



VCC APPLICANT REFERRAL INFORMATION

Dear Veterinarian,

Thank you for your willingness to write a recommendation letter for one of our Veterinary Cannabis Counselor (VCC) applicants.

The role of a VCC is to support you and your clinic team in the rapidly developing veterinary cannabis industry. VCCs receive training in utilizing their medical background as veterinary technicians to create a cannabis administration plan that is safe for the animal, maximizes medicinal potential, and most important, is complementary to your ongoing treatment protocols and recommendations. VCCs can provide pet parents with accurate veterinary information while keeping the veterinary team fully informed of all changes in that pet's medical treatment.

With rapid shifts of the legal status of cannabis, the myriad of available products and the inundation of our community by marketing & brand advertising, the VCC is trained to:

- Provide pet parents with harm reduction education about cannabis
- Evaluate and provide advice on safe cannabis products
- Keep the veterinary team informed about the pet parent's goals, the patient's home environment, and cannabis products the animal is receiving
- When appropriate, create a cannabis administration plan that supports the veterinarian's treatment protocols and encourage appropriate monitoring through the veterinary clinic

The requirements for acceptance into the VCC certification program are as follows:

1. Age: 21 years or older at the start of class
2. Education & Experience a. Certified Veterinary Technician with at least 2 years clinical experience OR b. On-the-Job Trained Veterinary Technician with at least 5 years clinical experience
3. Signed recommendation letters from 2 veterinarians

For your convenience, we have attached the second page of this document containing some prompts that we ask you use to provide your input. Please fill it out and provide your signature at the bottom.

Thank you, once again, for your willingness to act as a referral source for this applicant. We value your recommendation of this applicant. If you have any questions about the Veterinary Cannabis Counselor certification program, the goals of implementation for a VCC within the veterinary clinic team, or other questions about our program – please let us know! We can be reached at reception.desk@veterinarycannabis.org.

Sincerely, Casara Andre, DVM, cVMA
Veterinary Cannabis; Education & Consulting (Founder)





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Name of Applicant: _____

Please tell us about your relationship with the applicant.

Please provide an evaluation of the applicant's intellectual potential to implement scientific rigor into cannabis-related topics.

Please provide an evaluation of the applicant's understanding of veterinary ethics & the scope of practice of a veterinarian.

Please share your expectations of the applicant's ability to analyze and problem solve in this new veterinary cannabis industry.

When and how have you observed the applicant's communication skills & rapport-building with pet parents?

When and how have you observed the applicant's communication skills & rapport-building with the veterinary team?

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

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name (Printed): _____

