Dedicated to promoting the health, welfare and safety of animals through the fostering and applying of current, new, and novel techniques of forensic science and crime scene processing to circumstances of animal abuse, neglect, cruelty, fighting, and death.

IVFSA members enjoy:

- Annual conferences where the latest technologies, procedures, and practices are discussed
- Student presentation opportunities
- Access to online discussion forums, topics of interest, case studies, and bimonthly newsletters
- A community of supportive, like-minded professionals

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Who We Are

The Association was created by a majority vote from individuals attending the First Annual Veterinary Forensic Sciences Conference hosted by the William R. Maples Center for Forensic Medicine, University of Florida, in May 2008.

MISSION STATEMENT

1) Promote the health, welfare and safety of animals through the fostering of current, new, and novel techniques of forensic science and crime scene processing to circumstances of animal abuse, neglect, cruelty, fighting, and death.

2) Apply forensic science techniques to legal investigations involving animals as the victim of criminal offenses and civil disputes.

3) Educate the animal welfare community, law enforcement, crime scene analysts, forensic scientists, veterinarians, attorneys, judges, and pathologists on the application of forensic science techniques and crime scene processing methods to cases of animal abuse, neglect, cruelty, fighting, and death.

4) Inform the law enforcement and legal community on the various scientific disciplines that can be utilized for the interpretation of collected physical evidence related to any crime scene where an animal’s presence or absence is relevant.

5) Advance and foster excellence in the veterinary forensic sciences.

The IVFSA has over 140 members from 17 countries dedicated to the application of forensics to the veterinary and wildlife sciences. At its annual conference, IVFSA brings together professionals in the fields of humane law enforcement, veterinary medicine, wildlife pathology and research, forensic science, law, and animal welfare to discuss casework, research, and service to animals and people.

Membership

- **Student member**: any student meeting the full-time student status at any accredited, degree-awarding college or university.
- **Affiliate Member Without Voting Privileges**: persons who have not completed the educational requirements, but maintain full-time employment in a position that involved the prevention of animal abuse, neglect, and cruelty.
- **Affiliate Member With Voting Privileges**: any person who has maintained (in good standing) their status as an Affiliate Member Without Voting Privileges for a period of two years.
- **Associate Member**: any individual possessing a four-year (or higher) degree from an accredited college or university, or international equivalent, or an employee of an agency or organization involved in the research, education, or investigation of animal abuse, neglect, or cruelty.
- **Full Member**: any individual possessing a DVM, Ph.D., M.D., J.D., or any individual with a Master’s degree (MS) AND three years directly applicable experience.

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