

## VCG APPLICANT REFERRAL INFORMATION

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

A VC Guide works with the rest of the veterinary medical team (including Veterinary Cannabis Counselors, VCCs) to provide support for animal caregivers interested in administering cannabis to their animals. VCGs understand the developing cannabis industry, are able to evaluate products for safety, and help ensure that an animal caregiver's decision to utilize cannabis in their animal is complementary to the veterinarian's ongoing treatment protocols and recommendations.

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 VCG is trained to:

- Provide animal caregivers with Harm Reduction Education (HRE) about cannabis
- Evaluate and provide guidance on cannabis product safety
- Work with the veterinary medical care team to support the veterinarian's treatment protocols and the animal's needs

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

- 1) Age: 21 years or older at the start of class
- 2) Education & Experience – Resume documenting 2 years animal or cannabis industry experience
- 3) Professional Recommendation: Two signed letters of recommendations
  - a) One letter from a veterinary professional (veterinarian, VCC, practice manager, trainer, groomer, etc.)
  - b) One letter from a professional colleague (instructor, employer, manager, etc.)

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 Guide certification program, the goals of implementation for a VCG within the veterinary clinic team, or other questions about our program – please let us know! We can be reached at [reception.desk@veterinarycannabis.org](mailto: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 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

