



July 6, 2017

Ms. Esther Mechler
Marian's Dream

Dear Ms. Mechler:

The American Veterinary Medical Association is pleased to provide its endorsement of the consensus document put forth by the Veterinary Task Force on Feline Sterilization for Age of Spay and Neuter Surgery. While more specific, the consensus document is consistent with the AVMA policy on Pediatric Spay/Neuter of Dogs and Cats and supports veterinarians in using their best professional judgement based on the current scientific literature in deciding at what age gonadectomy should be performed on individual animals.

This consensus document represents a clear and evidence-based position that promotes individual animal health and welfare, contributes to effective population control, and can be clearly communicated to clients. The addition of this information to AVMA resources on gonadectomy more clearly acknowledges species differences and provides useful guidance to companion animal practitioners as they advocate for the health and welfare of their feline patients.

Sincerely,

Thomas F. Meyer, DVM
AVMA President

As one of the oldest and largest veterinary medical organizations, with more than 89,000 member veterinarians worldwide engaged in a wide variety of professional activities and dedicated to the art and science of veterinary medicine, the mission of the AVMA is to lead the profession by advocating for its members and advancing the science and practice of veterinary medicine to improve animal and human health. The Association has a long-term concern for, and commitment to, the welfare and humane treatment of animals.