

# Join the Chelonian Consensus Project 2026

## Shape the Future of Chelonian Medicine



The VetConsensus Initiative (VCI) is building the next generation of evidence-based, species-specific veterinary pharmacology. Our **Chelonian Consensus Project 2026** develops consensus derived recommendations in **Chelonian Medicine**.

We provide clinicians with transparent, consensus-driven therapeutic recommendations that are grounded in peer-reviewed science, structured expert judgement, and internationally recognised GRADE methodology.

Starting with an evidence-focused Delphi review of pilot formulary monographs. Four work streams cover Psittacine, Rabbit, Hedgehog and Chelonian Medicine ensuring a consistent, multi-species framework.

### What is involved?

Delphi Panellists will take part in 3–4 structured online survey rounds, each lasting around 20–30 minutes. In each round, you will be asked to assess draft pharmacology monographs against key domains: dose accuracy, clinical suitability, safety profile, and efficacy. Responses are anonymous, and results are iteratively collated and fed back, allowing the group to refine towards consensus. Your input will directly shape consensus-based GRADE scores, creating practical, trustworthy guidance for clinicians in practice worldwide.

### Why Participate?

1. Influence international best practice in **Chelonian Medicine**.
2. Gain recognition in consensus publications and cited outputs.
3. Contribute to safer, more effective, and transparent clinical decision-making.
4. Receive guaranteed access to the pilot formulary during its development and first year of deployment and discounted access to parallel work streams.

### Timeline

- **Week of 5 January 2026:** Launch of the Delphi process — all registered panellists receive participation details.
- **Quarter 1 2026:** Delphi rounds in progress, with blended input across expert groups.
- **Easter 2026:** Preliminary results shared and submitted for publication; Delphi panellists completing all rounds will be unblinded
- **Parallel pilots:** Psittacine, Rabbit, and Hedgehog groups following identical protocols.

### Resources

The **Chelonian Workgroup** is available at <https://chelonian.evidence-base.org/>

From January 2026, access will be password-protected and limited to Delphi panellists and registered collaborators. Additional species-specific workgroups are available below and via our [QR Link](#)

- **Psittacine Workgroup** – [avian.evidence-base.org](https://avian.evidence-base.org).
- **Rabbit Workgroup** – [rabbit.evidence-base.org](https://rabbit.evidence-base.org)
- **Hedgehog Workgroup** – [hedgehog.evidence-base.org](https://hedgehog.evidence-base.org)

### Communication

To keep the process clear and supported, three dedicated communication routes are available:

- [chelonianworkgroup@vetconsensus.org](mailto:chelonianworkgroup@vetconsensus.org) – Primary contact for registration, taxa-specific questions, and further recruitment of recommended colleagues.
- [admin@vetconsensus.org](mailto:admin@vetconsensus.org) – Project planning group and leadership contact (oversight and management).
- [delphina@vetconsensus.org](mailto:delphina@vetconsensus.org) – Ongoing support for panellists throughout the Delphi process.



### How Can I Get Involved?

If you are interested in joining the Chelonian Workgroup and one or more chelonian Delphi panels, please contact **Stuart McArthur MRCVS** at [chelonianworkgroup@vetconsensus.org](mailto:chelonianworkgroup@vetconsensus.org).

To register as a Delphi panellist, please email **Stuart** before the start of January. You are encouraged to share this invitation with like-minded colleagues who may also wish to join as Chelonian Workgroup collaborators.

