



ACVB Recertification

The American College of Veterinary Behaviorists has established a program for recertification of Diplomates.

Purpose: The recertification process is designed to ensure all Diplomates meet the professional responsibility to remain uniquely competent in their activities as veterinary behavior specialists.

Participation: Commencing January 1, 2016 certification as a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists is time-limited. Recertification will be required for all individuals certified in or after 2016. Diplomates of the College who were certified prior to 2016 are encouraged, but not obligated, to participate in this re-certification process.

Recertification Interval: Recertification of Diplomates will be required at ten (10) year intervals commencing January 1st of the first calendar year following initial board certification with expiry of certificates on Dec. 31st 10 years hence. Activities in excess of the re-certification requirements may not be applied (carried over) to subsequent 10 year cycles.

Criteria for Renewal of Certification: Renewal of Certification may be obtained in two ways:

1. Successfully passing the ACVB board certification examination will result in the extension of the certificate for an additional 10 years.
2. Documenting continuing professional development activities in the field of veterinary behavioral medicine by accumulating at least 100 points during the prior 10-year certification period. Points can be accumulated by the following activities:

Section A: *Behavioral Cases/Clinical Practice*

Maximum 30 points/10 years

Number of behavioral cases seen or supervised (e.g. resident supervision) in any given calendar year	Points per year
200 +	5 points
100-199	4 points
50-99	3 points
25-49	2 points
10-24	1 point

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Section B: *Attendance at Behavioral Continuing Education Programs/Advanced Coursework*

Minimum 20 points/10 years and Maximum 70 points/10 years

Continuing education/coursework should reflect behavioral content or content in allied fields related to behavioral medicine.

- 1 point accrued for each 3 hours of attendance at behaviorally relevant CE or advanced coursework.

Section C: *Behavioral Research & Consultation*

Maximum 30 points/10 years

Activities in this category reflect behavior related research and its subsequent peer-reviewed publications and behavior related consultation services with organizations, companies and/or other businesses.

- 1 point per 80 hours of behavioral related services delivered such as, but not limited to, research design/implementation, expert witnessing or consultation services to a company/entity.
- 10 points per primary (first) author original research manuscript publication in a peer reviewed journal
- 5 points for authorship other than first author of an original research manuscript in a peer-reviewed journal
- 1 point per manuscript reviewed for peer reviewed journal publication

Section D: *Behavioral Publications other than Original Research*

Maximum 30 points/10 years

To be considered for this category, the content of the publication must have behavioral relevance. Publication is defined as any medical publication including but not limited a book chapter, continuing education article, e-content, etc.

- 10 points per year serving as editor of a behavioral journal
- 4 points per year serving as a co-editor of a journal
- 10 points for serving as a book or proceedings editor
- 20 points for authoring or co-authoring a book
- 4 points for authoring or co-authoring a book chapter
- 1 point for authoring an article
- 2 points for authoring or co-authoring the equivalent of one hour of instructional videotape, CD/DVD, on-line educational content, etc.

Section E: *Delivery of Behavioral Education*

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Maximum 30 points/10 years

This section includes the delivery of scientific behavioral content to audiences (including veterinary students) for educational purposes and resident mentoring.

- 1 point per hour of educational content delivered
- 5 points per year for provision of primary mentorship to an ACVB Resident

Section F: ACVB Service/Participation

Maximum 30 points/10 years

Role	Points
President	10 points/year
Board of Regents	5 points/year
Executive Director	10 points/year
Committee Chair/Co-Chair	5 points/year
Committee Member	2 points/year
Task Force Participation	1 point/year
Liaison	1 point/year
Submission of acceptable exam questions (“acceptable” is at the discretion of the Exam Committee)	1 points/4 questions
Attendance at the ACVB General Membership Meeting	1 point/meeting

Section G: Other*

Maximum 20 points/10 years

***Please reserve the use of this section for situations where the 100-point total was not met by activities in Sections A-F**

If there were other activities, not noted in the above options, that the candidate felt demonstrated a commitment to ongoing proficiency in the field of animal behavior, please list with a brief description of activity and estimated time spent on that activity. The general guidelines are used for point assignment:

- For creative or focused processes & service to ACVB, 8 hours = 1 point.
- For routine activities/ participation where there is significant content review/repetition, 80 hours= 1 point.