The Veterinarian’s Oath

Being admitted to the profession of veterinary medicine, I solemnly swear to use my scientific knowledge and skills for the benefit of society through:

- the protection of animal health and welfare,
- the prevention and relief of animal suffering,
- the conservation of animal resources,
- the promotion of public health, and
- the advancement of medical knowledge.

I will practice my profession conscientiously, with dignity, and in keeping with the principles of veterinary medical ethics.

I accept as a lifelong obligation the continual improvement of my professional knowledge and competence.

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The Five Freedoms

1. **Freedom from Hunger and Thirst** - by ready access to fresh water and a diet to maintain full health and vigour.

2. **Freedom from Discomfort** - by providing an appropriate environment including shelter and a comfortable resting area.

3. **Freedom from Pain, Injury or Disease** - by prevention or rapid diagnosis and treatment.

4. **Freedom to Express Normal Behaviour** - by providing sufficient space, proper facilities and company of the animal's own kind.

5. **Freedom from Fear and Distress** - by ensuring conditions and treatment which avoid mental suffering.

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