The field of veterinary medicine has long been overlooked by the humanities and the social sciences. Meanwhile, also due to the emergence of the interdisciplinary human-animal studies as well as the growing discourse of veterinary ethics, more and more research is looking at veterinary issues from the perspective of the humanities/social sciences. We would like to use this opportunity to connect with fellow researchers and built up a network of scholars working on topics surrounding veterinary medicine. This could be, including but not limited, scholars from sociology, history, anthropology, philosophy or veterinary medicine itself who look at the discipline/the profession from other than only the natural scientific angle.

The start of the network will be an email-list, but further developments such as building a website, meetings or conferences are not excluded and depend also on the initiative of network members. If you want to join the email-list please subscribe here (if you already have an google-account) https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/veterinary-humanities or answer to this mail with a request to be added. Please forward the email also to other colleagues who might be interested to join.

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