

## An Investigation of the History of the Chamber of Veterinarians in Van Region

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### ABSTRACT

The chambers of veterinarian which are one of the organs of the Turkish Veterinary Medical Association are established in accordance with the Law no 6343. There are chambers of veterinarian in all regions of Turkey. With this research, it was aimed to reveal about the 30 years history of the Van Region Chamber of Veterinarians, which is located in the Eastern Anatolia Region, within the scope of the available material. The study was created by evaluating the data obtained as a result of the analysis of a limited number of first-hand documents from 1987-2016 obtained from the archives on the subject. In the study, it was found that the chamber was started operating in 1987 and the activity scope of the chamber included the provinces of Bitlis, Hakkâri and Van in 2016. After the chamber had provided service at different locations, it achieved a permanent labor office in 2014. It was concluded that the Van Region Chamber of Veterinarians provided benefits to the veterinary profession and therefore public health within the scope of the training programs, professional and scientific activities carried out from 1987 to 2016.

**Key words:** Chamber of Veterinarians, History of Veterinary Medicine, Van Region Chamber of Veterinarians

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### Van Bölgesi Veteriner Hekimler Odasının Geçmişine Dair Bir İnceleme

### ÖZ

Türk Veteriner Hekimleri Birliğinin organlarından biri olan veteriner hekim odaları 6343 sayılı Kanuna dayanılarak kurulmaktadır. Türkiye'nin tüm bölgelerinde veteriner hekim odaları bulunmaktadır. Bu araştırma ile mevcut materyal kapsamında Doğu Anadolu Bölgesinde yer alan Van Bölgesi Veteriner Hekimler Odasının yaklaşık 30 yıllık tarihinin ortaya çıkarılması amaçlandı. Çalışma, konuyla ilgili arşivlerden sağlanan 1987-2016 yıllarına ait ilk elden sınırlı sayıdaki dokümanın analizi sonucu elde edilen verilerin değerlendirilmesi ile oluşturuldu. Araştırmada, odanın 1987 yılında faaliyete başladığı ve 2016 yılında hizmet alanı içinde Bitlis, Hakkâri ve Van illerinin yer aldığı tespit edildi. Kuruluşun çeşitli adreslerde faaliyet gösterdikten sonra 2014 yılında kalıcı bir çalışma ofisine sahip olduğu belirlendi. Van Bölgesi Veteriner Hekimler Odasının 1987'den 2016 yılına kadar gerçekleştirdiği eğitim programları, mesleki ve bilimsel faaliyetler kapsamında veteriner hekimliği mesleğine ve dolayısı ile toplum sağlığına fayda sağladığı sonucuna varıldı.

**Anahtar kelimeler:** Van Bölgesi Veteriner Hekimler Odası, Veteriner Hekimler Odası, Veteriner Hekimliği Tarihi.

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## INTRODUCTION

The chambers of veterinarian which are in service in Turkey are the professional organizations as public institutions established based on the Law No. 6343 which came into force in 1954, on the 'Execution of the Veterinary Profession, the Formation of the Turkish Veterinary Medical Association (TVMA) and its Chambers and the Works to be Performed'. By to the provisional fifth article of the law abovementioned, the central board of the Turkish Veterinarians Society has taken on the task of selecting the places where the first chambers of veterinarian will be established<sup>1</sup>.

A chamber of veterinarians (CV) is established in every city center with a minimum of 30 veterinarians within its borders, or in regions with a minimum of 30 veterinarians, which are formed by merging neighboring provinces. Veterinarians who perform their profession freely have to be members of the chamber, while the membership of others is voluntary. Chambers of veterinarian; it consist of four boards namely the board of directors, the general assembly, the board of discipline and the board of auditors. Among them, the board of directors; ensures that the legislation on the performance of art is duly implemented; the general assembly elects veterinarians who will work in the chamber organs; the board of discipline; carries out the disciplinary proceedings of the members; on the other hand, the board of auditors has obligations such as supervising the compliance of the chamber activities with the legislation. Veterinarians who will work in chamber organs are elected for two years<sup>2,3</sup>.

There are a total of 56 chambers of veterinarian in Turkey, 13 of which are regional chambers of veterinarian (Anon 2021). One of the regional chambers is the Van Region CV<sup>4,5</sup>. Since there is no scientific publication about the history of Van Region CV, which is located in the Eastern Anatolia Region of Turkey, it was decided to conduct this study. Within the scope of the document obtained, it was aimed to reveal about the 30 years history of the chamber since its establishment.

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<sup>1</sup>The law on the Execution of the Veterinary Profession, the Formation of the Turkish Veterinary Medical Association and its Chambers and the Works to be Performed, The Official Gazette dated 18.03.1954 and numbered 8661.

<sup>2</sup>Footnote 1.

<sup>3</sup>Implementing Regulation on the Conduct of the Services of the Turkish Veterinary Medical Association, the Official Gazette 13. 06. 2006 and numbered 26288.

<sup>4</sup>Documents of the TVMA Archive (1954-2016).

<sup>5</sup>Documents of the Van Region CV Archive (1987-2016).

## MATERIAL AND METHOD

The first contact was made with the Van Region CV in June 2017 to research its archive. Research permission was obtained from the Van Region CV in October 2017 and from the TVMA in December 2017. Since these organizations do not have a regular and complete archive, a limited number of documents could be accessed. In this framework, board of directors decision books (January 1987-December 2016), board of directors activity reports (2012-2014, 2014-2016), supervisory board reports (2012-2014, 2014-2016), general assembly council minute (2000), member logbooks and few other documents could be provided first-hand. The study also benefited from the relevant legislation and literature. Tags of the original documents were shown in the footnotes. The years 1987-2016 were included in the research within the scope of the first hand documents accessible. Existing material was evaluated by document analysis method.

## RESULTS

It was determined that the founding board of the chamber had its first meeting on January 30 1987, upon the documents (dated 08.01.1987 and number 41319) received from the central council of the Turkish Veterinary Association. It was detected that Prof. Dr. Ataman Güre (Figure 1) was appointed as head, Associate Professor Hüseyin Timurkan as secretary, veterinarian Salih Kayabaşı as an accountant, and veterinarian Necmettin Harman and Associate Professor Nihat Mert as members at this meeting (Figure 2)<sup>6</sup>. It was also determined that a total of 39 veterinarians, 2 of whom were women, registered as members of the chamber<sup>7</sup> and the general assembly of establishment was held on July 18, 1987<sup>8</sup>. In the resolutions of the founding board of directors, it was determined that the name of the chamber name which is written as 'Van-Hakkari Region Chamber of Veterinarians' was written as 'Van Region Chamber of Veterinarians' in official documents since the date of general assembly of establishment (Figure 2)<sup>9</sup>.

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<sup>6</sup>Board decision dated 30.01.1987 number 1, the archive of Van Region CV.

<sup>7</sup>Member record notebooks, the archive of Van Region CV.

<sup>8</sup>Board decision dated 21.07.1987 and number 9, the archive of Van Region CV.

<sup>9</sup>Footnote 4, 5.



Figure 1: Prof. Dr. Ataman Güre.

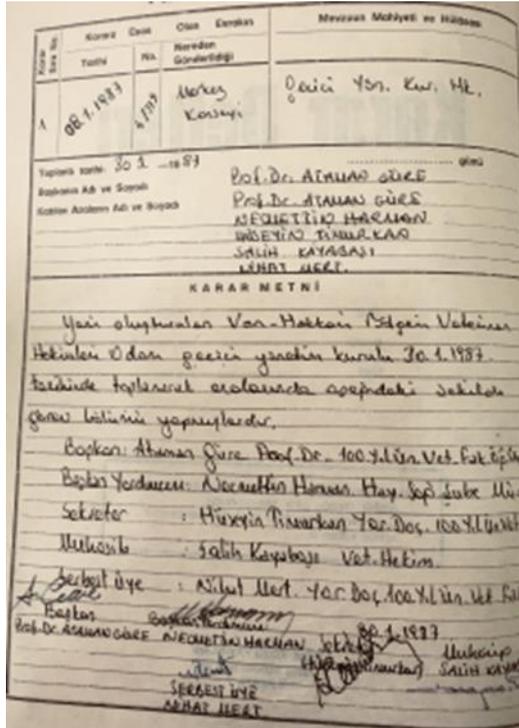


Figure 2: Board decision dated 30.01.1987, numbered one.

The founding board decided to open its first chamber office on Cumhuriyet Street (2nd Street, No: 23/1, Van) in March 1987<sup>10</sup>. In November 1988, the chamber was moved to the office building belonging to the Special Provincial Directorate of Administration on Sıhke Street (No: 1, Van)<sup>11,12</sup>. Upon the sale of this office building, the chamber was transferred to Yüzüncü Yıl University, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Head of Food Hygiene and

<sup>10</sup>Board decision dated 10.03.1987 and number 6, the archive of Van Region CV.

<sup>11</sup>Board decision dated 15.11.1988 and number 17, the archive of Van Region CV.

<sup>12</sup>Board decision dated 20.11.1988 and number 19, the archive of Van Region CV.

Technology Department, which was the business address of the chamber head during that period at the beginning of 2007<sup>13</sup>. Eventually, Van Region CV acquired its own office, purchased on Milli Egemenlik Street (No: 11/20) in 2014<sup>14</sup>. It was determined that the second head of TVHB also attended the opening ceremony of the new office (Anon 2015).

It was determined that the three freelance veterinarians who spoke at the general assembly of Van Region CV in 2000 stated that the activities of the chamber were inadequate, that the chamber did not communicate adequately with the members for the election, that the academics were unfamiliar with the problems of the freelance veterinarians and therefore that the freelance veterinarians could solve their own problems only themselves, and that the academic and public employee members should withdraw from the elections and that the chamber head should be a freelance veterinarian member. It was detected that an academic member also agreed with these speeches. It was determined that a female member of the public employee who spoke at the above meeting stated that female veterinarians were not sufficiently connected to the chamber and that members of the public employee did not cause any difficulties to the freelance veterinarians but instead helped them. It was detected that the two academic members who spoke at the same meeting have stated that the people who came to the administration made sacrifices on behalf of the profession, the members should first provide financial and moral support instead of criticizing the chamber's work, all members (public employees, academics, and freelance veterinarians) were indifferent to the chamber, all segments of the chamber should work together in accordance with the relevant legislation<sup>15</sup>.

In the research, it was determined that all of the heads of the Van Region CV since 2000 were academicians. In addition, it was determined that a large number of academicians have been elected to the organs of the Van Region CV at the general assemblies (29 of the 83 members of the board of directors, 27 of the 33 members of the board of auditors, 59 of the 69 members of the board of discipline, and 58 of the 75 major congress delegates are academicians.). It was determined that there were no freelance veterinarians and female veterinarians among the 17 heads elected throughout Van CV's history.

<sup>13</sup>Board of decision dated 04.01.2007 and number 1, the archive of Van Region CV.

<sup>14</sup>Board work report dated 2012-2014, the archive of Van Region CV.

<sup>15</sup>General assembly council minutes dated 30.09.2000, the archive of Van Region CV.

The veterinarians elected to the chamber organs at the general assemblies of the Van Region CV are shown in Table 1-4<sup>16,17</sup>. It was determined that Bitlis and Hakkâri provinces were also in the responsibility area of the chamber in 2016<sup>18,19</sup>.

In general, the decisions are taken routinely at Van Region CV; immediately after the election of the board members, the board of directors visit the supervisors of the public institutions in the province for the meeting and having professional meetings; determining the minimum wage tariff was approved by the central council, organizing celebration ceremonies and night to be held on the beginning anniversaries of veterinary medicine teaching in Turkey and on the day of the world veterinary medicine, and participation to chamber heads evaluation meetings and Turkish veterinary medicine congresses<sup>20</sup>

It was determined that the Van Region CV decided to give stethoscopes to the first three students who took the degree in the 1997-1998 academic year in the veterinary faculty<sup>21</sup>, provide financial support to veterinary student congresses held on various dates<sup>22,23,24</sup> and to the First National Wildlife Congress<sup>25</sup>.

Some activities that Van Region CV has decided to regulate are as follows; In-Service Training Seminar<sup>26</sup>, twice Accredited Veterinary Training and HACCP Course<sup>27,28</sup>, four times Artificial Insemination Course

by Recto-Vaginal Method in Cattle<sup>29,30</sup>. It was detected that the Van Region CV organized the Cattle Reproduction Ultrasonography Course (17-18/05/2012)<sup>31</sup>; sent a representative to the Bursa Veterinary Student Congress (16-18/03/2013) and organized the Animal Welfare Control and Danish Practices Conference (20/03/2013)<sup>32</sup>.

Within the framework of TVMA's protocol with the Red Crescent, it was determined that a veterinarian was assigned from the chamber during the sacrifices, and in 2011<sup>33,34</sup>, in the sacrifices made by citizens to support the earthquake victims in Van<sup>35</sup>.

It was also determined that the chamber management visited veterinary clinics at various times, trying to find solutions to existing problems and participated in clinical inspections with officials at the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock<sup>36,37</sup>.

It was determined that Van Region CV did not carry out any publication activities (1987-2016)<sup>38</sup> and there was only one disciplinary case in which the chamber members are involved (1987-2016)<sup>39</sup>.

## DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

The archives of TVMA and its chambers are important in terms of illuminating the history of the chambers of veterinarians. In previous studies, it is mentioned that TVMA and Afyonkarahisar CV archives are insufficient (Melikoglu and Kızıltepe 2008, Türkmenoğlu 2019). Similarly, in this study, the Van Region CV archive and TVHB's Van Region CV archive were found insufficient in terms of documents related to the researched subject.

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<sup>16</sup>Footnote 7.

<sup>17</sup>Board decision books (30.01.1987-13.12.2016), the archive of Van Region CV.

<sup>18</sup>Footnote 14.

<sup>19</sup>2014-2016 period board work report, the archive of Van Region CV.

<sup>20</sup>Footnote 17.

<sup>21</sup>Board decision dated 30.06.1998 and number 98-1, the archive of Van Region CV.

<sup>22</sup>Board decision dated 28.04.2008 and number 2008-3, the archive of Van Region CV.

<sup>23</sup>Board decision dated 17.03.2014 and number 2014-1, the archive of Van Region CV.

<sup>24</sup>Board decision dated 10.04.2015 and number 2015-4, the archive of Van Region CV.

<sup>25</sup>Board decision dated 15.04.2015 and number 2015-5, the archive of Van Region CV

<sup>26</sup>Board decision dated 20.01.1990 and number 34, the archive of Van Region CV.

<sup>27</sup>Board decision dated 20.02.2007 and number 2007-3, the archive of Van Region CV.

<sup>28</sup>Board decision dated 11.03.2008 and number 2008-1, the archive of Van Region CV.

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<sup>29</sup>Board decision dated 02.05.2015 and number 2015-6, the archive of Van Region CV.

<sup>30</sup>Board decision dated 13.02.2016 and number 2016-2, the archive of Van Region CV.

<sup>31</sup>Outgoing paper dated 07.05.2012 and number 2012-09, the archive of Van Region CV.

<sup>32</sup>Footnote 14.

<sup>33</sup>Board decision dated 01.11.2010 and number 2010-5, the archive of Van Region CV.

<sup>34</sup>Footnote 14.

<sup>35</sup>Outbound paperwork dated 31.10.2011 and number 365/1187, the archive of TVMA.

<sup>36</sup>Auditing board report dated 2012-2014, the archive of Van Region CV.

<sup>37</sup>Auditing board report dated 2014-2016, the archive of Van Region CV.

<sup>38</sup>Footnote 5.

<sup>39</sup>Outgoing documents dated 20.02.2012 and numbered 365/56, the archive of TVMA.

**Table 1.** The members of the board of directors elected at the General Assemblies of the Van Region CV.

<b>Years</b>	<b>Head</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Accountant</b>		<b>Members</b>
1987	Nihat Mert	Alev Bitgel	Aziz Toker	Abdurrahman Kılıç	Necmettin Harman
1989	İsmet Şüküroğlu	B. Nadir Bildik	Aziz Toker	Abdurrahman Kılıç	Necmettin Harman
1992	Gürdal Dağoğlu	Şahabettin Yıldız	İsmail Çelik	Yakup Akgül	Erol Baytok
1994	B. Nadir Bildik	Nazmi Yıldız	Aziz Toker	Erol Baytok	Bekir Karaşan
1996	B. Nadir Bildik	Dide Kılıçalp	B. Emre Teke	Erol Baytok	Yavuz Görmen
1998	B. Nadir Bildik	Duran Bolat	Nazmi Atasoy	Ali Belge	Erol Baytok
2000	Y. Can Sancak	Ayşe Karaca	C. Tayyar Ateş	Şahabettin Yıldız	Volkan Dinler
2002	Y. Can Sancak	Birgül Güteryüz	H. Hüseyin Arı	Şahabettin Yıldız	Volkan Dinler
2004	Y. Can Sancak	Şahabettin Yıldız	Volkan Dinler	Şuheda Ceylan	Kani Yayla
2006	Y. Can Sancak	Şahabettin Yıldız	Kani Kaya	Şuheda Ceylan	Özay İlhan
2008	Y. Can Sancak	Şahabettin Yıldız	Kani Kaya	F. Ramazan İstanbullugil	Özay İlhan
2010	Y. Can Sancak	Şahabettin Yıldız	Özgür İşleyici	Şakir Ertaş	Musa Çetin
2012	Y. Can Sancak	Özay İlhan	Özgür İşleyici	Sami Yalçın	Musa Çetin
2014	Nazmi Atasoy	Loğman Aslan	Adem Düzgün	Musa Çetin	Ali Taşdemir
2016	Loğman Aslan	Cumali Özkan	Mahmut Ekinci	Mehmet Erkeç	Yasin Demirhan

**Table 2.** The grand congress delegates elected at the General Assemblies of the Van Region CV.

<b>Years</b>	<b>Members</b>
1987	Necmettin Harman, Nihat Mert
1989	İsmet Şüküroğlu, Necmettin Harman
1992	Fuat Odabaşoğlu, Hüseyin Karadağ
1994	Ali Belge, Fuat Odabaşoğlu, Hüseyin Karadağ, Hüseyin Timurkan, Gürdal Dağoğlu, Mehmet Cambazoğlu
1996	Bekir Karaşan, Duran Bolat, Gürdal Dağoğlu, Fuat Odabaşoğlu, Hüseyin Karadağ, Y. Can Sancak
1998	Atanur Tezel, Birgül Güteryüz, Fikret Karaca, Fuat Odabaşoğlu, Hüseyin Karadağ, Lokman Bayar
2000	Birgül Güteryüz, Fuat Odabaşoğlu, H. Hüseyin Arı, H. Hüseyin Dönmez, Hüseyin Karadağ, Taylan Aksu
2002	Abdurrahman Aksoy, Ali Belge, Ayşe Karaca, C. Tayyar Ateş, Duran Bolat, İhsan Keleş
2004	Dide Kılıçalp, Duran Bolat, H. Hüseyin Arı, Hüseyin Karadağ, İbrahim Yurdakul, İhsan Keleş,
2006	Dide Kılıçalp, Duran Bolat, H. Hüseyin Arı, Hüseyin Karadağ, İhsan Keleş, Özgür İşleyici
2008	Abuzer Taş, Dide Kılıçalp, Duran Bolat, H. Hüseyin Arı, İhsan Keleş, Özgür İşleyici
2010	Abuzer Taş, Bahattin Çak, H. Hüseyin Arı, İhsan Keleş, Özay İlhan
2012	Abuzer Taş, Bahattin Çak, Duran Bolat, H. Hüseyin Arı, Tuncer Çakmak
2014	Abuzer Taş, Bahattin Çak, Özay İlhan, Taylan Aksu, Y. Can Sancak,
2016	Abdullah Kaya, Abuzer Taş, İ. Hakkı Behçet, Özay İlhan, Süleyman Kozat, Y. Can Sancak

**Table 3.** The members of the disciplinary committees elected at the General Assemblies of the Van Region CV.

Years	Members
1987*	
1989	Duran Bolat, Hayati Çamaş, Mehmet Gürkan
1992	Duran Bolat, Hayati Çamaş, Mehmet Gürkan, Necmettin Harman, Zulmet Kurunç
1994	Duran Bolat, İsmail Alkan, M. Serdar Değer, Suphi Deniz, Y. Can Sancak
1996	Ali Belge, Banur Boynukara, Cesim Akkol, Hüseyin Timurkan, M. Serdar Değer
1998	Ayşegül Bildik, Fatmagül Yur, Ferda Belge, İsmail Alkan, T. Zahit Ağaoğlu
2000	Bekir Karaşan, Duran Bolat, Fatmagül Yur, Hülya Sağmanlıgil, Yeter Değer
2002	E. Nurzen Bozkurt, Nihat Mert, Orhan Yılmaz, Suphi Deniz
2004	Ali Çınar, M. Akif Karşlı, Nihat Mert, Orhan Yılmaz, Suphi Deniz
2006	İsmail Meral, Nihat Mert, Orhan Yılmaz, Reyhan Yıldız, Suphi Deniz
2008	Fatmagül Yur, Loğman Aslan, Mehmet Cambazoğlu, Orhan Yılmaz, Yakup Akgül
2010	Loğman Aslan, M. Serdar Değer, Mehmet Cambazoğlu, Yakup Akgül, Zafer Soygüder
2012	Ali Aslan, Fatmagül Yur, Fetih Gülyüz, Yakup Akgül, Zafer Soygüder
2014	Duran Bolat, Hüseyin Karadağ, İsmail Alkan, Suphi Deniz, Yakup Akgül
2016	Duran Bolat, İsmail Alkan, Mehmet Cambazoğlu, Nazmi Atasoy, Yakup Akgül

\*Data for 1987 could not be found.

**Table 4.** The members of the auditors boards elected at the General Assemblies of the Van Region CV.

Years	Members
1987*	
1989	İsmail Çelik, Y. Eray Ulu, Zulmet Kurunç
1992	Birgül Gülerüz, Hülya Sağmanlıgil, Selim Gülbay
1994	Birgül Gülerüz, Ferda Belge, Hülya Sağmanlıgil
1996	Birgül Gülerüz, Nazmi Atasoy
1998	Bekir Karaşan, Gürdal Dağoğlu
2000	Gürdal Dağoğlu, M. Serdar Değer
2002	Fatmagül Yur, M. Serdar Değer
2004	Fatmagül Yur, M. Serdar Değer
2006	Fatmagül Yur, M. Serdar Değer
2008	Abdullah Kaya, M. Serdar Değer
2010	Abdullah Kaya, Fatmagül Yur,
2012	Abdullah Kaya, M. Serdar Değer
2014	M. Serdar Değer, Süleyman Kozat
2016	Abdullah Karasu, Özgür İşleyici

\* Data for 1987 could not be found.

While Van Region CV had its own office from its establishment until 2007, from this year it was directed from the business address of the chamber head. It can be said that the chamber's having an independent office again in 2014<sup>40</sup> is a positive development in terms of carrying out activities more comfortably.

In a survey study published in 2003, on 94 veterinarians from 22 provinces in the Eastern and Southeastern Anatolian Regions, operating in different sectors, 63.8% (n:60) of the sample group “does the chamber management work well?” It was reported that they answered “no” to the question (Özen and Ateş 2003). The fact that various members stated that they found the chamber activities insufficient in the

Van Region CV general assembly of 2000<sup>41</sup> also supports the above data. According to this data, it can be said that the activities carried out by the chamber and the expectations of its members do not exactly match each other.

Contrary to the freelance veterinarians wishes that a freelance head at the Van Region CV 2000 general assembly, the all of the chamber heads have been academicians since the said assembly (2000-2016)<sup>42</sup>. According to this result, it can be argued that members other than academics did not find sufficient support for the headship. However, there may be also other reasons for this situation.

<sup>40</sup>Footnote 10-14.

<sup>41</sup>Footnote 15.

<sup>42</sup>Footnote 7, 15, 17.

It has been reported that chambers in the provinces of Samsun (1969-2012), Kars (1989-2016), Afyonkarahisar (1969-2017) and Aydın (1994-2020) do not have any female head (Sanal and Melikoğlu Gölcü 2014, Kızıltepe 2017, Türkmenoğlu 2019, Koç 2020). Similarly, in this study, it was found that there was no female head of Van Region CV (1987-2006). This result may be a sign that it is not preferred for female veterinarian members to be the head of the chamber. However, other reasons may have also led to this result.

It can be said that social decisions taken in the chamber, such as visiting public institution chiefs after the elections and celebrating important days for veterinary medicine<sup>43</sup>, contribute to the recognition and effectiveness of the veterinary profession in the society and the unity and solidarity of veterinarians. The events held on important days for the profession were also found in the rooms of Kars, Afyon and Aydın (Kızıltepe 2017, Türkmenoğlu 2019, Koç 2020).

It can be stated that Van Region CV's decisions to present a stethoscope to veterinary faculty students who are ranked (1998) and to provide financial support to veterinary student congresses held on various dates<sup>44</sup> are positive in terms of encouraging students. It has been reported that the Kars chamber also carries out various activities for students (Kızıltepe 2017).

Similar to other chambers (Sanal and Melikoğlu Gölcü 2014, Kızıltepe 2017, Türkmenoğlu 2019, Koç 2020), it can be argued that activities such as in-service training, vocational courses and conferences decided and organized by Van Region CV<sup>45</sup> contribute to the development of professional knowledge and skills of veterinarians.

It can be said that the participation of the Van Region CV in the inspections of veterinary clinics<sup>46</sup>, as in the Kars chamber (Kızıltepe 2017), is important for animal and public health.

According to the relevant legislation, trying to publish professional publications is among the duties of the chambers<sup>47</sup>. Although the chambers of Kars (1989-2017) and Aydın (1994-2018) published chamber journal on various dates, it was determined that the their publication activities did not show continuity (Kızıltepe 2017, Koç 2020). It has been reported that the Afyonkarahisar Chamber has no publication acti-

vity (1968-2017) (Türkmenoğlu 2019). Similarly, in this study, it was found that Van Region CV had no publication activity (1987-2016)<sup>48</sup>. It can be said that this is a negative situation for the chamber.

Among the problems of the freelance veterinarians discussed at the 4th Veterinary Medicine Congress, there is also the sub-title of *'In the Fields Related to Professional Ethics, the Chamber Board of Directors and the Chamber Board of Disciplinary do not Work with, Sufficient Efficiency'* (Anon 2018). The disciplinary committee of İzmir CV, located in the Aegean Region, took 74 decisions (1992-2014) (Tong et al. 2014); Five disciplinary cases were found in Afyonkarahisar CV (1976-2017) (Türkmenoğlu 2019). It has been reported that the deontological-ethical rules on respect and competition for the veterinary profession in Turkey are mostly violated by self-employed veterinarians in the Eastern and Southeastern Anatolia Regions (Kızıltepe 2010). However, similar to the evaluation of one case in Kars Region CV (1989-2017) (Kızıltepe 2017), only one disciplinary case was found in Van Region CV<sup>49</sup>. This data may be indicate that the Van CV disciplinary committee has not been effectively operated for about the 30 years since its establishment. There may also be other reasons for this result.

As a result, beyond the shortcomings of Van Region CV such as the lack of an adequate and regular archive, the inactivity of the dignity council, and the lack of publication activity in its about the 30 years history (1987-2016); it can be claimed that it provides benefits to animal health, animal husbandry, vocational students, veterinarians and public health within the framework of the training programs, professional, scientific and social activities carried out on various dates.

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<sup>43</sup>Footnote 17.

<sup>44</sup>Footnote 21-24.

<sup>45</sup>Footnote 26-32.

<sup>46</sup>Footnote 36,37.

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<sup>48</sup>Footnote 5.

<sup>49</sup>Footnote 39.

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