

## CHARITY ORGANIZATION «UKRAINIAN VETERINARY MEDICAL FOUNDATION»

Dear colleagues and interested parties,

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for your interest in Ukraine and our veterinary educational project - the Ukrainian School of Veterinary Medicine (USVM). Your contributions and engagement in the Ukrainian veterinary community during these challenging times will ignite sparks of hope and never will be forgotten. We strongly believe Ukraine is a member of the European family, so we are working tirelessly to enhance the standards of veterinary education in Ukraine, aligning it with European benchmarks.

The Ukrainian School of Veterinary Medicine started its function on September 1st, 2023 to enhance postgraduate veterinary education, and provide undergraduate veterinary students (who have an online format of education over 2 years) with the guidance and support mental state of veterinary practitioners, affected by the Russian war against Ukraine.

The education process was launched in the two safest cities, Kyiv and Lviv, with four sections in each city (eight sections in total). Each section's training comprises one lecturing day a month for four months (32 hours in total), and upon finishing the training, the student receives the certificate of completion. The total amount of academic hours conducted in 2023 amounts to 256 hours. The lectures are held by carefully selected and competent teachers who have professional experience over 5 years and scientific achievements in veterinary medicine. Lecturers utilize unique educational programs, personally developed under the principles of modern evidence-based veterinary medicine.

The Ukrainian School of Veterinary Medicine project is expanding and for the next year, we plan on having two offline semesters (spring and fall semesters) in Kyiv and Lviv; launching new sections of veterinary ophthalmology, abdominal surgery, veterinary parasitology, veterinary orthopedics, visual diagnostics, veterinary endocrinology, laboratory diagnostics of animal diseases and veterinary surgery; organizing 3 specialized forums on the following topics: dermatology, dietology and nutrition, infectious diseases. The greatest event of USVM in 2024 would be the three-day Congress of the Ukrainian School of Veterinary Medicine from 13.06.2024 to 15.06.2024 with 15 sections and 3 practical workshops in dermatology, cytology, and visual diagnostics.



How can you participate in the life of the USVM?

We are offering two possible ways of our collaboration, online and offline formats.

#### Online:

• <u>**Giving online lectures**</u>, preferably previously recorded on a topic related to the theme of the section classes/congress/forums. The idea is to broadcast them during the classes of the USVM.

Nowadays in the realities of Ukraine with constant blackouts and shortage of electricity caused by Russian rocket strikes, we are unfortunately unable to guarantee a high-quality Internet connection. That's why the broadcasting of recorded lectures can be a possible solution.

We ensure the copyright protection of your intellectual property and will prevent any unauthorized use or distribution of the lecturing materials. We guarantee the use of lecturing materials only and exclusively during our USVM classes and only with your permission.

The list of possible topics for online lectures will be attached to this letter for your review.

## • Access to online platforms with educational materials.

We have positive examples of obtaining access through a continuing partnership with Tufts University and WSAVA to their educational websites and literature.

If your institution is willing to contribute to veterinary education in Ukraine in such a way, it would be highly appreciated. Again, we ensure the copyright protection of your intellectual property and will prevent any unauthorized use or distribution of the materials. The access will be granted only to those, registered as members of USVM.



## Offline:

• <u>Conducting offline lectures</u> in the forums and USVM Congress from June 13, 2024, to June 15, 2024.

We invite all the interested lecturers and teachers who are eager to present during the USVM Congress or any other USVM Forums. Accommodation and meals will be provided from our side, while all the travel expenses are to be covered on your end.

Air travel to Ukraine is currently suspended; however, it is still possible to reach Ukraine via an extensive network of train and bus connections from Poland and other neighboring countries. Upon your arrival in Ukraine, we can arrange for your escort.

Information on traveling to Ukraine can be found on this website: <u>https://visitukraine.today/</u>

We understand your safety concerns while in Ukraine, and we want to assure you that the School and its events are held in the safest cities in Ukraine. Additionally, the School in Lviv is conducted in the secure underground conference room of a hotel. Nevertheless, we acknowledge that you have to weigh up the risks and make your own decision.

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 Possibilities of <u>international exchange</u> programs and Internships for Ukrainian PhD students, USVM teachers, and undergraduate students. Their participation in the events organized by your institutions.

We have an extensive network of Ukrainian scholars and students who are eager to develop scientific research, but unfortunately do not have enough resources or a practical base to achieve it during and due to the war. We are confident that fostering collaboration and partnerships can play a crucial role in overcoming these challenges, enabling our scholars and students to contribute to the global academic community and the broader field of research.



Once again, we sincerely thank you for your time and readiness to extend a helping hand to Ukraine, contributing to its education amid these challenging times. If you have any inclination to communicate with us or engage in any of the proposed ways of our collaboration, please feel free to let us know. Your engagement is highly valued.

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#### **EVENTS PLAN FOR THE UKRAINIAN SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE IN 2024**

Forum	Forum	Forum
08.09.2024	03.11.2024	14.04.2024
Kyiv	Kyiv	Lviv
Anesthesiology	Infectious Diseases	Dietology and Nutrition
Anesthesiology in	Viral Diseases	Features of Nutrition for
ophthalmology		Animals of Different Age
		Groups (Puppies, Kittens,
		Adults, Seniors)
Anesthesiology in	Bacterial Infections	Features of Nutrition for
abdominal surgery		Animals with
		Gastrointestinal Pathology
Anesthesiology in	Protozoan Diseases	Features of Nutrition for
orthopedics		Animals with Renal
		Pathology
Complications during	Fungal Infections	Features of Nutrition for
anesthesia		Animals with Urinary Tract
		Pathology
Anesthesia for Patients with	Diagnostic Methods for	Features of Nutrition for
Heart Pathology	Infectious Diseases	Animals with Obesity and
		Diabetes
Anesthesia for Patients with	Rational Antibiotic Therapy	Nutrition for Critical
Renal Pathology		Patients

#### **Objective: Conduct 1 lecture lasting 45 minutes each in recording.**

# CONGRESS OF THE UKRAINIAN SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE 13-15.06.2024

1 day	2 day	3 day
Dermatology	Visual Diagnostics	Gastroenterology
Reproductive Medicine	Nephrology and Urology	Parasitology
Endocrinology	Surgery and Oncology	Ophthalmology
Orthopedics	Dentistry	Rodent and Exotic Animal Diseases
Neurology	Anesthesiology	Management in Veterinary Practice

Objective: For each day, aim for at least three sessions out of five with foreign speakers presenting offline—two presentations lasting 45 minutes each. If not possible, consider recording presentations, in which case, one presentation lasting 45 minutes.