

OIE DEFINITIONS RELATED TO VETERINARY PARAPROFESSIONALS (VPP)



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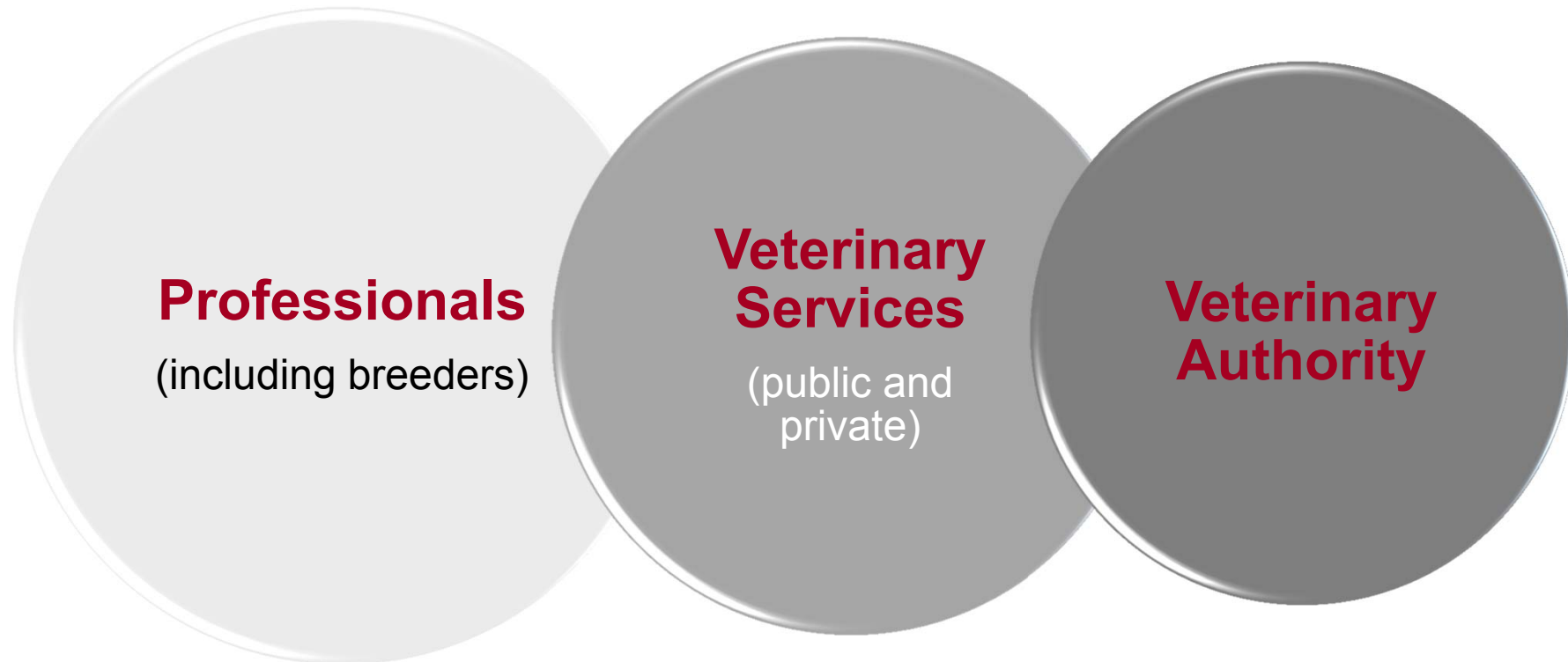
OIE STANDARDS

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**Improve animal health and welfare
and veterinary public health
worldwide**

Different actors

- A chain of command, responsibilities and actions



Veterinary Services



- **Implement** animal health and welfare and veterinary public health rules/regulations/measures on a territory
- **Placed** under the overall control and direction of Veterinary Authority of Member Countries
- **Comprise** Public or Private sector professionals, including veterinarians and veterinary paraprofessionals

Veterinary Authority



- **Governmental** authority of a Member Country
- **Applies** OIE Standards into legislation
- **Supervises** their implementation by Veterinary Services
- **Accredits or approves** private sector organisations
- **Also Comprises** veterinarians and veterinary paraprofessionals

Veterinarian



- **Appropriate education**
- **Registered or licensed** by the relevant veterinary statutory body of a country to practice veterinary medicine/science
- **Official veterinarian** = authorised by the Veterinary Authority for designated official tasks and certification

Veterinary paraprofessional



- **Authorised** by the veterinary statutory body
- **Carry out** certain designated tasks in a territory
- **Dependent** upon the category
- **Under the responsibility** and direction of a veterinarian
- **Tasks for each category** defined by the veterinary statutory body
- **Depending on qualifications** and training
- **In accordance** with need

Veterinary Statutory Body



- **Autonomous**
- **Regulatory**
- **Body**
- **For veterinarians**
- **And veterinary paraprofessionals**

Highlights on Veterinary paraprofessionals

- 1 Person trained
- 2 Person qualified
- 3 Tasks depend of that qualifications
- 4 Tasks also depend on country needs
- 5 Status linked to a specific function
- 6 In the framework of Veterinary Services missions
- 7 **Not** “animal handlers” or “reproduction zootechnicians”

Animal handlers



- person with a knowledge of the behaviour and needs of animals
- with appropriate experience and a professional and positive response to an animal's needs
- can achieve effective management and good welfare
- competence gained through formal training and/or practical experience
- can be a breeder/farmer or farm employee

Conclusion



- 1 Every (para)professional has a defined role
- 2 In the framework of the Veterinary Services
- 3 Under the control of the Veterinary Authority

Thank you for your attention!



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