

MVMA Charities, Inc., Advances MVMA's Mission

In early 2008, Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association founded an affiliated entity through which to pursue and accomplish charitable and educational ends consistent with MVMA's mission. **Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association Charities, Inc.**, a 501(c)3 organization, is established as an MVMA Supporting Organization and its directors are appointed by the MVMA Steering Committee. However, the MVMA Charities, Inc., Board of Directors operates independent of MVMA, elects its own officers, and has its own legal and fiduciary duties to MVMA Charities, Inc.

MVMA strives to promote the veterinary profession, improve animal well-being and public health, and enhance the ability of member veterinarians to accomplish their professional goals. MVMA Charities, Inc., with its broad statement of purpose to accomplish MVMA's charitable and educational goals, is designed to meet the wide-ranging and presumably expanding charitable needs of MVMA's projects. MVMA Charities International Programs Project Samana and Mazunte Turtle Project are open to all who may be interested in participating—veterinarians and their family members, technicians, support staff, students.



Currently, MVMA Charities, Inc., has three distinct areas for which it serves as the fund-raising and administrative umbrella:

- programs affecting stray animals in Massachusetts
- MVMA's international programs
- emergency and disaster programs

Each program area functions in accordance with standard operating procedures approved by the Board of Directors. The officers and directors of MVMA Charities, Inc., are:

- Richard Rodger, DVM, North Grafton, MA, President and Director
- Susan Curtis, Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association, Marlborough, MA, Vice President (*This non-voting position is to be filled perpetually by the MVMA Executive Director.*)
- David Schwarz, DVM, Ashland Animal Hospital, Ashland, MA, Clerk and Director
- Adam Arzt, VMD, Metrowest Veterinary Associates, Milford, MA, Treasurer and Director
- Seymour Bigman, DVM, Needham, MA, Director
- David Dunn, DVM, North Shore Animal Hospital, Inc., Lynn, MA, Director
- Emmanuel Maciel, Animal Control Officers Association of MA, New Bedford, MA, Director

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