

**European College of Veterinary Behaviour Medicine – Companion
Animals (ECVBM-CA)**
Membership and qualifications for membership

In order to establish the College, the Organising Committee has the responsibility of electing *de facto* Recognised Specialists. Anyone wishing to apply for membership of the ECVBM under this category should contact the ECVBM-CA Secretary (merte006@umn.edu). Please note that under the terms of the provisional recognition granted to the ECVBM-CA by the European Board of Veterinary Specialities (EBVS), the criteria outlined below must be strictly applied.

De facto Recognised Specialist

De facto specialist recognition is possible upon application no later than 5 years after provisional recognition of ECVBM-CA was granted by EBVS, i.e. by October 2007. Applicants should fulfil the following criteria:

- *An eligible candidate must be licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the countries of the European Union or the European Free Trade Association, unless relieved of this obligation by the Board.*
- *They must have at least seven years experience in the speciality and spend at least 60% of their time (i.e. of a full working week) in Veterinary Behaviour.*
- *They must have published at least three original articles in internationally peer-reviewed journals relevant to Veterinary Behaviour as first author and at least three additional articles as co-author excluding non-peer reviewed articles, review articles, and proceedings abstracts.*
- *They must be an active member of the ESVCE.*

Selection will be made by the *Organising Committee* on the basis of a submitted application form and CV including satisfactory evidence of the above-mentioned criteria. Successful candidates can use the designation of Diplomat of ECVBM-CA (DipECVBM-CA).

All suitably qualified persons interested in furthering the aims of the European College of Veterinary Behaviour Medicine are invited to apply for *de facto* registration by means of a personal application outlining the above mentioned requirements.

The procedure is as follows:

- 1- The candidate is advised to consult the secretary of the ECVBM-CA before submitting their application.
- 2- An application fee of 75 Euro must be paid before the application dossier can be considered.
- 3- The application must comprise an application form (as given in Appendix 2) and supporting documents. These should be presented directly to the ECVBM –CA Secretary (merite006@umn.edu) in electronic form. A paper copy of the first page only of the application form should be posted to the Secretary.
- 4- The dossier will then be reviewed by the Organising Committee and election to membership accomplished by majority secret ballot.

Appendix 1:

Officers of the ECVBM-CA

<i>President:</i>	<i>Sarah Heath, UK</i>
<i>Vice-President:</i>	<i>Patrick Pageat, France</i>
<i>Treasurer:</i>	<i>Claude Beata, France</i>
<i>Secretary:</i>	<i>Petra Mertens, USA (Germany)</i>
<i>Board members:</i>	<i>Gerard Muller, France</i>

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Appendix 2

**Application to become a DE FACTO DIPLOMATE of the
EUROPEAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY BEHAVIOUR
MEDICINE – COMPANION ANIMALS (ECVBM-CA)**

Name:

Qualifications:

Date of birth:

Nationality:

Address:

Phone:

Fax:

E-mail:

Are you a qualified veterinarian ? YES / NO

*Please outline your professional education on a separate page as indicated below**

Are you licensed to practise veterinary medicine in the EU or EFTA? YES / NO[†]

Do you have at least 7 years experience in Veterinary Behaviour? YES / NO

*Please list your current and past employments on a separate page as indicated below**

**Do you currently spend at least 60% of your time (i.e. at least 24 hrs/wk)
in Veterinary Behaviour** YES / NO

Please write a brief statement on a separate page (as indicated below) to justify this answer*

**Have you published at least 6 original papers relevant to Veterinary
Behaviour in internationally recognised peer-reviewed journals,
3 of these as first author?** YES / NO

*Please list your publications on a separate sheet**

Are you a member of your national Veterinary behaviour society? YES / NO

If so, please name the society here:

Are you a member of ESVCE? YES / NO

Are you a Diplomat of another Veterinary Specialty College? YES / NO

Please indicate your employment category: academia, government, industry, private practice

Signed:

Date:

[†] *Candidates will normally be licensed in the EU or EFTA, but applications from other veterinarians may be accepted for consideration at the discretion of the Board.*

** Please provide further details on a separate sheet under the following headings:*

EDUCATION

CURRENT AND PAST EMPLOYMENTS

EXPERIENCE IN VETERINARY BEHAVIOUR

YOUR PRESENT INVOLVEMENT IN VETERINARY BEHAVIOUR

PUBLICATION LIST

Appendix 3: Details for payment of application fee

ECVBM-CA APPLICATION FEE

Euro 75

Please pay by bank transfer

Make your bank transfer to:

**Please confirm that you have paid
by e-mailing: merte006@umn.edu**

If you are unable to pay by bank transfer, you can pay by credit card (visa or mastercard only)
by faxing or posting a signed letter giving the following details:

*Name of card holder; credit card number; expiry date;
cvc number (3 digits on the back of the card); amount
to*