



International College of Veterinary Pharmacy
Society of Veterinary Hospital Pharmacists



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To Whom It May Concern,

Subject: Clarification Regarding ICVP Programs

The International College of Veterinary Pharmacy (ICVP) affirms our continued commitment to advancement of veterinary pharmacy education, training, and credentialing programs. Recently, the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) announced recognition of postgraduate year one (PGY1) veterinary pharmacy residency programs and possible Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS) veterinary pharmacy credentialing. However, the announcement does not affect or preclude operations of ICVP. ICVP remains committed to continued development of veterinary pharmacy and veterinary pharmacists.

ICVP supports efforts to enhance training and advancement of veterinary pharmacy. The recent announcement of ASHP does not alter or diminish the mission or operations of ICVP. Our organization remains in good standing, and we remain actively engaged in all of our core initiatives. ASHP's announcement gives strong credibility to all of the hard work ICVP has engaged over the years developing veterinary pharmacy programs and validates the need for veterinary pharmacy education as ICVP has been promoting for decades.

Specifically, we affirm our ongoing dedication to the following:

- 1) The development and oversight of principles, standards, and accreditation for veterinary pharmacy training programs, to ensure high-quality education for current and future veterinary pharmacists.
- 2) The development, implementation, and oversight of a veterinary pharmacy specialty credential, conferred as Diplomate of the International College of Veterinary Pharmacy (DICVP), representing a rigorous standard of expertise and professional recognition in the field.
- 3) The development, implementation, and oversight of veterinary pharmacy training programs for pharmacists, student pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and other professionals associated with veterinary pharmacy practice.

We recognize growth of veterinary pharmacy education as a positive development for the pharmacy profession, and we are enthusiastic about ongoing opportunities for collaboration, innovation, and leadership. ICVP will continue to operate all existing programs including ICVP accredited residency programs, board certification, and professional development (e.g., continuing education programs).

We appreciate the ongoing support of our members, diplomates, and residency directors, and we look forward to continuing to serve as the foundational organization in veterinary pharmacy education and credentialing. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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