

Howdy, Aggie Vets!

Because you are a proud former student of Texas A&M University and the College of Veterinary Medicine, we wanted to make you aware of certain developments that relate to veterinary education in Texas, and how you can be of help to Texas A&M University.



Texas A&M's Veterinary & Biomedical Education Complex

As recently as 2016, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board stated that there was not a need for a second state-supported veterinary school in Texas. As you may be aware, in 2017 the Texas Legislature appropriated \$4 million to Texas Tech University so they could explore the feasibility of building a veterinary school. Furthermore, Texas Tech is currently advocating for an additional \$17 million in taxpayer money to pursue these plans. Please see the recent op-ed written by College of Veterinary Medicine Dean Eleanor Green to learn [more](#).

Over the last several years, Texas A&M has responded to the requests of the Legislature and strengthened its commitment to serving the needs of all Texans, including the veterinary needs of rural Texas. Our university has invested hundreds of millions of dollars on campus and in the Panhandle. In addition, enrollment at the College of Veterinary of Medicine & Biomedical Sciences has increased to over 160 students in order to help meet the demands of the citizens of Texas.

While there is no call to action at this time, we hope you will consider becoming an "Aggie Vet Advocate," and continue to monitor this issue as it progresses through the 86th Legislative Session. As an advocate, we may ask you to call or write your legislators, visit them in the Capitol, or write op-eds in your local newspaper about your experiences at Texas A&M. Bottom line: we need you to be a voice for continued investment in the state's current veterinary school.

If you are interested in helping Texas A&M and the College of Veterinary Medicine, please click "Become a Vet Advocate" below. We will be in touch as this issue progresses in Austin and with specific ways you can take action going forward. Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve.

Gig 'em

The Texas A&M Advocacy Network

Become a Vet Advocate



Guest commentary: A&M official says state doesn't need another vet school.

"A Texas Tech veterinary school is not needed and would be a duplication of effort and a waste of money – all at the expense of the quality.

Let's look at the facts. The Texas A&M University System has invested \$90 million in the Panhandle, with more to come, all in support of veterinary medicine, the livestock industries,

local youth pursuing veterinary careers, and the region's economic development."

Read more from the Amarillo Globe-News [here](#).

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