

OVERVIEW OF THE AVMA AND VETERINARY PROFESSION



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AVMA Mission

To improve animal and human health and advance the veterinary medical profession.



AVMA Core Competencies and Strategic Goals

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Voice of the Profession



Scientific Research and Discovery



AVMA Governance

Volunteer leadership:

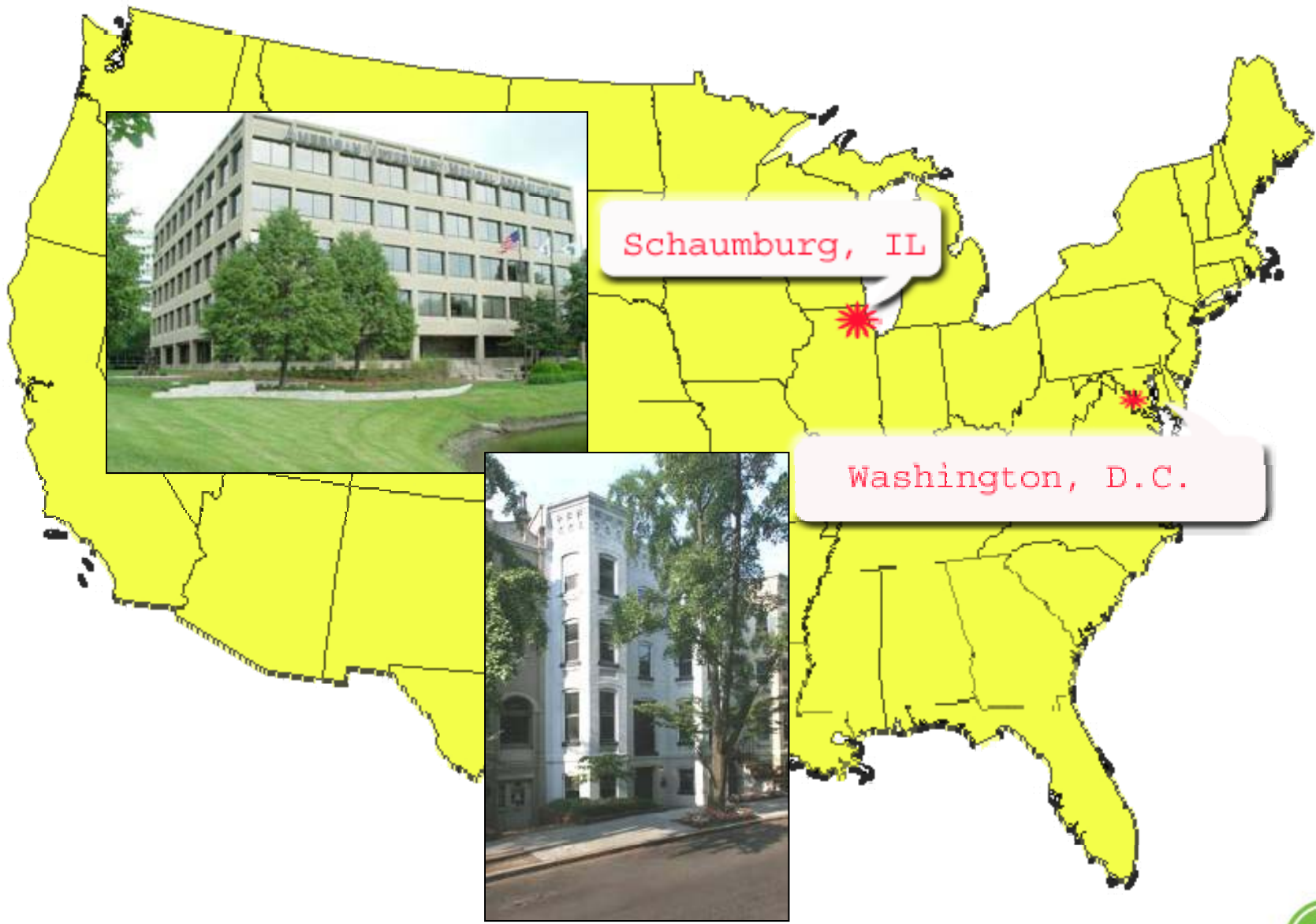
Executive Board

House of Delegates

Councils, Committees, Task Forces

Office of the Executive Vice President





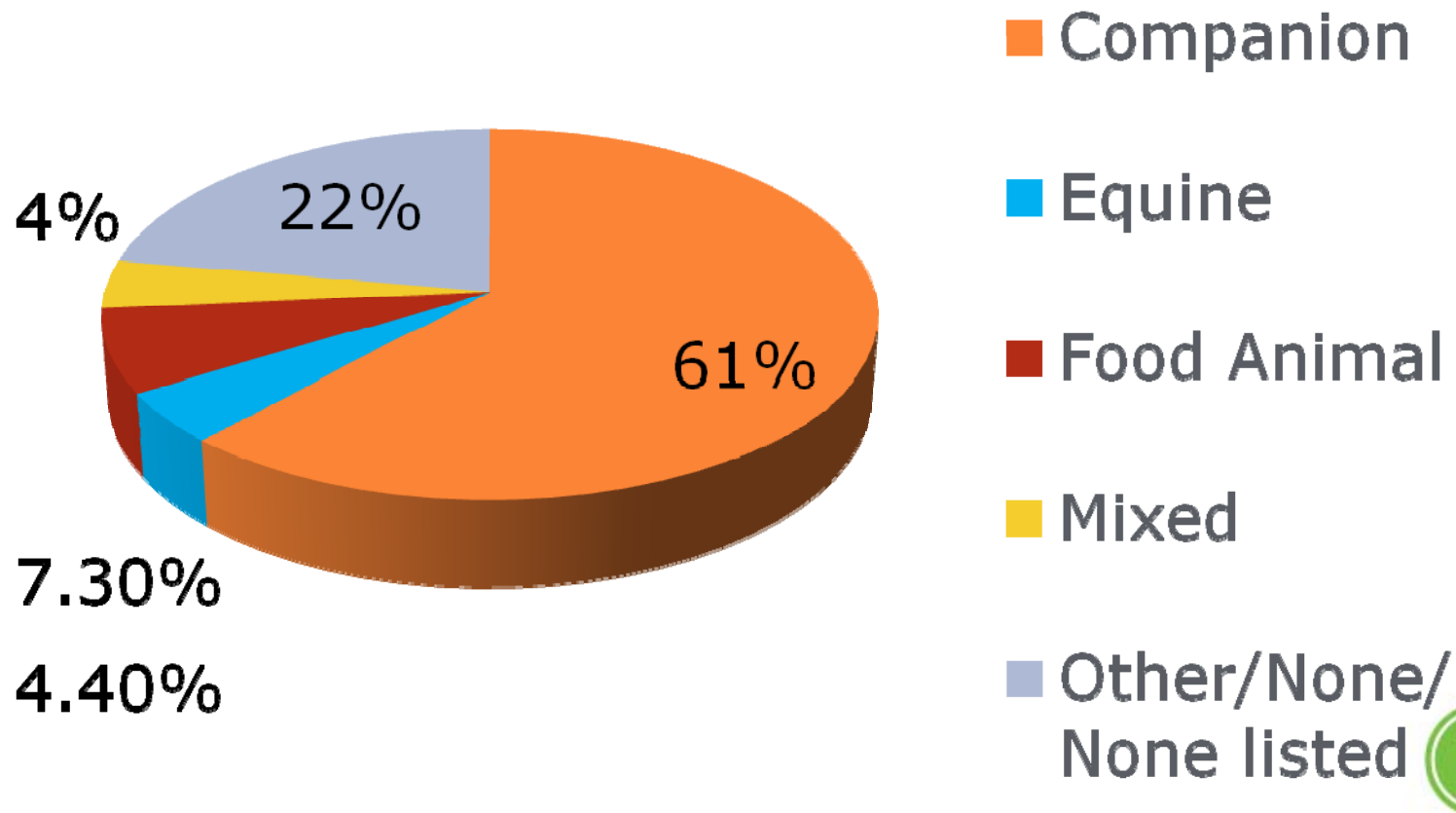
Schaumburg, IL

Washington, D.C.



AVMA Membership

- > 82,500 veterinarians
- Approx. 83% of U.S. veterinarians



Practice Disciplines

- Private clinical practice
- Academia
- Animal health industry
- Nonprofit
- Corporate veterinary practice
- Federal government
- State government
- Military



Diverse Practices

- Size of practice
- Number of veterinarians
- Single species to multiple species
- Rural/suburban/urban
- Mobile clinics to multi-site facilities
- Primary care to specialty care
- Routine care to emergency care
- Private to corporate to NFP to university



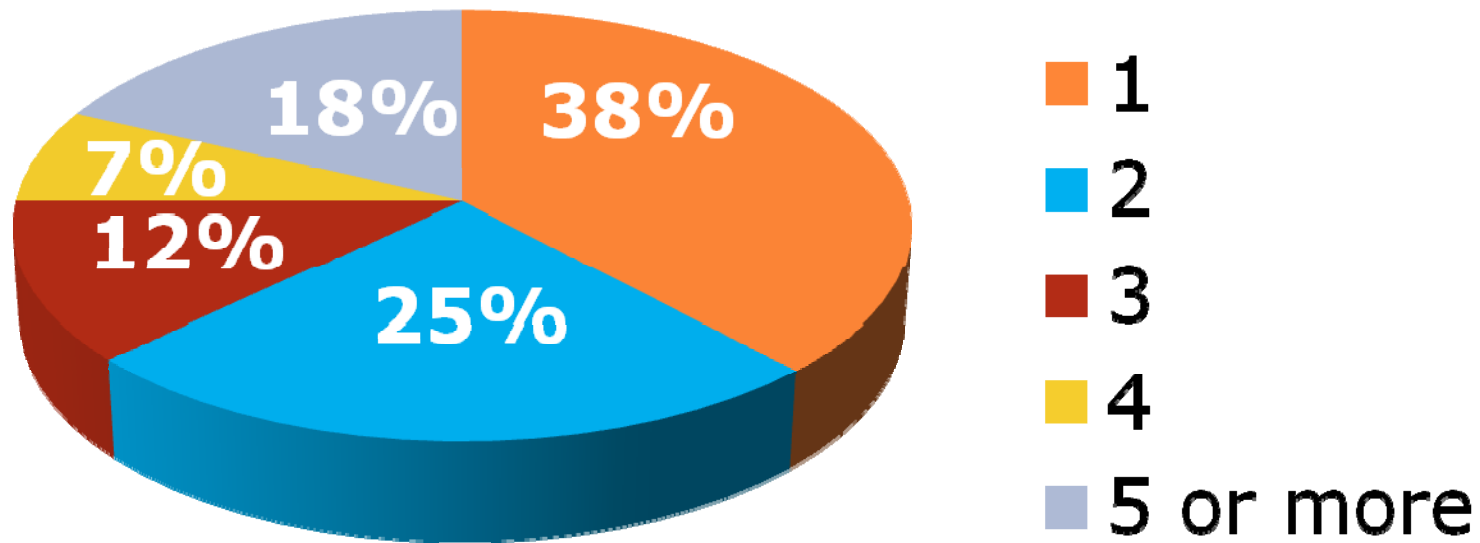
Animal Species

- Companion animals
- Livestock
- Horses
- Exotic animals
- Fish
- Wildlife



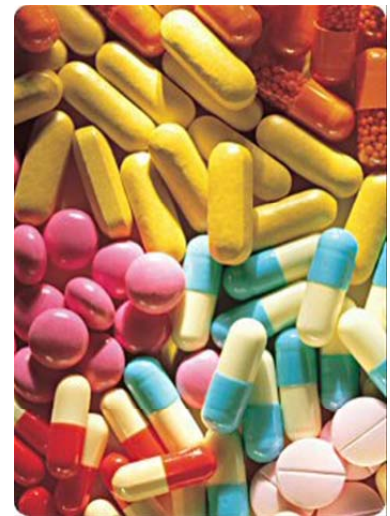
Number of Pets Owned

Two-thirds (62.4%) of households owned one or more pets in 2011



Veterinary Pharmacology Education

- Veterinary education: 4y of post-Baccalaureate education
- DVM or VMD degree granted
- Programs accredited by the AVMA Council on Education under USDE
 - Standards for Accreditation
 - Must meet or exceed Standards
 - Standards include curriculum



Veterinarian-Client-Patient-Relationship (VCPR)

- Sufficient knowledge of patient (examination)
- Veterinarian advises client (diagnose/prescribe)
- Client has elected to follow the veterinarian's advice
- Written records are kept
- Information/options for emergency care are provided



Regulation and Oversight

- State veterinary practice acts
- State veterinary medical boards
 - Enforce state veterinary practice act
 - Examine prospective licensees
 - Set requirements
 - Grant/revoke licenses
 - Define unprofessional conduct
 - Investigate breaches
 - Discipline violators



Governing Statutes and Regulation



- State pharmacy acts and boards
 - Licensure, control, and regulation of pharmacy sites and professional practices
- State laws give licensed veterinarians authority to dispense drugs to their patients with VCPR
- U.S. Food & Drug Administration
- Drug Enforcement Administration



Improving Human and Animal Health



Advancing the Veterinary Medical Profession



AVMA Executive Board and House Advisory Committee

