



# VETERINARY DEFENCE ASSOCIATION (AUSTRALIA) LTD.

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## APPLICATION FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

[PLEASE USE BLOCK LETTERS]

<b>First Names:</b>	<b>Preferred Name:</b>
_____	_____
<b>Last Name:</b>	_____
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<b>Phone (H):</b>	<b>Phone (W):</b>
_____	_____
<b>Cellphone/Mobile:</b>	<b>Fax :</b>
_____	_____
<b>Physical Address:</b>	
_____	
<b>Veterinary School:</b>	<b>Year of Graduation:</b>
_____	_____
<b>Regulatory Body:</b>	<b>Registration Number:</b>
_____	_____
<b>Practice Name or Place of Locum:</b>	<b>Qualifications:</b>
_____	_____

<b>Professional Activity:</b>	Small Animal: %	Large Animal: %	Equine: %
Avian: %	Other: (please specify): %	Exotics: %	

Names of Other Veterinarians in Your Practice	
<i>(Please complete a separate application for membership for each member in your practice)</i>	
1.	6.
2.	7.
3.	8.
4.	9.
5.	10.

Statement of all prior Claims & Board complaints		
<i>(Please attach a separate page with further details if necessary)</i>		
Date	Details	Outcome



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1. I understand that this application is for Associate Membership of the VDA, which entitles me to VDA associate membership services. VDA associate membership does not provide insurance cover and does not indemnify me against claims, loss or costs.
2. I understand that the VDA communicates with its members by e-mail and that the onus is on me to receive, read, implement and abide by the contents thereof, and to notify the VDA of any changes to my email address.

**I will receive these communications at the following e-mail address:**

\_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

3. I understand that resignation takes place at year-end by submitting a completed VDA Resignation Form (obtainable on application) and that I will be required to provide two months' notice to the VDA of my intention to retire as a member.
4. Payment for VDA associate membership is by bank transfer to Veterinary Defence Association (Australia), or online via PayPal.

Proof of payment, together with the completed membership application form may be faxed to Int +61 28011 1233 , or e-mailed to [ambercarser@vetdefenceco.com](mailto:ambercarser@vetdefenceco.com)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Applicant's Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

Where did you hear about the VDA?

- From another member       On the web, via search engine       On a web search using the VDA web address
- Through the \_\_\_\_\_ veterinary organization       Other: \_\_\_\_\_



## VETERINARY DEFENCE ASSOCIATION (AUSTRALIA) LTD.

*Congratulations on joining the VDA family!*

You have become a member of an elite club of veterinarians whose common interest is the protection of vets in practice in disputes and against complaints and litigation. The VDA is a mutual non-profit association of veterinarians that operates for vets, is run by vets and is dedicated to safeguarding your interests and to protecting you and your practice from the stress of all forms of dispute and litigation.

The VDA (Australia) must not be equated to, or confused with an insurance broker or commercial insurance company: it is a dedicated veterinary defence organisation with the knowledge, expertise and infrastructure required to provide members with a specialised veterinary defence service. The VDA is wholly owned by its members and is governed by an executive committee appointed by a board of directors. Surpluses are injected back into the association to expand and improve services, and into reserves to keep the membership fees as low as possible.

The mission of the VDA is to protect the professional integrity and reputation of its members. The VDA achieves this by providing a complete bouquet of protection and defence services to its members. This includes:

- Immediate assistance and guidance with problems, disputes and practice management issues provided by the VDA's trained veterinary Consultants.
- Complete defence in State veterinary board disciplinary proceedings (veterinary licence defence), malpractice lawsuits and in any other administrative tribunal, consumer tribunal or any other legal or statutory forum.
- Alternate Dispute Resolution with aggrieved clients.
- Claims Prevention measures, including consent forms, model certificates and VDA Bulletins detailing protocols on best practice.
- Representation of members' interests in legislation affecting the veterinary profession.
- Access to the profession's own veterinarian psychology counsellor for members who experience anxiety, stress, depression, burn-out or have suicidal feelings.
- Regular newsletters on our website at [www.vda-asia.org](http://www.vda-asia.org) (*click the <VDA News> tab*).