

Examination Committee:

The Examination Committee is responsible for developing and administering the board examinations.

The examination aims to evaluate the clinical behavioural and basic ethological knowledge of the candidates obtained during the residency training or alternative training programme. Prior to being allowed to sit the examination, candidates must complete an accredited residency or an alternative programme accepted by the Education and Residency Committee. All Candidates must have their credentials accepted by the Credentials Committee, together with a case log and evidence of 2 accepted peer reviewed scientific publications, one of which has to be an original research paper, one may be a case report.

The examination consists of two multiple choice sections, a written case-based paper, a critique of a study and/or discussion of current issues, and two clinical oral examinations. The multiple choice questions cover (section 1) Ontogenic, phylogenic adaptive and mechanistic basis to behaviour, and (section 2) Species typical behaviour and behaviour problems. The written case-based papers consist of case histories, followed by questions related to (1) history taking, differential diagnosis and diagnostic plan and (2) treatment of these cases. The critique of a study and discussion of current issues relates to topics / publications etc up to 2 years prior to the year of the examination. The clinical examinations may be taken at a different location and at some time after the written portion of the exam. The candidate will perform a behaviour consult on two different species of their choice (cats, dogs, pet birds small mammals, horses, and others as deemed appropriate by the examination committee) under supervision of a Diplomate or other professional appointed by the exam committee. Each consult may last 2-4 hours and is videorecorded. The performance of the candidate will be evaluated off the recording independently by three different diplomates.

The candidate has to achieve a minimum of 70% on each of the six sections.