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AVMA House of Delegates

Re: Comment on Proposed Resolution 3 for the House of Delegates 2013 Winter Session

Dear Sirs/Madams:

The American College of Veterinary Clinical Pharmacology (ACVCP) supports the proposed Resolution 3 for the Regular Winter Session of the AVMA House of Delegates in January 2013, submitted by the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association. The Resolution proposes that AVMA have a policy that states homeopathy is an ineffective practice and that its use as a veterinary therapy be discouraged.

The ACVCP concurs with the authors of the Resolution and its accompanying white paper that there is strong evidence that the theoretical foundations of homeopathy are inconsistent with established principles of chemistry, physics, biology and physiology, and that clinical evidence has not proven the practice of homeopathy to be effective at treating or preventing disease. The ACVCP cannot support any treatment modality not supported by clinical evidence of efficacy, particularly if such treatment may result in financial loss to the owner and may harm the animal due to delayed/withheld treatment with remedies that have been proven to be effective.

The ACVCP urges the House of Delegates to approve this resolution, which sends a message about the importance of science and the principles of evidence-based veterinary medicine when treating veterinary patients.

Respectfully,

On behalf of the American College of Veterinary Clinical Pharmacology

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