**Recommendation Letter**

Veterinary Cannabis Guide (VCG)

Thank you for your willingness to provide a professional recommendation for one of our Veterinary Cannabis Guide (VCG) certification program applicants.

**The Veterinary Cannabis Guide (VCG) certification program**

Our VCG certification course provides students with non-medical information about the endocannabinoid system of mammals, the cannabis plant, the rapidly evolving cannabis industry, and principles of safe and scientific use of cannabis in veterinary species.  *Important note: the VCG program does* not *cover dosing information.*

The VCG course enables our students to:

* Provide current and scientifically accurate cannabis education to colleagues
* Provide harm reduction education on veterinary cannabis products to animal caregivers and cannabis industry professionals
* Support open communication between an animal's caregiver and their veterinary care team
* Support the veterinary care team's established treatment plan and strengthen the veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR)
* Assist the animal caregiver in locating a product that meets the molecular profile suggested by the animal's care team
* Refer medical cases to a higher level of care with a medical team, as appropriate

**VCG Course enrollment requirements**

1. Age: 21 years of age or older at the start of class
2. Education & Experience – Minimum of two (2) years of animal or cannabis industry experience.

*Examples include: animal massage therapist, budtender, poet sitter, veterinary assistant, veterinary receptionist, etc.*

1. Professional Recommendation: Two signed letters of professional recommendation
	1. One letter from a veterinary professional *(veterinarian, VCC, practice manager, trainer, groomer, etc.)*
	2. One letter from a professional colleague *(instructor, employer, manager, etc.)*

**Professional recommendation of applicant**

We value your recommendation of this applicant. If you have any questions about the Veterinary Cannabis Guide certification program – please let us know!

We can be reached at learning@veterinarycannabis.org.

Sincerely,

Casara Andre, DVM, cVMA

Founder | Director, Veterinary Cannabis, Education & Referral Services

Name of Applicant:

Please tell us about your relationship with the applicant.

Please provide an evaluation of the applicant’s emotional potential to connect with animal caregivers regarding cannabis Harm Reduction Education.

Please provide an evaluation of the applicant’s understanding of cannabis medical ethics.

Please share your expectations of the applicant’s ability to analyze and problem solve within the veterinary and/or cannabis industry.

When and how have you observed the applicant’s communication skills & rapport-building with clients?

When and how have you observed the applicant’s communication skills & rapport-building with colleagues?

Please describe the applicant’s professionalism in demeanor and interactions.

**Signature Name in Print Date**