



Press Release

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Vetstream extends its support for Ukrainian Vets

Vetstream has renewed its provision of providing all six of its Vetlexicon species services to members of the Ukrainian Small Animal Veterinary Association (USAVA) free of charge to support them in their clinical work.

Providing veterinary care in a war zone has huge challenges, not least the uncertain provision of electricity which is pretty essential for many aspects of veterinary care. However, the clinical teams are able to access all of the Vetlexicon content via their smartphones and so can continue to use the valuable resource, as long as they have access to a mobile network.

Power cuts forced on entire communities make daily care for displaced and injured animals difficult and emergency veterinary care almost impossible. These power cuts don't just deprive vets, owners and carers of these animals of light, but of hot water, and power for diagnostic and surgical.

More than 69 practices in Ukraine are regularly accessing Vetlexicon content to enable them to reach a more rapid diagnosis and handle the consequences of burns, lack of clean water and other conditions such as gastrointestinal conditions from contaminated water and Leishmaniosis.

Since the start of Russia's full-scale invasion, the number of stray animals in Ukraine has increased by at least 60%. Those who had homes and owners before have become homeless. Some were abandoned while fleeing the fighting. Some owners were killed by Russian mines and shells. The situation in the occupied and de-occupied territories is extremely difficult. First and foremost, assistance is provided to people whenever possible, but animals also need

rescue. At the beginning of the year, the *Socioinform* public opinion research centre conducted a census of animals in more than 500 shelters. They counted more than 26,000 dogs and about 19,500 cats.

CEO of Vetstream, Dr Mark Johnston commented,

“Vetstream was delighted to be able to support veterinarians in Ukraine, providing veterinary care for the thousands of stray animals impacted by the Invasion by Russia when the war started in February 2022. In August of this year (2023) we were able to provide all the Vetlexicon content in multiple languages from the dropdown menu, including Ukrainian, so that veterinary clinics could have access to Vetlexicon’s point-of-care information to help them with clinical conditions resulting from contaminated water, smoke inhalation, burns as well as Leishmaniasis which is being found in the southern parts of Ukraine.

He went on to say,

“We are pleased to be able to continue to provide Vetlexicon for both veterinarians and also, very importantly, to provide the client information on the health and welfare of dogs, cats, horses, and cattle in their native tongue of Ukrainian to enable the owners and carers of the animals in Ukraine to understand more about the health and welfare of their animals.”

Vladlen Ushakov, President of USAVA (Ukrainian Small Animal Veterinary Association) also said:

“It’s hard to express our gratitude just in words to thank Vetstream for providing continued access to all six Vetlexicon services to assist and support clinical teams in providing veterinary care to all animals affected by the war. All USAVA members thank you and your team for this amazing opportunity to take advantage of over 27,000 items of clinical animal care information at no charge. It will help us to improve our knowledges for better care of our patients and save us many lives as we can in this difficult time. We are inspired by your help!”

Vetstream will continue to offer its services free of charge to vets in the Ukraine while they deal with the crisis in the area.

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Notes for editors

Vetstream provides Vetlexicon, a leading veterinary educational platform, which has been established within the veterinary community for over twenty years. Based on the team's experience, the company has created a range of solutions, harnessing new technologies to support veterinary staff and empower professionals worldwide. The solutions include Vetlexicon, the world's largest online clinical reference tool, offering comprehensive and instant point-of-care information for the treatment of dogs, cats, rabbits, exotics, horses, and cattle. As a subscription-based service, it unlocks a searchable database covering a multitude of animal medicine disciplines, written and peer-reviewed by over 1,100 industry experts.

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