

# **Resolution of the American Veterinary Medical Association's House of Delegates**

**Submitted by Petition**

## **Position Statement on Force Feeding Birds to Produce Foie Gras**

RESOLVED that the AVMA hereby opposes the practice of force feeding ducks and geese to produce foie gras.

### **Statement about the Resolution**

- There is a considerable weight of scientific evidence, including a Report of the Scientific Committee on Animal Health and Animal Welfare, which indicates that force feeding ducks and geese to produce foie gras adversely affects the birds' health and welfare.
- A number of countries in Europe have prohibited the force feeding of ducks and geese to produce foie gras because of concerns about animal welfare.
- In August 2003, the Supreme Court of Israel ruled that force feeding birds to produce foie gras is a violation of Israel's animal protection law.
- The humane treatment of birds and other animals who are raised for food is a topic of increasing concern among citizens of the United States.
- We oppose the force feeding of ducks and geese to produce foie gras because the practice adversely affects the birds' health and welfare.

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