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# ANIMAL CHIROPRACTIC CERTIFICATION COMMISSION

## ACCC/AVCA RECERTIFICATION

Certification is distinct from licensure in that it is voluntary and requires recertification to maintain the credential. Recertification requires continual education. Recertification provides a reaffirmation of competency assurance by ensuring that the certificant is up-to-date with the latest in training techniques, research, and methods in a particular field.

Animal Chiropractic Certification Commission (ACCC) of the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association (AVCA) Certification is valid for 3 years. The ACCC/AVCA is committed to promoting life-long continual improvement for those who have earned certification in animal chiropractic. Certificants are responsible for renewing their certification every 3 years. In order to receive important communications, policy updates and information, it is imperative that the ACCC be informed of certificant's current address information.

Recertification requirements mandate a minimum of 30 approved credits every 3 years.

20 of those credits must be in animal chiropractic continuing education hours approved by the Animal Chiropractic Certification Commission (ACCC) of the AVCA.

Approved seminar hours are directed toward keeping the certificant apprised of the advancements, new developments and review of information which is designed to build upon the basic curriculum required to practice animal chiropractic and which are in the following areas: anatomy, physiology, histology, biochemistry, pathology, physics, bacteriology, neurology, microbiology, diagnosis, symptomatology, animal handling, chiropractic analysis, x-ray, chiropractic technique, VSC, and expansion of topics covered in the basic curriculum. All lectures must be animal chiropractic in nature. All subjects must pertain to animal chiropractic.

The remaining 10 credits may be acquired through approved literature, pre-approved cross-professional training, pre-approved certificant presentation/lecture/s and, accompanying and observing another ACCC/AVCA Certified Doctor.

Recertification applications are available through the AVCA office and are mailed with recertification notices 3 – 6 months prior to certificant's expiration date.

## RECERTIFICATION NONCOMPLIANCE POLICY

Certificants not renewing by their due date are classified inactive certification status (no referrals) for a period of six (6) months (January 1 through June 30) immediately following the December 31 due date. To be reinstated the certificant must complete all recertification requirements for the three (3) year time period, submit application and all fees by June 30 of the year following the certificant's due date.

If the certificant has not completed the recertification requirements at the end of the six (6) month period after the original due date has passed, certification is expired and the certificant is required to take and pass the practical portion of the certification examination to regain certification. It is recommended that a doctor audit an integrated module in preparation to take the practical examination. Note: The practical examination may only be taken a total of two (2) times without passing before a doctor must take an AVCA approved basic animal chiropractic course and complete all new certificant requirements to achieve certification.

A certificant may submit a written request on letterhead for an extension because of extraordinary circumstances before their due date. Extraordinary circumstances shall be defined as situations outside of the control of the certificant relating to the certificant's ability to complete the recertification requirements by due date and shall be determined to be extraordinary in the sole discretion of the ACCC Recertification Committee and/or the Certification Commission.

## STEPS TO AVCA CERTIFICATION IN ANIMAL CHIROPRACTIC

1. Must be a Licensed Doctor of Chiropractic or Licensed Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.
2. Attend an American Veterinary Chiropractic Association (AVCA) approved animal chiropractic program.
3. After successfully passing the AVCA approved program's exit exam, apply to sit the ACCC written and clinical (practical) examinations.
4. Sit the ACCC written and clinical (practical) examinations.
5. Pass both the written and clinical (practical) examinations.
6. Applicants receive 3 year certification by the ACCC/AVCA based on fulfillment of all requirements.

## MAINTAINING CERTIFICATION

ACCC/AVCA Certification is valid for 3 years. The AVCA/ACCC is committed to promoting life-long continual improvement for those who have earned certification in animal chiropractic. Certified doctors are responsible for renewing their certification every 3 years.

## RECERTIFICATION

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## EXPIRED CERTIFICATION

A doctor whose certification has expired may re-certify by completing the following:

1. Audit an AVCA approved basic animal chiropractic program Integrated module.
2. Apply to sit the ACCC clinical (practical) examination within 1 year of auditing the Integrated module.
3. Sit and pass the ACCC clinical (practical) examination within 1 year of auditing the Integrated module.
  - a. The practical examination may only be taken a total of two (2) times without passing before a doctor must take an AVCA approved basic animal chiropractic course and complete all new certificant requirements to achieve certification.

## WHY ACCC/AVCA CERTIFICATION IS DESIRABLE

Certification is a voluntary process by which a non-government entity grants a time-limited recognition and use of a credential to an individual after verifying that he/she has met predetermined and standardized criteria. Certification is distinct from licensure in that it is voluntary and requires recertification to maintain the credential.

Earning certification from the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association ACCC represents a significant professional achievement. ACCC/AVCA Certification makes an important statement about professional competence that is recognized by the profession, the public and some regulatory bodies.

- ACCC/AVCA is the primary national credential for this field in North America
- Certification was developed based upon input and oversight from both professions
- Over 1000 animal chiropractic professionals have been certified since 1989
- ACCC has embarked upon a program of continuous improvement for the certification program
- ACCC/AVCA Certification establishes and promotes professional accountability and visibility
- ACCC/AVCA Certification increases referrals by identifying those professionals who have met specific standards of knowledge and experience
- Certification encourages continued professional growth and development
- Certification adds authority to clinical opinions in medical reports
- Certification can open doors to speaking engagements, including universities
- Certified Doctors may call themselves “certified in animal chiropractic by the Animal Chiropractic Certification Commission (ACCC) of the AVCA”
- ACCC/AVCA Certified Doctors can request release of ACCC/AVCA Certification status to state/provincial licensure boards
- ACCC/AVCA Certified Doctors may participate in ACCC committees and activities
- ACCC/AVCA Certified Doctors can be listed in the ACCC’s Directory of Certified Doctors which is published on the referral web site ([www.avcadoctors.com](http://www.avcadoctors.com)) and which has come to be recognized and published as a valuable resource for consumers and other professionals to find certified practitioners

## ENCLOSURES AND INFORMATION:

- Recertification Application – Complete and return with required documentation and fee at the time of your renewal. You may submit completed recertification application at any time during the 3 year renewal period.
- Current list of approved seminars with recertification credits.

## RECERTIFICATION READING LIST

This list is not comprehensive and does not imply that references that are not on this list are inappropriate or of lesser value or quality than references that are included. Additional reading suggestions are encouraged, and must be pre-approved before submission.

### **Books – 1 chapter = 2 hours**

1. Animal Chiropractic Care: Willoughby (2001). Sharon L. Willoughby, DVM, DC
2. Guide to Equine Clinics #2, Pasquini, Jann & Pasquini. Sudz Publishing, Pilot Point TX.
3. Understanding the Horse's Back: S. Wyche (2001). Crowood Press, Marlborough.
4. The Chiropractic Theories: Leach (2000) Williams and Wilkins.
5. Tschauners Guide to Small Animals: Pasquini & Pasquini. Sudz Publishing, Pilot Point, TX.
6. Foundations of Chiropractic Subluxations: Gatterman (1995), Mosby.
7. Veterinary Clinics of North America: Equine Practice (Back Problems), K.K. Haussler, Guest Editor, (1999), W.B. Saunders
8. Essential Principles of Chiropractic: V.V. Strang (1984), Palmer College of Chiropractic.
9. Tendon and Ligament Injuries in the Horse: D.W. Ramey (1996), Howell Book House.
10. Complementary & Alternative Veterinary Medicine, Principles and Practice: A.W. Schoen, S.G. Wynn. (Chapter 12). Mosby Veterinary Clinics of North America:
11. Small Animal Practice (Lameness), W.C. Renberg and J.K. Roush, Guest Editors, (2001), W.B. Saunders

### **Articles – many articles can be found at [www.pubmed.com](http://www.pubmed.com), 1 article = 1 hour**

1. Models of Vertebral Subluxation: A Review by Christopher Kent, DC; JVSR Aug 1996; 1(1):pp1-7
2. Neurologic Effects of the Adjustment by Scott Haldeman, DC, MD, PhD; JMPT 2000; 23:112-114
3. The effects of mild compression on spinal nerve with implications for models of vertebral subluxation and the clinical effects of chiropractic adjustment by Scott Alderson and George Muhs; JVSR 2001; 4(2):pp37-49
4. Reflex effects of subluxation: The Autonomic Nervous System by Brian Budgell; JMPT 2000;23(2):104-106
5. A proposed vertebral subluxation model reflecting traditional concepts and recent advances in health and science by William Boone and Graham Dobson; JVSR 1996; 1(1):1-12
6. Part II of the Boone and Dobson JVSR 1(2):1-8
7. Part III of the Boone and Dobson JVSR 1997;1(3):1-9
8. The causes of the vertebral subluxation complex and related treatment approaches by David Seaman; ICA Review Sept/Oct 1996:67-74
9. Alternative methods for control of pain. Pascoe, Peter J. JAVMA July 15, 2002 (Vol. 221, No. 2)
10. Challenges of pain assessment in domestic animals. Anil, Sukumarannair S., et al. JAVMA Feb 1, 2002 (Vol. 220, No. 3)
11. Mechanisms of pain and their therapeutic implications. Muir, William W., and Woolf, Clifford J. JAVMA Nov 15, 2001 (Vol. 219, No. 10)
12. Managing pain in human neonates- applications for animals. Lee, Benjamin H. JAVMA July 15, 2002 (Vol. 221, No. 2)
13. Treatment of pain in dogs and cats. Hellyer, Peter W. JAVMA July 15, 2002 (Vol. 221, No. 2)
14. Development of a functional scoring system in dogs with acute spinal cord injuries. Olby NJ, et al. Am J Vet Res 2001; 62; 1624-1628.
15. Short-term effect of therapeutic shoeing on severity of lameness in horses with chronic laminitis. Taylor, D, et al. Am J Vet Res 2002; 63: 1629-1633.
16. Voluntary limb-load distribution in horses with acute and chronic laminitis. Hood, DM, et al. Am J Vet Res 2001; 62: 1393-1398.
17. Locomotor characteristics of horses with navicular disease. Williams, GE. Am J Vet Res 2001; 62: 206-210.
18. Reliability of goniometry in Laborador Retrievers. Jaegger G, et al. Am J Vet Res 2002; 63: 979- 986.
19. Saunders Manual of Small Animal Practice, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. WB Saunders Company. Chapter 144- Diagnostic Approach to Neurologic Disease. Pp. 1233-1248.

### **Videos and Other – 1 hour each**

1. The Visible Horse – Anatomy in Motion, Susan Harris presents "Visible Horse" demonstration with the muscular and skeletal systems painted on a living horse. 1hour NT CE. Order information <http://www.anatomyinmotion.com/2002/videoord.htm>

## ACCC APPROVED CE SEMINARS – 2008 – 2010

<b>2008 PROGRAM TITLE</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>PROG NO</b>	<b>CE HOURS</b>
Equine Postural Rehabilitation Techniques – Gellman – Nottingham, Pennsylvania	January 25 – 27, 2008	0805	23
Equine Foot and Ankle – Options for Animals – Wellsville, Kansas	February 21 – 22, 2008	0808	17
Advanced Module 4 – Extremity – Options for Animals – Wellsville, Kansas	February 22 – 24, 2008	0809	21
Introduction to Postural Rehabilitation – Gellman – Nottingham, Pennsylvania	Feb 29 - March, 2008	0806	23
New Techniques for Treating Neurological and Musculoskeletal Conditions - Kaufman - Marshall, Wisconsin	March 29-30, 2008	0801	16
Craniosacral Techniques and Applications – HOWC – Sturtevant, Wisconsin	April 12-13, 2008	0811	14
Applied Kinesiology and Functional Neurology 1 and 2 – DeStefano – Winfield, Illinois	April 17-20, 2008	0812	24
New Techniques for Treating Neurological and Musculoskeletal Conditions - Kaufman - Marshall, Wisconsin	May 3-4, 2008	0802	16
Cranial Sacral Therapy for the Animal Chiropractor Part II – Langlois – Ancaster, Ontario	May 10 -11, 2008	0807	15
Introduction to Equine Gait Analysis – Jubilee Animal Chiropractic- Dallas, Texas	May 17 -18, 2008	0814	9
Applied Kinesiology and Functional Neurology 1 and 2 – DeStefano – HOWC – Alberton, Ontario	June 12-15, 2008	0813	24
New Techniques for Treating Neurological and Musculoskeletal Conditions - Kaufman - Marshall, Wisconsin	July 12-13, 2008	0803	16
The Difficult Patient - HOWC - Sturtevant, Wisconsin	July 25-26, 2008	0816	18
Uncovering the Allergy Mystery – DeStefano- Warrenville, Illinois	August 14-17, 2008	0818	12
New Techniques for Treating Neurological and Musculoskeletal Conditions - Kaufman - Marshall, Wisconsin	September 6-7, 2008	0804	16
Advanced Integrated One, Module Five – Options for Animals – Wellsville Kansas	September 12-14, 2008	0819	22
7th Annual CE Seminar – HOWC – Niagara Falls, Ontario	September 18-21, 2008	0820	20
Introduction to Postural Rehabilitation – Gellman – Nottingham, Pennsylvania	September 26-28, 2008	0821	23
Applied Kinesiology and Functional Neurology 3 & 4 – DeStefano – Warrenville, Illinois	September 25-28, 2008	0822	24
<b>2008 AVCA Annual Conference - Emerald Pointe Resort - Lake Lanier Islands - Buford, GA - Equine and Canine Labs</b>	<b>Oct 31- Nov 2, 2008</b>	<b>0823</b>	<b>20</b>
Equine Postural Rehabilitation – Gellman – Nottingham, Pennsylvania	November 14-16, 2008	0824	23
Animal Chiropractic as Functional Neurology – DeStefano – Warrenville, Illinois	December 5-7, 2008	0825	2
<b>2009 PROGRAM TITLE</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>PROG NO</b>	<b>CE HOURS</b>
Canine Postural Rehabilitation – Gellman – Nottingham, Pennsylvania	Jan. 30-Feb. 1, 2009	0901	23
Introduction to Canine Postural Rehabilitation — Gellman – Nottingham, Pennsylvania	March 6-8, 2009	0902	23
Equine Gait Analysis – Ormston – Dallas, Texas	March 21-22, 2009	0903	11
Advanced Integrated 1 Module 5 – Options for Animals – Wellsville, Kansas	April 23-26, 2009	0907	22

Canine Gait Analysis—Ormston—Dallas, Texas Cancelled	June 20-21, 2009	0906	11
AK & Functional Neurology 1 & 2 -- DeStefano – Warrenville, Illinois	June 11-14, 2009	0908	24
Equine Gait Analysis – Ormston – Dallas, Texas	July 25-26, 2009	0904	11
Equine Postural Rehabilitation Techniques – Gellman – Nottingham, Pennsylvania	July 31-August 2, 2009	0912	23
Complete Review of all Animal Chiropractic Techniques & How to Assemble, work with and Maintain an Integrated Health Care Team - Options for Animals - Wellsville, Kansas	August 13-16, 2009	0909	35.5
Veterinary Spinal Manipulative Therapy – Kathy Nelson – Madison, Wisconsin	August 14-16, 2009	0913	14.5
Improving your Chiropractic Techniques	September 25-27, 2009	0910	20
Introduction to Postural Rehabilitation – Gellman – Nottingham, Pennsylvania	September 25-27, 2009	0911	23
Equine Gait Analysis—Ormston—Dallas, Texas Cancelled	September 26-27, 2009	0905	11
<b>2009 AVCA Annual Conference – Lexington, Kentucky</b>	<b>October 22-25, 2009</b>	<b>0915</b>	<b>20</b>
Neurology for the Common Joe/Jane -- DeStefano – Warrenville, Illinois	November 19-21, 2009	0914	20
Equine Postural Rehabilitation – Gellman – Nottingham, Pennsylvania	November 20-22, 2009	0916	23
<b>2010 PROGRAM TITLE</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>PROG NO</b>	<b>CE HOURS</b>
Twin Cities Animal Chiropractic Group Meetings – Heather Evans - Minneapolis, Minnesota	2008 - 2010	1005	10
Canine Postural Rehabilitation – Gellman – Nottingham, Pennsylvania	February 5-7, 2010	1002	23
Introduction to Postural Rehabilitation – Gellman – Nottingham, Pennsylvania	March 26-28, 2010	1001	23
Quadruped Basic Logan Techniques & Adv. Sacropelvic Module 1, Options for Animals – Wellsville, Kansas	March 18-20, 2010	1003	23
AK and Functional Neurology 1 & 2- DeStefano - Warrenville, Illinois	April 8-11, 2010	1004	24
Cranio- Sacral Therapy – Rivera – Sturtevant, Wisconsin	April 23-25, 2010	1011	22
Uncovering the Allergy Mystery – DeStefano – Warrenville, Illinois	June 10-13, 2010	1006	27
Canine Postural Rehabilitation Techniques – Gellman – Nottingham, Pennsylvania	June 11-13, 2010	1013	23
Animal Holistic Care Specialists Veterinary Chiropractic Symposium – Kaufman – Marshall, Wisconsin	June 18-20, 2010	1012	20
Canine Gait Analysis – Ormston – Dallas, Texas	June 26-27, 2010	1015	11
HOWC Convention 2010 – Rivera – Lead, South Dakota	July 21-24, 2010	1010	13.5
Equine Postural Rehabilitation – Gellman – Nottingham, Pennsylvania	July 30-31, 2010	1016	16
Advanced Equine Postural Rehabilitation Techniques I – Gellman – Nottingham, Pennsylvania	July 31-August 1, 2010	1017	12
AK and Functional Neurology 3 & 4 – DeStefano – Warrenville, Illinois	August 19-22, 2010	1008	24
Equine Gait Analysis – Ormston – Dallas, Texas	September 4-5, 2010	1014	11

Introduction to Postural Rehabilitation – Gellman – Nottingham, Pennsylvania	September 17-19, 2010	1021	25
Cranialsacral Therapies with Emphasis on Sacro Occipital Technic (SOT) – Options for Animals – Wellsville, Kansas	October 7-8, 2010	1019	20
The Thoracolumbar Region's Influence on Biomechanics, Degenerative Spine and Disc Diseases – Options for Animals – Wellsville, Kansas	October 8-10, 2010	1020	16
Equine Postural Rehabilitation – Gellman – Nottingham, Pennsylvania	November 5-7, 2010	1022	25
Neurology for the Common Joe/Jane – DeStefano – Warrenville, Illinois	November 12-14, 2010	1009	20
<b>2010 AVCA Annual Conference – Phoenix, Arizona</b>	<b>November 12-14, 2010</b>	<b>1018</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>2011 PROGRAM TITLE</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>PROG NO</b>	<b>CE HOURS</b>
Canine Postural Rehabilitation	February 4-6, 2011	1101	25
Applied Kinesiology & Functional Neurology 1 &2- DeStefano-Warrenville, Illinois	February 17-20, 2011	1103	24
Equine Gait Analysis- Ormston- Irving, Texas	February 19-20, 2011	1106	11
A Complete Review of Basic and Advanced Chiropractic Techniques-Options for Animals-Wellsville, Kansas	March 17-18, 2011	1104	20
Introduction to Postural Rehabilitation- Gellman-Nottingham, Pennsylvania	March 18-20, 2011	1102	25
The Cervical Spine's Influence on Engagement, Cervical Degenerative Processes (CVI), Adverse Training Techniques –Options for Animals – Wellsville, Kansas	March 18-20, 2011	1105	20
Simply Small Animals – Options for Animals – Wellsville, Kansas	June 3-5, 2011	1108	20
2011 AHVMA Annual Conference* - San Diego, California * Call AVCA Office for Details	August 27-31, 2011	1107	6
<b>2011 AVCA Annual Conference – San Antonio, Texas</b> Doctors may get an additional extension to attend annual conference for their 2010 renewal. This extension is only good for the AVCA Annual Conference.	<b>November 11 – 13, 2011</b>	<b>1109</b>	<b>20</b>



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## APPLICATION FOR RE-CERTIFICATION

• **PRINT LEGIBLY OR TYPE**

- Attach certificate or letter of attendance for each ACCC/AVCA Approved Seminar attended
- Include current copy of your active professional license
- Include certification renewal fee of \$60.00 (US Funds)

NOTE: If you are in the 6 month penalty period after your due date, total due is \$135.00 (US Funds)

- Do not send in this continuing certification application and fee until you have completed required hours
- Please keep copies of all certificates of attendance and the completed application for your records

**ACCC reserves the right to audit any and all individual renewal applications.**

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NAME / DEGREE

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WEB SITE

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**ACCC Approved 20 hours** (If you have earned more than 20 approved hours, apply difference to Non-traditional hours.)

- Attach copy of Certificate/Letter of Attendance stating ACCC program number and attended hours.

CE LOG – AVCA Approved Seminar Name	Date	AVCA Prog. No#	Hours

**Non-traditional 10 hours**

- If items from Approved Reading List, note below and attach list of titles and articles read.
- If internship hours, note below and attach signed statement of hours from doctor on their letterhead.
- Attach copy of Certificate of Attendance from seminars. These seminars must be cleared with the CE committee prior to submission (preferably prior to attendance), allowing 90 days for consideration.

CE LOG – Seminar Name	Date	Location	Hours

**COMPLETE BACK OF FORM**

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**STATEMENT OF CURRENT PRACTICE:** I currently practice animal chiropractic and have seen at least 50 animal chiropractic cases annually during the last three years. I acknowledge and agree to abide by the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association Code of Ethics.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

ACCC/AVCA Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_ (Contact the AVCA office if you do not know this.)

(Complete Code of Ethics available on Association web site – [www.animalchiropractic.org](http://www.animalchiropractic.org).)

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**CHECK LIST:**

- Have you attached a copy of the certificate or letter of attendance for each AVCA/ACAC Approved Seminar attended?
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- Have you included the certification renewal fee of \$60.00 (US Funds)? NOTE: If you are in the 6 month non-compliance period after your due date, total due is \$135.00 (US Funds)
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**REMITTANCE:**

Certification renewal fee of \$60.00 (US Funds) NOTE: If you are in the 6 month non-compliance period after your due date, total due is \$135.00 (US Funds)

**Amount:** Circle one.    **\$60.00** Renew by Due Date    **\$135.00** Renew in 6 mo. Non-compliance period.

**Payment Information – All Funds U.S. Currency**

*If you live outside the United States, we can only accept credit card payments for registration (Visa or MasterCard only) Your canceled check or credit card statement may be considered your receipt.*

Check Enclosed (make payable to AVCA)    Check No: \_\_\_\_\_    TOTAL AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_

**Credit Card:**

Visa     MC     Discover

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**Mail to ACCC/AVCA at:  
442154 E 140 Road, Bluejacket, OK 74333 USA**

***Return renewals by mail. Faxes will NOT be accepted***

Questions? AVCA Office 918-784-2231