

# AKVMA Membership

Now Welcoming UAF Vet Med Students!

Success starts with connecting to your community.



**We're a community of individuals who are passionate about veterinary medicine and improving the lives of those we serve.**



Being a member of AKVMA has played a big role in my professional development through leadership training opportunities and networking with other veterinarians around Alaska. Until I got involved with the board, I had no idea how much advocacy AKVMA does by tracking legislative bills that may affect our profession and educating legislators. Of course, Alaska veterinarians are amazing people and a lot of fun, and AKVMA is a great way to meet and connect with each other! - *Dr. Sarah Coburn, Chugiak, AK*

## What We Do?

The **Alaska State Veterinary Medical Association** is an invaluable resource for Alaska veterinarians and veterinary medicine students. Members gain access to ongoing education opportunities and networking events. The AKVMA also plays an active, critical role in advocacy efforts by informing members and influencing governmental representatives in the interest of its members. AKVMA is now welcoming veterinary medicine students and we'll help connect you to veterinarians in Alaska for mentorships and externships.



**Success! Governor Dunleavy (center front) signs HB 56 into law July 6, 2023 to exempt veterinarians from the requirements of the prescription drug monitoring program in Alaska.**

Photo is Courtesy of Governor Dunleavy's Office

## A Voice in the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)

The House of Delegates is the principal body within the AVMA responsible for establishing policy and providing direction for matters relating to veterinary medicine and is the representative body of the Principal and Constituent Allied Veterinary Organizations of the Association. **The AKVMA has a delegate and an alternate delegate in the AVMA House of Delegates** which provides a seat at the table on important resolutions affecting the profession.



**Dr. Sarah Coburn (left), Alternate AVMA Delegate, and Dr. Amanda Taylor, AVMA Delegate, attend the AVMA House of Delegates' meetings each year. The delegates meet during the AVMA Leadership Conference in the winter and the AVMA Meeting during the summer.**

## Advocacy for the Veterinary Profession

AKVMA's legislative team is continuously at work to have a **pulse on public policy and regulations** that affect the veterinary profession. Our legislative team will keep you informed and work to protect your interests on a State level. We monitor and take action on any bills that affect our profession. AKVMA also collaborates with the AVMA legislative team on veterinary issues evolving at the Federal level.

## Provide Premium Continuing Education

Every year AKVMA hosts a professional symposium that offers high-quality continuing education for veterinarians and veterinary technicians and support staff. The conference programs are created by our CE team that selects relevant and timely topics. **AKVMA invites second year veterinary medicine students at the UAF to attend at no charge.**

**The 2025 AKVMA Symposium will be held Oct. 10—12 at the Hotel Captain Cook in Anchorage.**



**Membership in the AKVMA has been amazing to promote a network of veterinarians to impact legislation and regulations that affect veterinarians. AKVMA has provided opportunities for leadership development, enhancement**

**of professional knowledge with high quality continuing education, and an avenue to provide invaluable support for our University of Alaska veterinary medicine students.**

**- Dr. McKayla Dick, North Pole, AK**

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