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Infection Prevention and Control Canada (IPAC Canada) is pleased to endorse One Health Initiative for expanding interdisciplinary collaborations and communications in all aspects of health care for humans, animals and the environment.

IPAC Canada is a national, multidisciplinary association committed to the wellness and safety of Canadians by promoting best practice in infection prevention and control through education, standards, advocacy, and consumer awareness.

Antibiotic resistance is a growing problem worldwide. We are moving towards a post-antibiotic era; patients are now dying from infections that have been successfully treated for decades.

While some antibiotic resistance is driven by antibiotic use in human medicine, other antibiotic resistance has its source in veterinary medicine and agriculture. In Canada, there is little control over which antibiotics and in what quantities are given to food animals or the ability of animal owners to purchase locally or import antibiotics as they see fit.

IPAC Canada supports a call for both federal and provincial governments to act by amending legislation to prohibit the unregulated use of antibiotics in animal husbandry. We applaud One Health Initiative's efforts to educate political leaders and the public sector about the ongoing abuse of antibiotics and the impact that antibiotic resistance is having on human health, animal health and the environment.

IPAC Canada's position statement on antibiotic use in animal husbandry can be accessed at:
http://www.ipac-canada.org/links_position.php



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