

# WELCOME MESSAGE FACULTY OF VETERINARY MEDICINE SYIAH KUALA UNIVERSITY



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Dear colleagues and friends, I am very grateful for the opportunity to be invited and to attend "The 2nd ANIMAL WELFARE CONFERENCE - INDONESIA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2023" on December 7, 2023, at IPB Convention Center, Bogor. The issue that became the theme of this conference, "Improving Animal Welfare by Building Capacity, Collaboration and Adopting a One Health Approach", is very appropriate to the current needs for discussing solutions to a number of related problems that arise in our society, especially in Indonesia.

As a part of the academics and practitioners in the field of animal health and One Health at Syiah Kuala University, I believe that through this conference we will be able to obtain a number of strategies to strengthen the appropriate steps to increase insights and joint movements based on the One Health concept to improve animal welfare in Indonesia in the future. The One Health approach has been proven to be the right formula to invite all parties from various sectors to collaborate and coordinate in coping with and overcoming various health issues in the community. With the involvement of various parties, we will be able to solve challenges related to animal welfare and health, as well as human health and environmental issues in Indonesia in a comprehensive manner. All stakeholders can work together as a unit, starting with formulating and establishing policies, implementing practical steps in practice and increasing public understanding and awareness. It is my hope that this conference will produce a number of concrete conclusions and agreements from all parties to strengthen the joint efforts in the future. We hope that similar activities can also be carried out at The Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of Syiah Kuala University, Banda Aceh, in the future. Thank you to Four Paws International and the Jakarta Animal Aid Network Domestic (JAAN Domestic) for managing and carrying out this incredibly beneficial activity.