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Bruce Kaplan, DVM, Dipl. AVES (Hon)
4748 Hamlets Grove Drive
Sarasota, Florida 34235

Dear Dr. Kaplan:

I'm writing on behalf of the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (AAVLD) to express our endorsement of the concept of "One Health".

The AAVLD has an international membership of more than 1,300 veterinary laboratorians, and within North America we accredit publicly supported veterinary laboratories. Our vision of improving animal health and public health through our diagnostic and consultative activities is congruent with the vision of the One Health initiative.

We are pleased to be able to support the One Health Mission Statement: "Recognizing that human and animal health and mental health (via the human-animal bond phenomenon) are inextricably linked, One Health seeks to promote, improve, and defend the health and well-being of all species by enhancing cooperation and collaboration between physicians and veterinarians, and by promoting strengths in leadership and management to achieve these goals."

Please add our name to your official list of supporting organizations, and we look forward to seeing progress on this initiative.

Sincerely,

Grant Maxie, DVM, PhD, Diplomate AVCP
President, AAVLD