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GVMA HOSPITAL MEMBERSHIP

GVMA is pleased to offer the Hospital Membership opportunity. This option allows all of the veterinarians in your practice to take advantage of GVMA membership, at a cost below that of purchasing individual memberships.

How does the Hospital Membership work?

Instead of each veterinarian in a practice joining individually, the hospital can purchase a membership for all of the veterinarians in the hospital, who can then take advantage of GVMA member benefits, discounts, CE opportunities, literature, information, etc.

What are the benefits?

The Hospital membership offers veterinary hospitals outstanding value.

It supplies all the benefits of an individual membership, plus your choice of one of the following items:

- An employee manual easily customizable for your individual practice. Includes employment policies, standards of conduct, personnel file forms, record retention guides, posters, etc. (Value \$475)
- OR
- Three free staff member registrations to Traveling Educational seminars (Value \$297). Seminars will be in one of five major cities in Georgia and will address topics for the entire veterinary practice. Topics and information will be introduced in January

Hospital membership is a great way to ensure that every veterinarian in the practice has access to the latest veterinary news and research. It's also an affordable extra benefit that the practice can offer to prospective associates.

How much does it cost?

The Hospital membership fee is calculated based on the number of veterinarians employed by the practice as of the date that the membership application form is submitted.

The cost of a Hospital membership is \$375 or a one veterinarian hospital, plus \$140 for each additional veterinarian (including partners and associates) working part-time or full-time in the hospital (see chart, below)*.

Number of Veterinarians	*Membership Fee (with PAC)	Membership Fee (without PAC)
1	\$375	\$350
2	\$515	\$465
3	\$655	\$580
4	\$795	\$695
5	\$935	\$810
6	\$1075	\$925
7	\$1215	\$1040
8	\$1355	\$1155
9	\$1495	\$1270
10	\$1635	\$1385

*Membership Fee includes a \$25 voluntary contribution to the GVMA Political Action Committee (PAC).

Definition of Hospital or Practice Membership - **ALL** veterinarians in the practice must be members; includes owners, partners and associate veterinarians working full or part-time. The practice joins at a special rate (dependent upon numbers of veterinarians) and entitles members to all regular GVMA benefits. Individual departments of the University will be considered as a practice.

If you own two or more hospitals, and wish to purchase multiple hospital memberships, the cost would be \$230 for each additional hospital.

Example: If employ a total of four veterinarians in addition to yourself, the total hospital membership fees would be \$935 (5 vet hospital). For comparison purposes, the cost of membership for 5 individual veterinarians under the current individual membership fee model (\$225 per veterinarian) would be \$1125.

What if a veterinarian leaves or joins the practice during the year?

- If a veterinarian who is registered as a member of the GVMA as part of a Hospital membership leaves the hospital during the course of the membership year, that veterinarian remains a member for the duration of the membership year.
- A veterinarian hired by a member hospital to replace a departing veterinarian during the membership year automatically becomes a member at no additional cost to the hospital, if he/she was not already a member. It is the responsibility of the hospital to ensure that the involved veterinarians update membership information with the GVMA so that the membership roles of the GVMA reflect the accurate number of doctors under their hospital membership. The GVMA will only be able to enroll the number of doctors for which the membership has been paid.
- **Added Bonus! Each member hospital is also entitled to add one more veterinarian (in addition to any veterinarians hired to replace departed veterinarians) as a member during the course of the year at no additional charge.**
- If more than one additional veterinarian joins the hospital during the course of the year, and the veterinarian is not already a member of the GVMA, the hospital would be required to register the veterinarian as a member by paying the required fee for an additional veterinarian.

What if I prefer an individual membership?

Obtaining a Hospital membership is completely optional and you may still choose to join the GVMA as an individual.

What about *The Georgia Veterinarian*, accessing member services, etc.?

Every veterinarian in a member hospital will receive their own copy of *The Georgia Veterinarian* magazine, and have access to all of the services offered to individual members.

How do I apply for a Hospital membership?

Simply complete the attached Hospital membership application form and return it to us by fax or mail.

What if I have questions about the Hospital membership option?

If you have any questions about this new membership option, please contact Clare Reagan, Director of Membership and Education, at the GVMA office by phone at (678) 309-9800 or 1-800-853-1625 (toll free), or by email at clare@gvma.net.