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Hillsborough, NJ (April 20, 2015) -- The American Association of Feline Practitioners is both saddened and appalled by the actions of the Texas veterinarian who posted an image on social media holding a cat she claims she killed with a bow and arrow. Each veterinarian takes an oath to use their “scientific knowledge and skills for the benefit of society through the protection of animal health and welfare, the prevention and relief of animal suffering, the conservation of animal resources, the promotion of public health and the advancement of medical knowledge.” The AAFP is dedicated to improving the health and welfare of cats by supporting high standards of practice, continuing education, and scientific investigation. We are confident that the disturbing actions of one individual do not reflect on the beliefs and practices of the veterinary profession as a whole. Veterinarians are deeply committed professionals dedicated to high standards of health and welfare for all animals, including cats.

About The American Association of Feline Practitioners:

The American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP) improves the health and welfare of cats by supporting high standards of practice, continuing education and scientific investigation. The AAFP has a long-standing reputation and track record in the veterinary community for facilitating high standards of practice and publishes guidelines for practice excellence. Over the years, the AAFP has encouraged veterinarians to continuously re-evaluate preconceived notions of practice strategies in an effort to advance the quality of feline medicine. The Cat Friendly Practice program is the newest effort created to improve the treatment, handling, and overall healthcare provided to cats. Its purpose is to reduce stress associated with the visit and equip veterinary practices with the tools, resources, and knowledge to elevate the standard of care provided to cats. For more information, visit: www.catvets.com.