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A Team Approach to Veterinary Surgical Care



ANIMALS DESERVE THE BEST

There may be a time when a thoughtful, compassionate decision about surgical care needs to be made between an animal owner and general veterinarian. Animal owners who are informed about veterinary care alternatives are in a better position to make decisions they believe are right for themselves and for their animal.

WHY GO IT ALONE?

When surgical expertise is needed, the American College of Veterinary Surgeons (ACVS) is there to help. General veterinarians know that when an animal needs “extra special” surgical attention, an ACVS board-certified surgeon is part of the team approach to patient care; working side-by-side throughout the surgical process to form an interdependent partnership with the general veterinarian and animal owner. Following surgery, the general veterinarian resumes ongoing care with the animal owner and veterinary patient.

ACVS VETERINARY SURGEONS RECEIVE EXPERT TRAINING

Upon completion of veterinary school, veterinarians wishing to become ACVS board-certified surgeons must complete a three-year residency program, meet specific training and caseload requirements and perform and publish an investigational study. This process is supervised by current ACVS Veterinary Surgeons, ensuring consistency and adherence to high standards throughout the training program. Once the residency has been completed, the resident must pass a rigorous examination.

ACVS board-certified veterinary surgeons are credentialed as “ACVS Diplomates.” Simply put, the term “ACVS Diplomate” refers to a veterinarian who has been board certified (received a diploma) in veterinary surgery. Only veterinarians who have successfully completed the certification requirements of the ACVS are Diplomates of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons and have earned the right to be called specialists in veterinary surgery.

Each year ACVS certifies about 70 new specialist surgeons in large or small animal surgery. There are approximately 1,500 ACVS Veterinary Surgeons.

WHEN YOU NEED ANOTHER MEMBER FOR YOUR VETERINARY TEAM ...

Whether you are a veterinarian seeking a reliable referral partner or an animal owner needing a surgical solution, you don't have to go it alone. ACVS board-certified veterinary surgeons represent the highest standards and excellence in veterinary surgery and animal healthcare.

To locate an ACVS Diplomate, visit “Find a Surgeon” at www.acvs.org. This online directory includes each surgical specialist's practice setting, species emphasis and research interests.

Trained in state-of-the-art surgical techniques, the Diplomates of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons are dedicated to improving the way veterinary care is provided for animal owners and the animals they love.

