



COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Between:

- **World Veterinary Environmental Alliance (WVEA)**, administered by Veterinarians for Climate Action Ltd (VfCA), ABN 16 636 944 191, an ACNC registered charity in Australia

And:

- **Partner Organisation** _____

1. ABOUT THE WORLD VETERINARY ENVIRONMENTAL ALLIANCE

Mission Statement: The World Veterinary Environmental Alliance (WVEA) works to grow the number of veterinarians and animal care professionals who champion climate action, biodiversity and sustainability. Through collaborative partnerships, WVEA influences the veterinary profession, communities, industries, and governments to take practical action and implement policies, to protect animals, people, and the planet. Please refer to WVEA's Strategic Plan for more information.

Purpose of Collaboration: We are delighted your organisation will be collaborating with the World Veterinary Environmental Alliance. The global and cross-sector support we've received so far has been both energising and deeply encouraging. It's clear that across our profession, there's a powerful shared commitment to driving positive change.

The purpose of this collaboration is to:

- Scale & amplify: Help the materials your organisation has created to reach more people and scale their impacts.
- Create more: Through joining forces, we can use our combined skills, knowledge and research to create new resources.

2. NATURE OF THIS AGREEMENT

2.1 Legal Status This is a binding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Partner Organisation and WVEA, establishing a framework for voluntary collaboration.

2.2 Relationship

- This agreement does not create an employment, agency, or contractor relationship
- All collaboration is voluntary and unpaid
- Each organization remains independent and autonomous
- Partners retain authority to act appropriately within their local context

2.3 Duration and Termination

- This agreement commences upon signing and continues until terminated
- Either party may terminate with 60 days written notice
- Emergency termination (30 days) permitted for material breach after written warning

3. PARTNER ORGANISATION COMMITMENTS

3.1 Strategic Alignment Partner Organisation agrees to:

- Support WVEA's mission and strategic objectives as outlined in WVEA's Strategic Plan.
- Promote evidence-based approaches to climate action, sustainability, and biodiversity
- Maintain alignment with One Health principles

3.2 Values Adherence Partner Organisation commits to upholding WVEA's core values:

- **One Health Focus:** Recognizing the interconnection between animals, humans, and environment
- **Evidence-Based:** Basing actions and policies on scientific research and evidence
- **Diversity and Flexibility:** Respecting diverse veterinary roles and cultural contexts
- **Non-Partisan Approach:** Remaining politically neutral while advocating for environmental policies
- **Professional Trust:** Honoring the veterinary profession's reputation and community trust
- **Efficiency:** Maintaining lean, agile, high-impact operations

3.3 Operational Guidelines Partner Organisation agrees to:

- Seek prior written approval from WVEA Board or designated staff before:
 - Speaking publicly on behalf of WVEA

- Using WVEA branding or logos
- Making media statements as a WVEA collaborator
- Follow WVEA's Brand Guidelines and Corporate Engagement Policy
- Comply with all applicable laws and professional standards
- Maintain appropriate professional indemnity and public liability insurance

4. WVEA COMMITMENTS

4.1 Support and Resources WVEA commits to providing Partner Organisation with:

- Access to WVEA's collaborative network and resources
- Strategic guidance and framework materials
- Co-branding opportunities where appropriate
- Recognition of partnership in WVEA communications

4.2 Flexibility and Autonomy WVEA commits to:

- Respecting Partner Organisation's local context and autonomy
- Providing non-prescriptive guidance and support
- Facilitating knowledge sharing between partners
- Maintaining efficient, low-bureaucracy processes

5. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

5.1 Collaborative Materials

- Partner Organisation retains ownership of their pre-existing intellectual property and the right to charge as the organisation normally does.
- WVEA receives a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use and distribute partner organisation's materials for advancing WVEA's mission.
- Permanent joint ownership applies to materials created collaboratively through WVEA.

5.2 Information Sharing

- Information shared through WVEA portals is available for open global sharing unless marked confidential.
- Both parties will respect confidential information
- Standard attribution will be provided where appropriate

5.3 Moral Rights If Partner Organisation has moral rights in shared intellectual property, they:

- Consent to reasonable use by WVEA which may affect those moral rights

- Extend consent to WVEA's licensees and successors
- Confirm this consent is genuine and not induced by duress

6. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

6.1 Disclosure Requirements Partner Organisation must promptly notify WVEA of any conflicts of interest, including:

- Direct financial interests that conflict with WVEA's mission
- Personal or business relationships that may compromise objectivity
- Political affiliations or competitor relationships that may affect collaboration

6.2 Management

- Conflicts will be managed transparently and professionally
- VfCA Board may direct exclusion from specific activities if necessary
- Conflicts do not automatically prevent collaboration if properly managed

7. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

7.1 Fundraising for WVEA When Partner Organisation raises funds specifically for WVEA:

- Funds must be reported to WVEA within 30 days of collection
- Funds must be transferred to VfCA within 60 days of collection
- VfCA will retain an administrative fee to cover WVEA operational cost including:
 - o Financial management and reporting
 - o Legal and compliance requirements
 - o Administrative support and coordination
 - o Technology and communication platforms

7.2 Independent Fundraising Partner Organisation may conduct independent fundraising for their own activities without restriction, provided they do not represent themselves as official fundraising agents of WVEA without prior written approval.

8. DATA PROTECTION AND PRIVACY

8.1 Data Handling Both parties agree to:

- Comply with applicable data protection laws (including General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) where relevant)
- Protect personal information shared through collaboration

- Use shared data only for agreed collaborative purposes
- Implement appropriate security measures for sensitive information

9. MEDIA AND PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

9.1 Public Representation

- Partner Organisation may identify as a WVEA collaborator in appropriate contexts
- Prior approval required for speaking on behalf of WVEA or using WVEA branding
- Both parties may use photographs and video footage of collaborative activities for promotional purposes (consent may be withdrawn at any time)

9.2 Non-Partisan Approach Partner Organisation must maintain political neutrality in their capacity as a WVEA collaborator while advocating for evidence-based environmental policies.

10. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

10.1 Resolution Process Disputes will be resolved through:

- Direct negotiation between designated representatives
- Mediation by mutually agreed mediator if negotiation fails, under leadership of VfCA In the eve
- Arbitration under the laws of Australia as a final resort

11. TERMINATION

11.1 Termination Effects In the event of termination:

- Each party will return confidential information and intellectual property, upon request, and remove the other party's branding from website and collateral
- Intellectual property provisions survive termination
- Any funds collected for WVEA must be transferred according to Section 7 prior to termination
- Both parties may continue using collaborative materials created during the partnership

12. GENERAL PROVISIONS

12.1 Governing Law This agreement is governed by the laws of Australia.

12.2 Amendments This agreement may only be amended in writing, signed by both parties.



12.3 Severability If any provision is found invalid, the remainder of the agreement remains in force.

13. SIGNATURES

Thank you for joining us on this journey. With your energy, expertise, and collaboration, we believe this movement can help reshape the future of our profession and our planet.

For Partner Organisation:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

For WVEA:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



CONTACT INFORMATION

WVEA Contact Details:

- Email: hello@worldvetalliance.org
- Website: www.worldvetalliance.org

Partner Organisation Contact Details:

- Primary Contact: _____
- Email: _____

This agreement represents a commitment to collaborative action for the benefit of animals, people, and the planet through the veterinary profession's unique position and expertise.

WVEA requires paid staff to escalate its work at the scale required and welcomes the financial support of its members and industry partners. Please discuss your options with WVEA. We thank you in advance!

