

ABVP Committee report to AEMV

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Since the last AEMV annual meeting, the committee has successfully met the first two stages of a five stage process of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (ABVP) specialty certification process for exotic mammals. Our committee consists of 20 veterinarians with experience in treating exotic mammals

At a semiannual meeting of the ABVP Council of Regents, I had lengthy discussions with various leaders of the ABVP on the roadmap for the next stages.

Briefly, over the next year, our committee will be developing a specialist content database, a credentialing method, and appropriate examination questions.

The ABVP believes that we will be able to make application to the American Board of Veterinary Specialties (which certifies all specialist groups in the USA) for conditional certification by November 1, 2006. If approved, we would be accepting applications for a January 15, 2007 deadline for consideration and seating the first examination in November 2007.

Submitted,

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