

# Memorandum of Understanding

# Between XAVIER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE (XUSOVM), Aruba







#### Preamble

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into by and between, the Government of Aruba represented by the Minister of Transport, Integrity, Nature and Senior Affairs, hereinafter referred to as "GoA," and Xavier University School of Veterinary Medicine (XUSOVM), Aruba, hereinafter referred to as "XUSOVM."

#### Recitals

WHEREAS, the GoA is responsible for overseeing and regulating matters related to agriculture, animal husbandry, veterinary healthcare, and associated disciplines within the jurisdiction of Aruba.

WHEREAS, XUSOVM, Aruba, is a recognized educational institution specializing in veterinary medical education and research.

WHEREAS, both parties recognize the mutual benefits of collaboration in the areas of education, research, training, and knowledge exchange in the field of animal husbandry, veterinary sciences, and related areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, the Department, Government of Aruba, and XUSOVM, Aruba, agree as follows:

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## **Purpose**

The purpose of this MoU is to establish a framework for collaboration and cooperation between the Department and XUSOVM, in areas such as but not limited to:

- Advancing veterinary education and research.
- Promoting animal welfare and public health.
- Enhancing veterinary, husbandry services and training.
- Facilitating knowledge exchange between the two parties.

The areas of potential collaboration\* under this MoU may include, but are not limited to:

- Veterinary services on control of stray dogs and cats, quarantine measures, microchip
  installation, livestock animal breeding, artificial insemination, biosafety protocols (SOPs),
  nutrition, meat quality testing and certification, animal husbandry, disease surveillance
  and monitoring and diagnostic and ambulatory services by XUSOVM with no cost to the
  Govt. of Aruba.
- Learning and Training of DVM students by the Department.
- Joint research initiatives and projects.
  - \* Additional requirements can be added on mutual consultation.

#### **Specific Deliverables**

Both parties will establish and agree upon specific deliverables and milestones within three months of the MoU's activation. This will be documented in a separate annexure which will be reviewed and updated annually.

#### **Implementation**

Both parties shall appoint designated coordinators responsible for the implementation of this MoU. The Designated coordinator appointed by the GoA is the director of the department of Agricultura, Cria y Pesca, and the designated coordinator by XUSOVM is the Dean.

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 Regular meetings shall be held between the coordinators or their designees to discuss and plan collaborative activities.

#### **Performance Review**

Both parties agree to conduct a semi-annual performance review to assess the progress and efficacy of their collaborative activities. Adjustments and improvements will be made based on these reviews.

### **Funding**

The parties acknowledge that each collaborative activity may require separate agreements regarding funding and resource allocation. Such agreements will be made on a case-by-case basis as needed. This MoU does not have any financial implications for parties.

#### Confidentiality

Both parties agree to maintain the confidentiality of any information that is exchanged during the course of their collaboration.

## **Liabilities and Dispute Resolution**

Any dispute arising out of this MoU will initially be resolved through mutual discussion and negotiation. If the parties cannot reach a resolution, the dispute will be settled through arbitration in Aruba, in accordance with the Aruban laws.

#### **Duration and Termination**

This MoU shall become effective upon the date of the last signature and remain in effect for a period of 5 years, subject to review and renewal by mutual consent.

Either party may terminate this MoU by providing written notice to the other party at least 180 days in advance.

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#### Amendment

This MoU may be amended or modified by mutual written agreement of both parties.

# **Logistical Details**

Any exchange of resources, personnel, or data will be managed, stored, and shared as per mutually agreed protocols. These protocols will be detailed in separate annexures to this MoU.

#### Governing Law and Jurisdiction

This MoU shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Aruba. In Witness Whereof, the duly authorized representatives Government of Aruba, Government of Aruba represented by the Minister of Transport, Integrity, Nature and Senior Affairs, and Xavier University School of Veterinary Medicine, Aruba, have executed this MoU as of the date first below written.

Signed by:

Mr. Ravishankar Bhooplapur

President,

Xavier University School of Veterinary Medicine, Aruba.

Date: 18t Decrotoer 2023

Signed by:

Mr. Ursell Arends

Minister of Transport, Integrity, Nature and Senior Affairs

Govt. of Aruba. Aruba.

Date: Pec. 1, 2023