



**WSAVA**  
**One Health Committee**

## **Press Information**

### **WSAVA One Health Committee Launches Phase II Project to xxx**

The World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA) One Health Committee has launched its second three-year programme of work, which aims to highlight the role of small companion animals in One Health. Plans for the project were discussed during a two-day meeting at Duke Medical Centre in Durham, North Carolina from 9–10 June 2014.

The WSAVA is a not-for-profit body, dedicated to enhancing the quality of veterinary care for companion animals around the world in key areas such as One Health, Continuing Education (CE) and nutrition. Its One Health Committee was established in 2010 with a mission of ensuring the prominence of the small companion animal–human interface in the global One Health agenda.

During the meeting, One Health Committee Chairman, Professor Michael Day from the University of Bristol, UK, gave a public lecture entitled: '*Cats, Dogs and Humans: One Medicine, One Health*' to take the WSAVA's One Health message directly to the human medical community at Duke. Delegates then planned a three-year programme of work, visited the comparative oncology research laboratories and met with representatives of the North Carolina One Health Collaborative and the US One Health Commission.

"One of three focus areas for the One Health Committee is comparative and translational clinical research," explains Professor Day. "Holding this meeting at one of the major global human health centres was a major step forward in engaging with the human medical community – which remains one of the greatest One Health challenges. We need to take every opportunity to promote the benefits to human medicine of investigating shared spontaneously arising diseases in dogs."

Later this year, the One Health Committee will host a full-day programme on rabies control in Africa at the WSAVA World Congress which takes place in Cape Town, South Africa, from 16-19 September. The fourth annual WSAVA Global One Health Award will also be presented at World Congress.

The work of the One Health Committee is made possible through the generous sponsorship of a consortium of seven industry sponsors, co-ordinated through the WSAVA Foundation, the WSAVA's charitable Trust.

The World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA) is an association made up of 92 veterinary organizations from all over the world, representing 145,000 individual veterinarians globally.

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Photograph: The WSAVA One Health Committee at the Duke Cancer Center, one of the venues for the meeting. From left to right: Jolle Kirpensteijn (WSAVA Past President), Mike Lappin, Carol Rubin, Michael Day (Chairman), Will Eward, Gregg Takashima, Ed Breitschwerdt and Colin Burrows (WSAVA President).