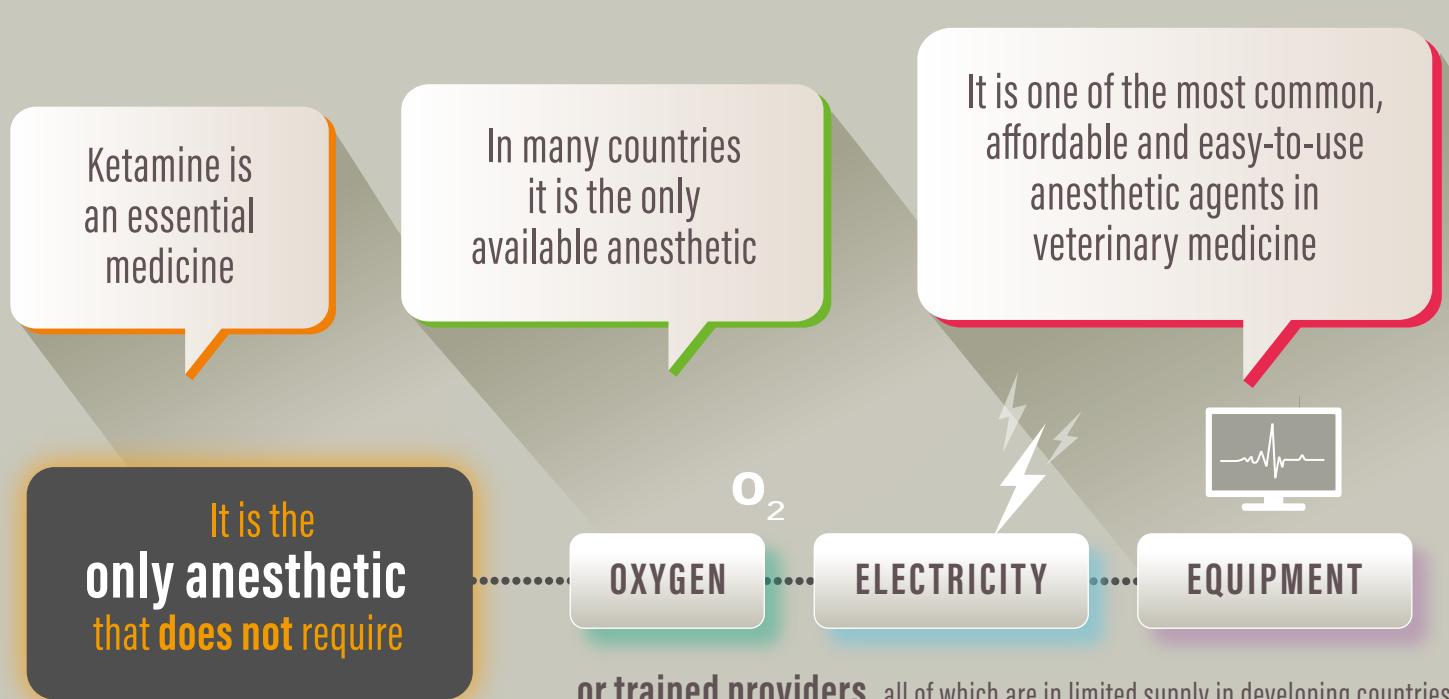


# Ketamine

## AN ESSENTIAL MEDICINE



In its November 2015 ruling, the WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence advised against placing ketamine under international control. The WSAVA urges the Committee to continue to uphold this latest ruling as its control could limit access to the only anesthetic and pain killer available in large areas of the developing world.



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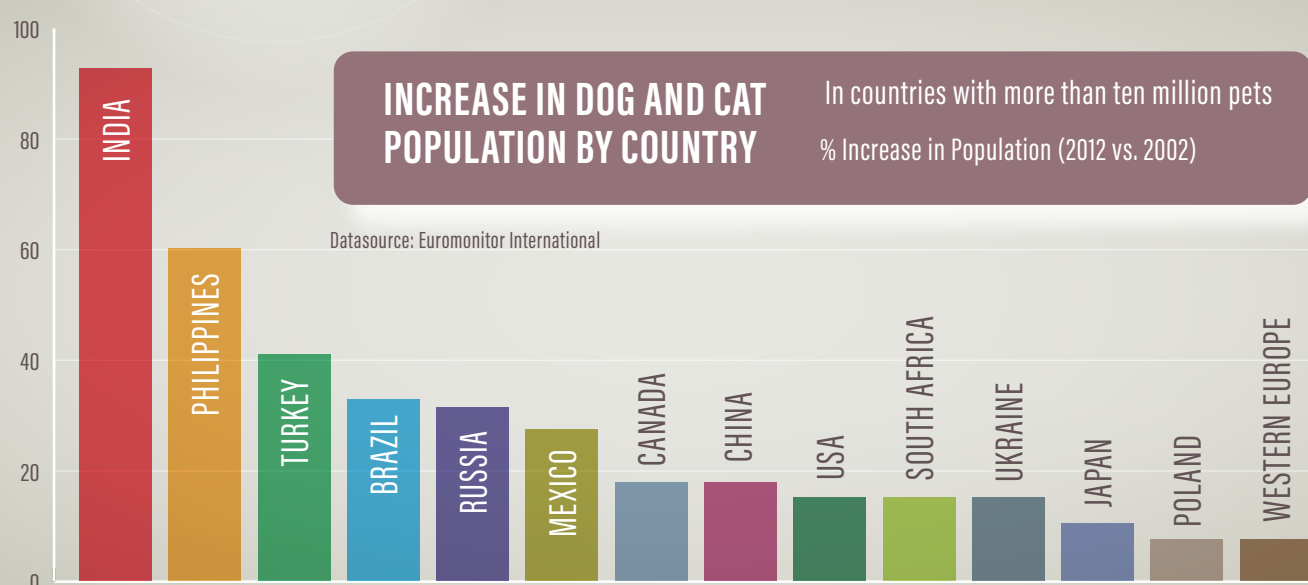
## THE FACTS

A 2013 survey by the WSAVA's Global Pain Council concluded:

- It is a universally used agent. In many developing countries, it is the only available product for veterinary anesthesia and analgesia
- The loss of ketamine would harm patients and, in some parts of the world, would simply halt surgical treatment
- Its loss would devastate the veterinary care given to exotic, laboratory and wildlife patients
- Ketamine is critical to feral dog/cat spay-neuter programs in the developing world. Its loss could eliminate these programs which are vital in the quest to stamp out Rabies as a zoonotic disease



The dog and cat population is growing most strongly in developing countries where ketamine is often the only available product for pain relief during surgery, including neutering



**AN AVERAGE OF 60,000 PEOPLE DIE FROM RABIES ANNUALLY**

**IN MORE THAN 99% OF HUMAN RABIES CASES THE VIRUS WAS TRANSMITTED BY DOGS**



The WSAVA has formed the



**WSAVA**  
Global Pain Council

Vets are under oath to prevent and relieve suffering

a group of leading global experts on the management of pain in companion animals

Access to anesthetic and analgesic drugs is imperative to mitigate animal suffering

'The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated' -

Mahatma Ghandi

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