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**FVE support statement for VetCompass**

[The Federation of Veterinarians of Europe \(FVE\)](#) fully supports and commends the work that VetCompass is doing. In order to improve animal health and welfare, all veterinary professionals, whether working as sole practitioners or in a large corporate chain, need reliable data about the prevalence of companion animal diseases and disorders and the effectiveness of treatments. Only this way can practicing veterinarians make appropriate evidence and scientifically based decisions and effectively prevent or combat health and welfare problems in cats and dogs.

Unfortunately, there are still many companion animal health issues that could be avoided with high-quality research and verified data. FVE acknowledges these facts and the role VetCompass has in collecting essential and objective information for improving the health and welfare of companion animals.

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