



## **Who's Who in One Health**

### **Ovarian Cancer Symptom Awareness**

#### **1. Description and Scope of One Health Activities**

**The Ovarian Cancer Symptom Awareness Organization (OCSA) works to expand public awareness of the symptoms of ovarian cancer in an effort to contribute to the early detection of this deadly disease, and by doing so, save lives.**

**We educate women and their families on the silent symptoms are often ignored and can all too quickly turn into advanced stages of cancer that are very difficult to treat.**

#### **Fighting Ovarian Cancer with Animal Passion**

**-Our core mission is delivered in a variety of ways to a variety of audiences, but none are more important than the partnership we have with animals. We believe in, and champion, the human/animal healing experience by:**

**-Presenting Information about the symptoms of ovarian cancer to groups of veterinary students and those working within the veterinary professions.**

**-Creating and distributing materials that inform readers of the silent symptoms of ovarian cancer and the positive effects of the human/animal bond.**

**-Organizing dog friendly events that enable us to get the word out about this deadly disease while enhancing the human/animal healing experience.**

#### **2. Key Collaborators and Participants**

**A volunteer team of approximately 50 individuals including medical doctors, oncology nurses, veterinarians, veterinary technicians, ISVMA, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, friends, family**

#### **3. Type of Organization**

- Private, Non-Profit Organization**

#### **4. Address of Organization/ Group**

OCSA  
3225 W. Main Street  
St Charles, IL 60175  
(our official address is located within Gateway Veterinary Clinic)

5. **Contact(s) (with check box to agree to share)**

Email: [vallie.szymanski@ocsachicago.org](mailto:vallie.szymanski@ocsachicago.org)

Telephone: 630-335-5225

Agree to share contact information on the One Health website: **yes!**

6. **Sources of funding for Organization/Group**

Private donations and Fundraising events including Dog Walks & Golf Outings;  
Limited grant support

7. **Organization/Group Website Address**

<http://www.ovariancancersymptomawareness.org>

8. **One Health Course/Certificate/Training Offered by Organization or Group**

9. **Other One Health Activities/Initiatives**

10. **Brief History of Your Organization's One Health Involvement**

We were welcomed to the One Health movement by Dr Roger Mahr,  
Past CEO of the One Health Commission. He believes that:

*The mission of the OCSA "to save lives by raising awareness about the silent symptoms of ovarian cancer" is addressing a highly significant health challenge of our society. In addition, multiple chronic diseases, including other cancers, diabetes, and obesity, are common and highly detrimental to the health of both people and animals. With the innovative Veterinary Outreach Program, and the synergism achieved through the collaborative One Health approach, potential outcomes include More Information Sharing; Timely Treatment and Saving of lives. And most importantly the positive impact from the Human Animal Bond on the Physical and Mental Health of both People and their Pets.*

11. **Additional Information**

On Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, we launched a "One Health Champion" bi-weekly series on the OCSA Facebook Page that will highlight individuals who "champion" the One Health Concept. In addition, check out our website for our annual dog walks that promotes the One Health "Conversation".