



European Veterinary Dental College (Equine)
A Subspecialty of the EVDC

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1. Background

The European Veterinary Dental College (EVDC) has been recognised as a full member of the European Board of Veterinary Specialisation (EBVS) since 2009. The EVDC includes the specialties of veterinary dentistry and oral surgery for all animal species. The EVDC (Equine) is a subspecialty of EVDC that was identified to specifically recognise the expertise of veterinarians who practice equine dentistry and oral surgery at a very high level. Provisional recognition of EVDC (Equine) was awarded by EBVS on 20th April, 2012.

2. Aims

The EVDC (Equine) aims to fulfil the objectives of EVDC in relation to the care of the horse, donkey, mule, hinny and all related species (Equids) by improving and promoting:

- a) The quality of equine oral health care by making specialist knowledge and skills in equine dentistry and oral surgery available for the benefit of equines and their caregivers.
- b) The quality of equine dentistry and oral surgery in practice through encouragement of contact between general practitioners and registered specialists.
- c) The quality of service provided to the public, including protection of the public against inadequately qualified practitioners.
- d) The structure of oral health care services provided for equids, thereby improving perception of the subspecialty amongst veterinarians, owners and other members of the public.
- e) Further research and development in equine dentistry and oral surgery practice.
- f) The promotion of clinical techniques based on research and evidence-based data.

3. Structure

- a) The EVDC (Equine) will reside under the parent EVDC and abide by the EVDC Constitution and Bylaws.
- b) The EVDC (Equine) will be managed by an Executive Committee comprised of at least five members (Chairperson, Secretary, and three additional members).
- c) EVDC (Equine) Diplomates in good standing will have identical voting rights to other EVDC Diplomates.
- d) The EVDC (Equine) will be represented on the Board of Directors of the EVDC (which may hereafter be referred to as the “Board”) by two EVDC (Equine) Diplomates appointed by EVDC (Equine) for this specific purpose. An EVDC (Equine) Diplomat in

any other Board post has a primary responsibility to EVDC as a whole, and so does not specifically represent EVDC (Equine) whilst serving on the Board.

- e) The EVDC (Equine) will create guidance documents for its management committees describing the training programme, application for membership and examination process. Documents will be formulated as standard operating procedures for committees and as information materials for individuals seeking membership.
- f) Whilst there are insufficient EVDC (Equine) Diplomates to create committees, the present Credentials Committee (CC), Examination Committee (EC) and Training Support Committee (TSC) of the parent EVDC will work in co-operation with the EVDC (Equine) Executive Committee.

4. Requirements

To become certified by the Board as a Diplomate of the EVDC (Equine), an applicant shall fulfil the membership requirements of the EVDC.

5. Founding Diplomates

Founding Diplomate status may be granted by the Board up to 5 years after provisional recognition has been given to EVDC (Equine) by EBVS (i.e., until 20th April, 2017). To be granted Founding Diplomate status the applicant must:

- a) Be widely recognised as a specialist in the subspecialty,
- b) Have at least 10 years of experience in the subspecialty and have contributed significantly to its development by teaching, research or practise,
- c) Be the author of significant publications resulting from teaching, research or practise in the subspecialty, and
- d) Have passed an entry examination.

Diplomates of the EVDC (Equine) will use the title “Diplomate European Veterinary Dental College (Equine)” and the abbreviation “Dipl. EVDC (Equine)” or “Dipl. EVDC (Eq)”. Once registered with EBVS, a Diplomate shall also be entitled to use the title “European Veterinary Specialist in Equine Dentistry”.