

EXECUTIVE BOARD COVERAGE: OVERVIEW

# Propelling AVMA forward

In addition to highlights reported in the Dec. 15, 2007, *JAVMA News*, the Executive Board acted on a number of other recommendations during its November meeting that will move the Association forward.

This issue includes the board's take on numerous policy revisions or re-endorsements put forward by the Animal Welfare Committee. Another article reviews the board's actions on the Legislative Advisory Committee's recommendations on existing or draft federal legislation.

Other highlights include the establishment of a Candidate Qualifications Review Committee for the Council on Education and the funding approved for an AVMA State Public Policy Symposium in 2009.

Many of the AVMA policies referred to throughout the coverage are available in full on the AVMA Web site at [www.avma.org/issues/policy](http://www.avma.org/issues/policy).

## MANAGEMENT OF MARES USED IN THE PREGNANT MARE URINE (PMU) COLLECTION INDUSTRY

The AVMA endorses the American Association of Equine Practitioners' (AAEP) position statement on "Management of Mares Used in the Pregnant Mare Urine (PMU) Collection Industry," which reads as follows:

"Through on-site investigations and peer review of ongoing research, the American Association of Equine Practitioners believes the collection of urine from pregnant mares and care of their offspring as prescribed by the recommended Code of Practice\* represents responsible management of horses to produce a commodity for the benefit of mankind that should not result in abuse, neglect, or inhumane treatment of horses."

\*The AVMA reviewed the 2007 edition of the *Recommended Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Horses in PMU Operations* as developed by the PMU Study Committee and published by Manitoba Agriculture and Ayerst Organics (available at: [www.naeric.org/inc/pdf/codeofpractice.pdf](http://www.naeric.org/inc/pdf/codeofpractice.pdf))