Bruce Kaplan, DVM, Dipl. AVOHS (Hon.), CDC/EIS63

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One Health Initiative Autonomous *pro bono* Team:
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***'One Medicine–One Health': An Historic Perspective* by One Health Initiative team, Pages 18 -27.**
Contained in: **Official Journal of The World Medical Association, Inc. Nr. 2, June 2023, Vol. 69**

Interview with the Co-founder of the One Health Initiative, Pages 7-9.
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Board Member and supporter of:

American Veterinary One Health Society

Formerly American Veterinary Epidemiology Society (AVES)

Dr. Bruce Kaplan, DVM, is *a* veterinarian and public health leader with over six decades of experience bridging human and veterinary medicine. After earning his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Auburn University in 1963, he began his career as an epidemiologist with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and later managed a private small animal veterinary practice for 23 years.

Dr. Kaplan transitioned into prominent public service roles with the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), serving as a Public Affairs Specialist and a Veterinary Medical Staff Officer focused on emerging pathogens and zoonotic diseases. Since 2006, he has dedicated his time to advancing global healthcare collaboration as a co-founder and contents manager of the One Health Initiative.

An accomplished editor and writer, as a companion animal columnist for three years (1975-1978) with the Louisville, Kentucky *Courier-Journal* and again in 2000-2001 for the Florida St. Petersburg Times (now the Tampa Bay Times), two of the leading U.S. newspapers.

He has co-authored groundbreaking medical texts, published numerous articles on biosecurity and pandemic prevention, and edited columns for the *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association*. His pioneering contributions have earned him top accolades, including the Karl F. Meyer-James H. Steele Gold Headed Cane Award and the AVMA Meritorious Service Award. He currently serves on the board of the American Veterinary One Health Society.

Professional Summary
A veterinary medical professional and public health leader with over 60 years of expertise spanning epidemiologic surveillance, food safety regulatory affairs, clinical private practice, and medical journalism. Co-founder and Contents Manager of the globally recognized **One Health Initiative**. Proven track record in federal interagency collaboration (CDC, USDA) and widespread scientific publication focusing on zoonotic disease prevention, pandemic preparedness, and global health security. [

Education & Licensure
- **Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M.)** | Auburn University (1959–1963)
- **Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)** | LaSalle Extension University (1970–1973)
- **Pre-Veterinary Studies** | University of Kentucky (1957–1959)
- **Retired Licensures:** Alabama, Kentucky, Florida, and New Jersey [1]

Professional Experience
- **One Health Initiative Autonomous Pro Bono Team** – Co-Founder & Contents Manager (June 2006 – Present): Promotes the One Health

paradigm linking human, animal, and environmental health and manages digital content for the initiative.
- **USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS)** – Veterinary Medical Staff Officer, Public Affairs Specialist, and Inspector-in-Charge (1994–1998): Coordinated federal surveillance for foodborne pathogens, managed regulatory workflows including the 1997 Hudson recall, and authored the JAVMA column "Inspection Insights".
- **East End Animal Clinic (Louisville, KY)** – Owner & Practice Manager (1965–1987): Operated a clinical practice and published widely adopted canine surgical techniques.
- **CDC** – Veterinary Medical Epidemiologist (1963–1965): Directed regional zoonotic disease surveillance at the New Jersey State Department of Health.

Editorial & Advisory Boards
Active in advisory and editorial roles for organizations such as the American Veterinary One Health Society (AVOHS), *Journal of Global, Public and One Health (JGPOH)*, *International Journal of One Health*, and *Veterinaria Italiana Journal*.]

Key Honors & Awards
- **AVMA Meritorious Service Award** (2017)
- **Presidential Award for Meritorious Service**, AAPHP (2013)
- **Karl F. Meyer - James H. Steele Gold Headed Cane Award** (2012)
- **USDA Group Honor Award for Excellence** & **Spot Award** (1998)
- **Practitioner Research Award**, AVMA (1984)
- **Distinguished Service Award**, KVMA (1974)

Selected Publications & Books
- *Tuberculosis in Animals: An African Perspective* (Springer Nature, 2019)
- *Confronting Emerging Zoonoses – The One Health Paradigm* (Springer, 2014)
- *Human-Animal Medicine* (Saunders, 2010)
- Recent articles in *Impakter* and the *Journal of Global, Public and One Health* (2024–2026) focusing on pandemic prevention and the Sustainable One Health Index.