

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF VETERINARY DERMATOLOGY CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I-NAME

This organization shall be known as the American Academy of Veterinary Dermatology and shall be incorporated as a nonprofit organization under the laws of the state of Texas.

ARTICLE II-OBJECTIVES

Section 1. To further scientific progress in veterinary and comparative dermatology.

Section 2. To coordinate research in veterinary dermatology.

Section 3. To provide an exclusive organization for dedicated individuals who devote a significant portion of their professional activity to research, teaching and/or clinical practice of skin diseases of animals.

Section 4. To further dermatologic education by:

- a) Encouraging adequate dermatologic training in veterinary colleges.
- b) Providing the means by which graduate veterinarians can carry on advanced studies in dermatology through meetings, seminars and courses.

Section 5. To encourage and promote improved methods of diagnosis, treatment and prevention of skin diseases of animals.

Section 6. To associate with the American Academy of Dermatology to exchange comparative dermatologic information.

ARTICLE III-MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The types of membership shall be:

- a) Charter member
- b) Member (veterinarian)
- c) Affiliate member (non-veterinarian)
- d) Veterinary Technician Member
- e) Student Member
- f) Honorary member
- g) Life member

Section 2. Qualifications for membership:

- a) Charter membership shall be reserved for those veterinarians who qualify as members and who actively established the organization.
- b) Member (Veterinarian) shall be limited to those veterinarians who devote a significant portion of their professional activities to research, teaching and/or clinical practice of veterinary dermatology, and who the Executive Board of the American Academy of Veterinary Dermatology considers eligible as members due to their special contribution, interest or training in dermatology. Member (Veterinarian) memberships shall be approved by the Executive Board. Member (Veterinarian) shall have the right to vote and hold office in the organization.

- c) Affiliate membership shall be open to non-veterinarians who are interested in veterinary dermatology. Affiliate memberships shall be approved by the Executive Board. Affiliate members shall not have the right to vote or hold office in the organization.
- d) Technician membership shall be open to veterinary technicians. Veterinary technicians will provide proof of employment status and position from their employer on company letterhead when applying for membership. Technician memberships shall be approved by the Executive Board. Technician members shall not have the right to vote or hold office in the organization.
- e) Student membership shall be open to students who are registered full-time at an accredited veterinary college or university or veterinarians who are enrolled in Masters or PhD programs. Student members will provide a graduation date when applying for membership and will provide proof of student status. Upon graduation, Student members will be required to notify AAVD administration and to convert their membership status to the appropriate category. Student memberships shall be approved by the Executive Board. Student members shall not have the right to vote or hold office in the organization.
- f) Honorary membership shall be reserved for non-veterinarians who have made major contributions to advance veterinary dermatology. Honorary membership shall be approved by the Executive Board. Honorary members shall not have the right to vote or hold office in the organization and shall not be required to pay annual dues.
- g) Life membership shall be reserved for any member in good standing who has reached the age of 65 years and who has been a member for 20 years. Any member who has retired from veterinary medicine may apply for life membership. The Membership Committee shall consider each application individually and make recommendations to the Executive Board for approval. Life members shall be exempt from paying dues. It is the prerogative of the Membership Committee and the Executive Board to reinstate individuals to active membership.

ARTICLE IV-OFFICERS

Section 1. The Officers of the Academy shall consist of the President, Vice President and Treasurer. The Executive Secretary will be a nonvoting member of the Executive Board.

Section 2. The term of office shall be two years.

Section 3. The Executive Secretary will be selected by the Board and not by ballot.

Section 4. The Vice President shall become the acting President and fill out the unexpired term should the President be unable to fulfill the duties of the office for any reason.

Section 5. The Executive Board shall appoint qualified members to fill other vacancies that may occur.

ARTICLE V-EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. The Executive Board shall be composed of the Officers, the immediate Past President and three other qualified members elected at the annual meeting. The Executive Board shall also consist of Committee Chairs and the Meeting Coordinator.

Section 2. This board shall be the executive body of the Academy and shall have the responsibility for administering Academy affairs.

ARTICLE VI-MEETINGS

Section 1. The Executive Board shall call an annual meeting of the Academy.

Section 2. The President may call special meetings at his/her discretion.

ARTICLE VII-AMENDMENTS

Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be proposed by at least three members in good standing and submitted to the Executive Board for consideration. If approved by the Executive Board, the proposed amendment with the recommendation of the Executive Board will be announced to the membership at least 30 days in advance of any regular or special meeting at which the proposed amendment may be discussed. The proposed amendment shall be voted upon at the regular meeting of the members, by mail or electronically and adopted by majority vote of the members participating.

As Amended April 28, 1994, August 30, 2000, April 16, 2011, April 12, 2014, June 2, 2016