

Charter of Values

In August 2021 the Council voted to adopt a Charter of values. These eight statements represent the basic, common goals and values that WDA members hold in common:

- That the conservation of biological diversity is of benefit and essential to human societies now and in the future;
- That the health of wild animals, humans and domestic animals are interconnected and interdependent within a shared environment ('One Health');
- That wildlife health is a global challenge transcending cultural and political boundaries and demanding international integration and cooperation of the scientific community, stakeholders and society;
- That knowledge of wildlife health is best achieved through rigorous science, recognition of other accumulated forms of knowledge (e.g. traditional, experiential, professional), and open and respectful debate;
- That our Association is most effective by being multidisciplinary, diverse, inclusive, fair and equitable;
- That communicating the science of our members and values of our Association through advocacy and outreach is integral to achieving our mission;
- That the future of our community and accomplishment of our mission depends on the fostering of student and early career learning and professional development;
- That our Association should conduct its business according to principles of environmental sustainability.