

**D. Veterinarians' responsibilities to the public:**

1. Veterinarians should concurrently seek to ensure the protection of public health and general animal health and welfare, while carrying out their professional duties toward a specific patient. They must also consider the impact of their actions on the environment.
2. The responsibilities of the veterinary profession extend beyond individual patients and clients to society in general. Veterinarians are encouraged to make their knowledge available to their communities and to provide their services for activities that protect public health and environmental health.
3. Veterinarians should obey all laws of the jurisdictions in which they reside and practice veterinary medicine. Veterinarians should be honest and fair in their relations with others, and they should not engage in fraud, misrepresentation, or deceit. Veterinarians should report illegal practices and activities to the proper authorities.
4. Veterinarians may promote or advertise products and services but it is unethical to employ false, deceptive, or misleading statements or claims. Testimonials or endorsements are advertising, and they must comply with the appropriate jurisdictions' regulations or guidelines for advertising.

**E. Veterinarians' responsibilities to the veterinary team:**

1. Veterinarians must work together and with others in the veterinary team and business, to co-ordinate the care of animals and the delivery of services.
2. Veterinarians must ensure that tasks are delegated only to those who have the appropriate competence and registration.
3. Veterinarians must maintain minimum practice standards.
4. Veterinarians must treat their colleagues with dignity and as persons worthy of respect.

**F. Veterinarians' responsibilities to themselves:**

1. Veterinarians should seek help from appropriately qualified professionals for personal problems that might adversely affect service to patients, society or the profession.
2. Veterinarians should protect and enhance their own health and well-being by identifying those stress factors in their professional and personal lives that can be managed by developing and practicing appropriate coping strategies.