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### **What is VECCS Facility Certification?**

The Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society has established minimum guidelines for the staffing and equipment for emergency and critical care facilities. To promote professional and public awareness, a tiered-level facility certification program has been developed using the minimum guidelines. Differences in levels are based on hours of operation, facility equipment, reference material, and staffing (please see "Requirements" and "Levels" tabs).

### **Why become a VECCS-Certified Facility?**

By becoming certified, you will demonstrate that your facility has met or exceeded the minimum guidelines set forth by the Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society because you have the tools to practice quality emergency medicine and critical care. Certification also shows your commitment to promotion of a positive environment and team approach and raising the level of emergent and critical patient care, setting you apart from other hospitals.

### **What are the benefits of VECCS Facility Certification?**

- Wall certificate and/or window sticker
- Multiple press releases and/or marketing pieces
- Poster listing of practices at IVECCS
- Recognition and acknowledgement of certification in
- Journal of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
- On the VECCS website
- In the VECCS newsletter
- Ribbon for IVECCS attendees

### **Is my hospital eligible to become a VECCS Certified Facility?**

Any hospital that is dedicated to the practice of quality emergency and critical care medicine that meets or exceeds the minimum requirements set forth by the VECCS is eligible.

### **What is the cost of becoming a VECCS Certified Facility?**

The cost for Facility Certification is \$300.00 which covers the two-year term of certification. A non-refundable fee of \$150.00 is due at the time of application submission and the remainder is due upon facility acceptance.

### **What is the term of Certification?**

The term of VECCS Facility Certification is for a period of 2 years. Following this there will be a renewal application based on changes in requirements (if any) from the previous time period.

### **How does my facility apply?**

Please click on the application tab and fill out the form to obtain an application and associated documents.

### **How do I submit my application?**

When you have completed all of your application documentation and are ready to submit your files please contact Kelli Albarado at the VECCS office: [kelli@veccs.org](mailto:kelli@veccs.org). Please place "VECCS Facility Certification Application Submission" in the subject line. She will send you a link allowing transfer of files to the VECCS office. Note: We will accept hard copies, however, there is a \$100 administrative fee to convert hard copy files to digital files. Please include with Application Fee.

### **How long does it take to receive a response from VECCS after submitting the application?**

The VECCS office will send you a confirmatory email within 72 hours of receiving the application documents. Please allow 45 days for review of the application documents.