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## **AVMA Trust Welcomes Dr. Ingrid Manhart as Head of Veterinary Services**

(Schaumburg, Illinois) July 24, 2023 – The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Trust, which provides insurance and financial benefits for eligible members of the association, has named Ingrid Manhart, MS, DVM, DACVECC, as the Head of Veterinary Services.

In this role, Dr. Manhart will supervise the team of Trust Veterinarians, support professional liability claim reviews, work with the Trust's partners to enhance the program's value to AVMA members, engage with veterinary professionals at industry conferences and meetings, and contribute to risk-management presentations and education.

This senior leadership position will report to Tracey Gray-Walker (CEO, AVMA Trust) who commented, "I am excited to have Dr. Manhart join the team. Her experience, ideas, and leadership will help us continue to improve our support of and engagement with AVMA members."

Dr. Manhart brings over 15 years of experience in emergency and critical care to the role, with an emphasis on primary critical case management, training of interns and residents, development of standard emergency and critical care protocols, and collaboration with other specialists at tertiary care facilities. Dr. Manhart's experience as an emergency and critical care veterinarian, in addition to her management background will provide expert critical thinking and strategic planning as the AVMA Trust continues its growth.

In addition to her extensive professional experience, Dr. Manhart has an exceptional educational background. She earned both a Bachelor and Master of Science degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Dr. Manhart then earned her DVM at Ross University, spending her clinical year at Oklahoma State University. After working as an emergency veterinarian, she completed a critical care internship and an emergency and critical care residency and subsequently passed her specialty board exam to become a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care.

"Veterinary medicine is changing rapidly, and today's veterinarians are expected to provide cutting-edge care to their patients. I hope to be a source of support for the Trust Veterinarians and the AVMA members as they navigate complicated medical issues and claims that come along with these advancements," said Dr. Manhart. "I also hope to provide insight into the methods used in tertiary care facilities to treat complicated cases that require emergency or specialty care."

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