South African Veterinary Association Community Veterinary Clinics (SAVA-CVC)

Vets making a difference!
Mission of SAVA-CVC

• The SAVA-CVC is an initiative where private veterinarians donate their time and skills to prevent rabies by vaccination, control pet populations through sterilisation and educate pet owners from poor communities.

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• Our main function is to render primary veterinary services (vaccinations, parasite control and sterilisations), to disadvantaged communities who have little or no access to veterinary services.

• We currently have 29 clinics nationwide, reaching 80 communities and approximately 24,000 animals annually.

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What are the benefits of being involved?

- Reduction in SAVA membership fees (50%).
- Controlling infectious diseases in your area.
- Education and compassion for human life.
- Marketing and PR in your practice.
- Separating charity from regular clinical work.
- More cohesive veterinary community.
- Access to CCS veterinarians.

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Reduction in SAVA membership fees (50%).

- You need to be a Principal Veterinarian of a CVC clinic,
- maintain a predetermined level of service,
- and keep your annual reporting up to date.

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Controlling infectious diseases in your area.

• Distemper and Parvo are rife in many of the townships bordering our towns and cities.
• Rabies is an ever present danger.
• Infectious diseases in suburban pets can often be linked to contact with these carriers, e.g. “rescued” dogs & cats.

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Controlling infectious diseases in your area.

A sustained vaccination (& sterilisation) campaign in your nearest township or informal settlement will protect your clients’ pets, while improving the health of the underprivileged pets.

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Education & compassion for human life

• Education regarding animal husbandry is a central part of CVC’s activities.
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- A significant spin-off, is that the pet owners gain a new respect for life,
- which in turns leads to respect for human life.
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Marketing and PR in your practice.

• By making your clients aware of your involvement with community projects,
• they will view you as the caring hero that you are!
• Rather than the money grabbing, elitist Vet that seems to be a prevalent image in our society!

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Marketing and PR in your practice.

- Furthermore, you can get your clients involved in the process,
- by engaging in the Paw Print project,
- taking them on clinics as volunteers, etc.
- Excellent marketing mileage for your practice.

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Cohesive Veterinary Community

- CVC is the main channel of co-operation between SAVA and government.
- CVC is one of the key organisation to deliver compulsory community services (CCS).
- Rather than addressing the issues by holding meetings, we are standing shoulder to shoulder and working on issues of mutual interest.
Access to CCS Veterinarians

• SAVA CVC is one of the partners that the State is using to implement the CCS program.
• By mentoring CCS Vets, you will have access to a locum for your practice, as well as a new employee once they have finished their CCS year.
• You will have worked together for a year, and will thus know if the Vet is compatible with your practice.
How does the CVC work?

• CVC head office’s main function is a **central facilitation** mechanism: logistics, donations, funds, cooperation agreements.

• Vets donate their **time and facilities** to deliver primary health care.
Misconceptions?

• **CVC has lots of money.**
  As with all charities, we have taken a massive reduction in income due to the changed economic climate. We are continually exploring new ways of increasing our income.

• **Donations are used up in administrative functions.**
  This is one of the main structural differences between the CVC and other welfare organisations: we don’t have buildings to maintain and veterinary services are voluntary. We are re-examining and improving our processes.
Misconceptions?

• It is difficult to open a CVC. The requirements are continually being streamlined and improved. With the IT system we have recently implemented the reporting obligations are quick and easy.
What can you do?

• Start a CVC clinic.
• Get involved in fundraising activities.
• Register for a CCS veterinarian to be utilised in your CVC activities.

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Paw Print Project

- Last year 32 amazing practices raised a grand total of R96 000!
- Paw Print runs for three months.
- This year 42 practices are participating so far.
- Will you participate?

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How it works

1. **Email** us at fundraiser@cvetc.co.za, to confirm that you will be participating in the project.

2. **Print** a provided template of paw prints on coloured paper and cut into A6-size flyers.

3. **Sell** the paw prints for a recommended price of R10 per paw print.
   - The client writes his/her name or dog’s name on the paw print.
   - The paw prints are placed on a wall or window in the practice reception area.

4. **Pay** the funds raised to SAVA-CVC.

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Vaccination & Sterilisation Project

Last year Valley Farm Animal Hospital raised more than R20 000 through this project.

How it works:

• Add R15 to the price of each sterilisation and R5 to the price of each vaccination performed at your practice.
• Indicate on your client’s invoice that you are supporting the SAVA-CVC.
• Place signage on the walls in your reception area provided by SAVA-CVC stating that you are contributing towards animal welfare.

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CVC Team

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THANK YOU!

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