

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY PHARMACOLOGY AND THERAPEUTICS

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be The American College of Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics, hereinafter referred to as "The College".

ARTICLE II

Incorporation

The College shall be incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois as a nonprofit educational organization.

ARTICLE III

Objectives

Section 1. The purpose of The College shall be the promotion of the science of veterinary pharmacology and therapeutics.

Section 2. The objectives of The College are:

- a. To support and promote education and research in comparative pharmacology, clinical veterinary pharmacology and other aspects of pharmacology of interest to the veterinary profession.
- b. To sponsor a periodical Journal of The College which will publish reviews, summaries and original treatises on all aspects of veterinary pharmacology and therapeutics. The Journal of Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics, hereinafter referred to as "the Journal", shall be an official instrument of The College.
- c. To sponsor and conduct workshops, symposia or other scientific and educational meetings in veterinary pharmacology and therapeutics.
- d. To enhance the exchange of educational materials and ideas among veterinary pharmacologists.
- e. To organize committees of experts to research and make recommendations to the profession on current problems in veterinary therapeutics.

ARTICLE IV

Membership

- Section 1. The types of membership in The College shall be:
- a. Fellow
 - b. Associate Fellow
 - c. Distinguished Fellow

ARTICLE V

Requirements of Membership

- Section 1. The following general prerequisites must be met to the satisfaction of the Council before any candidate is eligible to become a member of The College:
- a. Have satisfactory moral and ethical standing in the profession.
 - b. Meet the requirements as set forth in the following section.
- Section 2. Requirements which must be met to become one of the following types of members are:
- a. Fellow. Must possess the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree and the Doctor of Philosophy degree or its equivalent in pharmacology or an allied discipline; or possess the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree or the Doctor of Philosophy degree and have at least (5) years of experience in education or research in veterinary pharmacology; and have made a meaningful contribution toward advancement of the discipline.
 - b. Associate Fellow. Must possess the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree or the Doctor of Philosophy degree and have at least two (2) years experience in veterinary pharmacology and be currently active in some aspect of the field; or have at least five (5) years experience in veterinary pharmacology and have made a meaningful contribution to the discipline.
 - c. Distinguished Fellow. For individuals who have made an outstanding contribution the the field of veterinary pharmacology.
- Section 3. Candidates for membership as Fellows and Associate Fellows shall submit to the Council an application containing all information necessary to enable the Council members to judge the candidates training, experience and interest. Application for membership as a Distinguished

Fellow must be proposed by a Fellow in good standing. The Fellow proposing the candidate for Honorary Fellowship shall become the sponsor for that person and shall submit to the Council written support for the proposal containing all of the information necessary to enable the Council members to judge the suitability of the applicant's qualifications. Thereafter, the election of the candidate to Honorary Fellowship shall be the same as for other types of membership. Election to all types of membership shall require approval of 75% of the Council.

- Section 4. Fellows of The College shall have voting rights and may hold office in The College. Members elected as Associate Fellow or Honorary Fellow may neither vote nor hold office.

ARTICLE VI

Officers and Administration

- Section 1. The officers of The College shall consist of the following: President, President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, Past President, and six Councilors. These ten officers shall constitute the membership of the Council. The President shall have no vote in the Council except in cases where a tie vote exists. All other members of the Council shall be voting members.
- Section 2. The method of election of the Council and its duties shall be stated in the By-Laws.
- Section 3. All elected and appointed members of committees shall be ex-officio members of the Council.
- Section 4. The general management and business of The College shall be vested in the Council.

ARTICLE VII

Amendments

- Section 1. Proposed amendments to this constitution shall be signed by at least three members in good standing and shall be submitted to the Council through the Secretary-Treasurer for recommendation. Any proposed amendment, with the recommendation of the Council, shall be submitted by mail to the Fellows at least 30 days in advance of the regular or special meeting of the membership at which the amendment is to be submitted to a vote. An affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members present at the meeting or voting by mail shall be required for the adoption of an amendment.

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