

American Association of Small Ruminant Practitioners

Overview

The American Association of Small Ruminant Practitioners (AASRP) was founded in 1968 to further the programs and studies of those working with small ruminants – sheep, goats, camelids, elk, deer and other related species. We encourage education, research and training to promote good health and productivity and to benefit organization members around the world. We provide a single forum for those with interests in small ruminants, where we can exchange ideas, share knowledge and together set goals and objectives that will benefit the industry as a whole. Our membership stands at over 1,000 members in the United States and abroad.

AASRP's primary goals are to work in cooperation with regulatory agencies, to further the professional development of members and to provide resources to elevate the standards of small ruminant medicine. Members have access to the most current developments in research, services and products. AASRP is an organization for veterinarians and professionals who want to further their knowledge of small ruminants, build relationships with peers around the world, and provide the best and most advanced services and products to clients.

AASRP's Mission

To improve the health and welfare of sheep, goats, camelids and cervids, to further the professional development of the members, provide resources to elevate the standards of small ruminant practice and to be the voice for small ruminant issues.

Association's Objectives

- To further educational and scientific progress in the field of small ruminant veterinary practice and to encourage education, training and research in veterinary medicine for the purpose of promotion of good health and productivity of small ruminant animals.
- To cooperate with veterinary and agricultural organizations and regulatory agencies of government to encourage the adoption of such technical and managerial programs and policies as will promote health and productivity of small ruminants, to increase public and government awareness of the expertise of small ruminant practitioners and involvements of AASRP and elevate the standards of practice for the public interest.
- To promote good fellowship among members of the Association.
- To hold and sponsor scientific meetings, provide printed material when appropriate, maintain an electronic mail link, and internet web site to assist in the aforementioned objectives.

Benefits of Membership

We take pride in our organization and the benefits we offer through membership. We work in the best interest of our members, because we believe their continued success is the continued success of the industry as a whole. Here are some of the benefits AASRP provides:



Wool & Wattles

In our quarterly newsletter, pertinent information gathered from books and veterinary journals is presented in a digest form. In addition to abstracts, *Wool & Wattles* also offers reviews, association reports, practical exchange of techniques, technology and regulatory news, and grant opportunities.

Educational Seminars and Courses

We organize CE programs for the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Annual Convention, the North American Veterinary Conference, regional veterinary conferences and other meetings around the country, including the annual meetings of state veterinary associations and producer organizations, and are available to organize small ruminant topics at these and other meetings.

Networking Through Technology

AASRP-L, our email discussion group, offers member veterinarians the opportunity to share ideas and discuss problem cases with colleagues who share an interest in small ruminant medicine. Our website, www.aasrp.org, is an excellent source of information.

Student Education

We promote small ruminant education by offering senior veterinary students extern opportunities and grants through AASRP's Sam Guss Student Grant Fund.

Membership Directory

Our directory provides a list of members who can be a source for referrals, consultation and collaboration.

The Voice

AASRP is looked at as the authority in small ruminant medicine, and we often submit resolutions and position statements to the AVMA and comment on proposed government regulations affecting small ruminant species.

With membership in AASRP you become a part of a combined strength in small ruminant medicine, where you can build on relationships that offer education, growth and success. Join us, and see our benefits work for you.

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