Petition In Support of Health Care Options for Our Pets

Whereas, there is a need to give people and their animals choices in their health care;
Whereas, denying health care to an animal is a veterinary ethics and animal welfare issue;
Whereas, lack of training in a particular methodology in either alternative/holistic or conventional care does not negate the potential that a specific care may not help an individual;
Whereas, there is more need to have clinical research and case studies as funding permits;
Whereas, veterinarians take an oath that they "shall do no harm;"
Whereas, modalities like acupuncture and herbs have been used in treatments for thousands of years;
Whereas, modalities, such as homeopathy and chiropractic have helped both humans and animals for 200 and 80 years, respectively;
Whereas, many new pharmacological drugs have been taken off the market due to adverse events, ranging from organ system failures to deaths in human and animals;
Therefore be it resolved that the veterinary profession, in seeking ways to help their patients, need to give their clients all options and allow them to have freedom to choose. Clients and veterinarians need to be knowledgeable about other choices. Training needs to be given to veterinarians so they will be aware and knowledgeable about all aspects of healing that are available to patients. The state veterinary associations, veterinary schools and the AVMA need to encourage research and education so that more animals can maintain a high quality of life.

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