

## **CERTIFYING EXAMINATION OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF THERIOGENOLOGISTS**

### **ABOUT THE CERTIFYING EXAMINATION**

The certifying examination of The American College of Theriogenologists is one of the requirements for veterinarians to become Diplomates. The certifying exam is prepared and conducted by the Certifying Examination Committee appointed by the College's Executive Board. Upon registration for the examination, candidates have the opportunity to select bovine, equine, small animal, porcine, or multi-species as their species of emphasis. One-fourth of the multiple-choice questions and half of the essay questions in the certifying examination are from the species of emphasis selected by the candidate. The certifying examination contains three different types of questions (multiple-choice, essay, and practical) and is divided into five sessions and the practical exam. Each of the first two sessions consists of 25 multiple-choice questions and 5 essay questions that cover all species. The third session consists of 25 multiple-choice questions that cover all species and 25 multiple-choice questions that cover the candidate's chosen species of emphasis. Each of the final two sessions consists of 5 essay questions from the candidate's chosen species of emphasis. Candidates are expected to express themselves fully in responding to the essay questions to demonstrate that they are specialists in Theriogenology. The practical examination consists of a series of projected images, each accompanied by written questions that require only short answers. The general portion of the examination will consist of approximately 20% bovine, 20% equine, 20% small animals, 10% porcine, 10% small ruminants/camelids, 10% exotics/ laboratory/avian, and 10% basic sciences.

Each essay and practical question is graded by two members of the Certifying Examination Committee. The number of graded questions in each exam is also evenly distributed among members of the committee, so that all members contribute with grading all exams. Each candidate's score is derived from the multiple-choice (40%), essay (40%), and practical questions (20%). Notification of the examination results is provided initially by e-mail.. Candidates that do not achieve a passing score will be provided information on their performance to help them in preparing for reexamination. Information provided will consist of an assessment of weaknesses and strengths for specific sections. Candidates that do not achieve a passing score are encouraged to retake the examination in a subsequent year; candidates are required to repeat all the sessions of the examination. The Certifying Examination Committee does not report the score obtained on the exam in any circumstance to any of the candidates.

### **CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT**

The examination process, its methodology, and all content of the Certifying Examination questions are the exclusive property of the American College of Theriogenologists and are, therefore, strictly confidential. As an applicant to the ACT, I hereby agree to abide by its Constitution and By-Laws. Article VIII, Section 1 of the By-Laws states:

"Any Diplomate may be expelled, asked to resign, or otherwise disciplined for nonprofessional or unethical conduct, misstatement, or misrepresentation of facts in his/her application for certification, nonpayment of dues for two years, or other action against the best interest of, or in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of The College. The accused person will be given opportunity to reply to charges in writing or in person to the Board before final action."

It is the considered opinion of the Executive Board of the College and of the Examining Committee that sharing the content of any of the examination questions or their answers, in any way, manner or method, whether verbally or in written format, prior to, during or at any time following the completion of the Certifying Examination, whether the applicant/candidate was successful or not, constitutes nonprofessional and unethical conduct. Candidates, taking the Certifying Examination, that are found in violation of sharing examination content, will be permanently barred from obtaining diplomate status in the ACT, and could receive a letter of reprimand that will be forwarded to the individual's state and national licensing and professional organization.

I attest to having read this statement and agree to abide by the spirit of its intent.

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Petitioner's Name (print or type)

Date

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Petitioner's Signature