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- Public health agencies
- Departments of agriculture
- Wildlife health agencies
- Environmental agencies
- Animal welfare agencies
- Military service
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- Shelter medicine
- Industry
- Academia
- Food safety agencies

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today!



Mission

The mission of the Association is to promote the science, art, and practice of public health, food safety, epidemiology, and preventive medicine. The Association carries out this mission by providing an expert forum for the discussion of public health issues of importance to the veterinary profession and the development of professional recommendations and public health resolutions. The Association consistently supports programs to promote and improve the professional education, communication and collaboration of public health veterinarians in order to reduce human and animal disease and disability, to improve human and animal population well-being, and to integrate the contributions of veterinary medicine to the successful practice of public health throughout the United States.

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how to become a member:
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American Association of Food Safety
& Public Health Veterinarians



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Public Health and Food Safety Veterinarians

As the One Health initiative continues to gain momentum, the crucial role of veterinarians in public health and food safety is increasingly recognized. Public health issues span across livestock, domestic pets, wildlife, human and environmental health. Veterinarians may be the first to recognize zoonotic diseases before they enter human populations. Animal health may serve as an indicator for environmental health as well as the mental and physical health of human populations.

Veterinarians contribute to public health in many ways. Some veterinarians investigate disease outbreaks in human and animal populations while others treat animals which are part of the food supply. Still other veterinarians treat companion animals and prevent zoonotic disease risks. Many public health veterinarians receive additional training in public health, epidemiology, laboratory animal medicine, food safety, infectious diseases or one of many other disciplines shared between human and veterinary medicine.



Food-animal veterinarians help maintain a healthy food supply.

Your Role

As a veterinarian engaged in public health, you are looked to by the public and the veterinary profession as an expert in zoonotic diseases, emergency response, food safety, preventive medicine and much more.

AAFSPHV is the nation's premier professional organization dedicated to the collaboration of veterinarians in all types of public health practice.

AAPHV was established in 1995 to provide a single organization for all veterinarians who are professionally engaged or actively interested in public health and vet-erinary preventive medicine. In 2016 they merged with the American Association of Food Safety Veterinarians to become the AAFSPHV.



Plague field quarantine station in Mongolia in the event a case of plague is identified.

AAFSPHV supports the community of public health and food safety veterinarians through mentorship, networking, and communication; outreach to other public health and veterinary groups; support of veterinary student public health organizations; and as a resource for policy development.



Along with animals such as dogs, foxes, raccoons, and skunks, bats are one of the primary animals that transmit rabies.

Top Reasons to Join AAFSPHV

Networking: Access a professional community to exchange ideas, share information, communicate, and promote the science and art of public health.

Mentorship: Find professional insight, advice, and guidance or reach out to mentor other members.

Members Only Resources: Obtain exclusive, valuable materials, including educational presentations and other resources, on the Members Only page of the AAFSPHV website.

Receive the E-mail newsletter and members-only announcements of relevant meetings, news items, and position announcements to keep apprised of current events.

Calendar: Review important dates online (including registration and abstract submission deadlines) of important public health and food safety meetings and events.

Impact: Develop policy and position statements representing veterinarians working in public health and food safety that subsequently result in improved human and animal health.

Leadership: Develop administration, organization and management skills by contributing to AAFSPHV's mission as a member, volunteer, workgroup member, or officer.

Be a Part of Something Much Bigger: Become a member today!



Bait distribution for oral rabies vaccine project in Maryland