



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT INDIANA VETERINARY MEDICINE PAC

- 1. Is Indiana Veterinary Medicine PAC politically neutral?**
 - a. Indiana Veterinary Medicine PAC is non-partisan. Candidates receive contributions based on our criteria, not party affiliation.

- 2. What is the minimum contribution amount?**
 - a. The power of any PAC is to some degree a function of the amount of money it has to distribute to legislators. We encourage donations of \$100 or more, but any amount is allowed. Even if every IVMA member donated only \$25, we could raise almost \$65,000 each election cycle (2 years).

- 3. Are you aware of the extent that the Indiana Veterinary Medicine PAC affects the veterinary profession and ultimately your income and livelihood?**
 - a. Indiana Veterinary Medicine PAC allows our members and lobbyists the opportunity to build relationships with legislators and get our message out. The IVMA Legislative Committee deals with legislative issues ranging from animal medical and welfare to small business, to research, and public health.

- 4. What do I receive for my contribution?**
 - a. Persons making contributions to Indiana Veterinary Medicine PAC will be a part of the political process by having the chance to “weigh in” on legislation affecting the veterinary profession. In addition to that, Indiana Veterinary Medicine PAC offers incentives such as invitations to special events, political and legislative mailings, and lapel pins.

- 5. Why should I give to the Indiana Veterinary Medicine PAC?**
 - a. Having a voice on legislative issues on the state level is critical to the veterinary profession. Since our craft is so wide ranging, it is important to have everyone participate so that our message gets across to key legislators. The more issues that affect our profession, the larger our PAC needs to be in order to be heard.

- 6. Who decides to whom the contributions are given?**
 - a. Indiana Veterinary Medicine PAC is operated by a Board comprised of IVMA members from across the state.

- 7. What are the criteria used in deciding contributions?**
 - a. The Indiana Veterinary Medicine PAC Board looks at a variety of criteria such as prior support of the IVMA legislative priorities, and committee assignment.

- 8. Can I recommend a candidate for consideration for contributions?**
 - a. Yes, the PAC Board welcomes recommendations from members. Just ask for a Contribution Request Form and return it to the IVMA office for consideration by the PAC Board.

- 9. Can I direct my contribution to PAC to be given to a specific candidate?**
a. No. The Indiana Veterinary Medicine PAC Board decides which candidates receive contributions.
- 10. Why is MY legislator not receiving any Indiana Veterinary Medicine PAC contributions?**
a. The Indiana Veterinary Medicine PAC has limited funds, so we are not able to contribute to every member, every election. The more money Indiana Veterinary Medicine PAC has, the more candidates it can contribute to. The Indiana Veterinary Medicine PAC Board also considers a variety of criteria before contributing to any candidate.
- 11. Can I give a check from my corporation account?**
a. Yes, the Indiana Veterinary Medicine PAC can receive contributions written from corporation accounts.
- 12. What is the PAC's fiscal year?**
a. The Indiana Veterinary Medicine PAC's fiscal year runs from January 1st through December 31st. This is the time frame for determining contribution levels.
- 13. Are PACs corrupt?**
a. PACs are the legal way for associations to raise money for political purposes. The Indiana Veterinary Medicine PAC complies fully with Indiana campaign finance laws.
- 14. Can I be more involved in the PAC?**
a. YES. The IVMA is always looking for constituents to deliver the IVMA message to their member of the Indiana Legislature. All legislators have at least one thing in common: the desire to get reelected. Nothing is more important to them than making their voters happy! They will listen to you.
- 15. Where do my PAC dollars go?**
a. 100% of your personal Indiana Veterinary Medicine PAC contributions go to candidates for the Indiana Legislature.
- 16. On what issues does IVMA lobby?**
a. IVMA Legislative Committee lobbies on small business/tax issues, animal health/welfare, public health, appropriations, research, veterinary school and education, food, safety, homeland security, pharmaceuticals, drug compounding, and environmental issues.
- 17. Why is it important for me as a veterinarian to contribute to the PAC?**
a. Advocacy is ranked as one of the most important issues for the IVMA by our members. As veterinarians, we all have a stake in the future for the profession and with so many legislative and regulatory issues affecting our craft, we need to speak up and get our message heard in Indianapolis.