

**RESOLUTION #11—2025**  
**Regular Annual Session**

Submitted by  
Board of Directors

**Sow Housing**

**RESOLVED**, that the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) House of Delegates adopt the revised policy on Sow Housing as noted in [attachment 1](#) (deletions are ~~struck through~~, additions are underlined).

**Statement about the Resolution**

During its virtual meeting, the Animal Welfare Committee (AWC) reviewed the policy on Pregnant Sow Housing. The AWC determined the policy is still relevant and appropriate.

Recommended revisions acknowledge the AVMA encourages current movement within the swine industry toward group housing, while also acknowledging the challenges and benefits that are associated with this change.

The AWC's intent for removing "pregnant" is to widen the scope of the policy to address concerns in industry and academia regarding the welfare of sows throughout their lives, including gestation and farrowing. More information regarding how housing should meet the welfare needs of sows also was added. Finally, some editorial changes were made to rearrange existing language in the policy. To facilitate review, a clean copy is provided as [attachment 2](#).

While there are some differences in language with regard to space, movement, and training of personnel, this revision largely aligns with the [American Association of Swine Veterinarians' position statement on Sow Housing](#).

**Financial Impact:** None

	Board of Directors	House Advisory Committee	Reference Committee #2	House of Delegates
Recommend Approval	X	X		
Recommend Disapproval				
Recommend Referral to...				
No Recommendation				
Recommend Postpone Indefinitely				
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