Specialty Boards Directory

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As in human medicine, some veterinarians continue their education and training and becoming specialists in various areas of medicine. The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) has defined a veterinary specialist as one who has 'been certified by an AVMA-recognized specialty organization.'

There are numerous veterinary specialty organizations for the various branches of veterinary medicine including surgery, internal medicine, dermatology, ophthalmology, behavior, poultry medicine, etc. Each specialty organization has its own requirements of various hours of extra training; oral, written, and practical exams; and sometimes research projects. A veterinarian who satisfactorily completes these difficult requirements is called 'board-certified' and can designate him or herself as a 'specialist.'

If you are looking for a board-certified veterinarian in your area, would like more information on a subject, or perhaps are looking for a speaker for a convention or other event, the following list of veterinary boards related to the veterinary care and treatment of dogs and cats may be helpful.

See complete list: Recognized Veterinary Specialty Organizations

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