



# EXCELLENCE through COMMITMENT

## WE ARE THE *Texas Academy of Veterinary Practice*

### WE ARE COMMITTED TO EDUCATION

Providing the best possible medical care for your animal is the primary goal of our veterinary clinic. We want our treatment of your animal to be as advanced as the latest medical technology and information allows. That's why our veterinarians are members of the Texas Academy of Veterinary Practice.

Practicing veterinary medicine involves more than a lifelong commitment to animal and human health—it also involves a lifelong commitment to education. It has been estimated that veterinary medical knowledge doubles every five years. With such rapid change, veterinarians must keep up with the latest medical and scientific advances in order to provide the best possible care for their clients.

*I've been out of school 11 years, and when I look back, it's boggling to me how quickly things have changed. If you don't keep up, it's staggering how quickly you get behind.*

—Member of the TAVP

Currently, the veterinary profession is experiencing an information explosion. In fact, 50 percent of animal health care information available today will probably be outdated in two years. With the commitment to continuing education that comes with Academy membership, our veterinarians stay on top of the latest advances and are able to practice cutting-edge veterinary medicine.

### WE ARE COMMITTED TO HIGH STANDARDS

The Texas Academy of Veterinary Practice, an organization within the Texas Veterinary Medical Association (TVMA), exists to promote and maintain the highest standards of veterinary care through continuing education. It was founded in 1970 to encourage participation in continuing education, which was

not yet required for veterinarians, while also recognizing those with a sincere commitment to it.

As active members of the Academy, our veterinarians are required to obtain 150-hours of approved continuing education within a three year period, far above the state-mandated 17 hours for annual license renewal. Members must also be veterinarians engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine; members in good standing of TVMA and one or more local veterinary medical associations; and of high moral and professional character.

*Private practitioners are expected to know everything about everything. If you're not keeping up, you're falling behind.*

—Member of the TAVP

Academy membership is not easily achieved. The time and expense required to maintain 150 hours of continuing education reflect the Academy's stringent requirements and strong commitment to professionalism. As such, only one out of every 30 Texas veterinarians is a member of the Academy.

### WE ARE COMMITTED TO YOU AND YOUR ANIMAL

We know how important your animal is to you. Your animal deserves the best possible care. As members of the Academy, our veterinarians can provide such care.

Many members join the Academy to challenge themselves. By setting a lofty goal—obtaining a high number of CE credits—these veterinarians are educating themselves and improving their skills, thereby benefiting their practice, their clients and their patients. As members of the Texas Academy of Veterinary Practice, we are in a position to provide the best possible health care for your animal and the best quality service to you.



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