teams can ensure the highest standards of care and support for animals, their owners, and the globe.

This year's theme focuses on the importance of teamwork in veterinary care, acknowledging that effective veterinary services often rely on the collective efforts of a range of professionals, including veterinary nurses, technicians, researchers, and other allied health professionals.

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**About the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association:** Chicago Veterinary Medical Association is a professional network with a longstanding tradition that connects more than 1,000 veterinarians with comprehensive resources that support their continued development as champions of animal health while encouraging the fostering of the human-animal bond.

**About the Chicago Veterinary Medical Foundation:** The CVMF, established in 2009, is a 501<sup>(c)</sup>(3) charity that works with Chicagoland veterinarians to provide financial assistance to pet families in need by helping with the costs of their pet's urgent, unexpected medical and surgical bills. The Foundation's work plays a vital role in strengthening the human-animal bond by helping sick and suffering pets get well again.