

# AVMA PAC: ONE OF THE VETERINARY PROFESSION'S MOST EFFECTIVE ADVOCACY TOOLS

## WHAT IS AVMA PAC?

AVMA PAC is the AVMA's Political Action Committee. It provides strategic financial contributions to the campaigns of members of Congress so that AVMA has more opportunities to educate lawmakers on issues affecting veterinary medicine. AVMA PAC receives individual contributions and combines them to make contributions to the campaigns of lawmakers.

## WHY IS AVMA PAC IMPORTANT?

Every day, Congress makes decisions that impact veterinarians. AVMA PAC contributions help the AVMA to develop relationships with members of Congress so we can discuss the issues that are important to the profession. A strong PAC promotes our success on Capitol Hill and increases the likelihood of Congress passing legislation benefiting veterinary medicine, or defeating legislation that is harmful to the profession.

## HOW IS AVMA PAC GOVERNED?

A seven-member AVMA PAC Board, composed of volunteers appointed by the AVMA Board of Directors, House Advisory Committee and the Student AVMA, provides oversight of the PAC's contributions and activities.

## WHICH ELECTED OFFICIALS RECEIVE AVMA PAC'S SUPPORT?

AVMA PAC is non-partisan and almost exclusively contributes to members of Congress who are already in office. Contributions are often made to members of Congress who hold committee positions overseeing legislation that impacts the veterinary profession or have a strong record of supporting veterinary medicine. Criteria used to determine who will receive a contribution are online at [pac.avma.org](https://pac.avma.org).

## WHAT ISSUES DOES AVMA PAC SUPPORT?

Recent examples where the PAC facilitated discussions with members of Congress include student loans, animal health priorities in the Farm Bill, the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program Enhancement Act, Animal Drug User Fees, tax reform, association health plans, federal funding levels for veterinary priorities and prescription writing mandates.

## WHO CAN CONTRIBUTE TO AVMA PAC?

The Federal Election Commission regulations state that only AVMA members and their families, SAVMA members and their families, and AVMA employees can contribute to the AVMA PAC. Any corporate contributions made to AVMA PAC cannot be used to contribute to congressional candidates.

## DO MY AVMA DUES ALREADY FUND THE PAC?

No. AVMA PAC relies solely on member contributions that are fully separate from member dues. Unless you specifically contribute to PAC, you are not supporting AVMA PAC.

## ARE CONTRIBUTIONS TO AVMA PAC TAX DEDUCTIBLE?

No, political contributions are not tax deductible.

## IT'S EASY TO GET MORE INFORMATION OR TO CONTRIBUTE!

Contact Conor Noonan, AVMA PAC Manager  
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## HOW DO YOU GET INVOLVED?

### 1. CONTRIBUTE TO AVMA PAC

No matter the amount, your contribution makes a difference! AVMA PAC accepts both one-time contributions and recurring monthly contributions.

Visit [pac.avma.org](http://pac.avma.org) or stop by the PAC Booth at the AVMA Pavilion, booth 4047, to contribute in person.

### 2. LEVEL UP YOUR CONTRIBUTION

Already a contributor? Boost your support by upgrading to an AVMA PAC Club. Each club level is cumulative, and offers a new and unique benefit:

#### COFFEE CLUB (\$5/MONTH) For Students and Recent Graduates

- Join a conference call with a Member of Congress
- Coffee Club Pin

#### CLUB \$120 (\$10/MONTH)

- AVMA PAC Club 120 pin

#### CLUB \$365 (\$1.00/DAY)

- Lands' End Merchandise, Club Level \$365

#### CONGRESSIONAL CLUB (\$535-\$999)

- Additional Lands' End Merchandise, Club Level \$535+

#### SENATORIAL CLUB (\$1000-\$2499)

- Make recommendations for PAC contributions
- Display case for AVMA PAC pins
- Opportunity to attend in-district fundraiser/political event

#### CABINET CLUB (\$2500-\$4999)

- Trip to a special event such as the AVMA Fly-in
- Flag flown over the US Capitol

#### PRESIDENTIAL CLUB (\$5000)

- Opportunity to attend exclusive fundraisers, political events and political retreats on behalf of AVMA PAC
- Personal thank you note from AVMA President

### 3. TELL A FRIEND

All AVMA members, SAVMA members, AVMA staff and their families are eligible to contribute to AVMA PAC!

Peer-to-Peer communication is the best way to grow the PAC – talk to your colleagues about how AVMA PAC allows our profession to have a seat at the table when decisions are made in Congress.

Interested members can learn more by:

- Visiting the AVMA PAC Booth at the AVMA Pavilion, booth 4047
- Logging on to [pac.avma.org](http://pac.avma.org) with their AVMA ID
- Contact the AVMA PAC Manager, Conor Noonan at (202) 289-3206 or [cnoonan@avma.org](mailto:cnoonan@avma.org)

Contributions to AVMA PAC are not tax deductible for federal income tax purposes. AVMA PAC may only accept contributions from members of the AVMA, certain AVMA personnel, members of SAVMA, and their immediate families. Contributions will be screened and any contributions from outside of this "restricted class" will be returned. Contributions to the AVMA PAC are voluntary and will be used in connection with federal elections. You will not be favored or disadvantaged due to the amount of your contribution or your decision not to contribute. All contributions are appreciated. Only U.S. citizens can contribute to the PAC. Corporate contributions made to AVMA PAC cannot be used to contribute to congressional candidates.