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WHY TO SEEK OUT AN ACVSMR DIPLOMATE

A diplomate of the ACVSMR has completed extensive specialized training in the clinical management and rehabilitation of animals. Whether the goal is to improve a family pet's quality of life or to keep an athletic horse or dog performing and competing at its best – the diplomates of the ACVSMR are trained to fulfill these needs.

To find a diplomate of the ACVSMR in your area, please visit [**vsmr.org/find**](https://vsmr.org/find)

WHAT IS THE ACVSMR?

The American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation (ACVSMR) includes a strong network of diplomates world-wide. The ACVSMR was developed to meet the unique needs of athletic and working animals as well as all animals in need of rehabilitation.

Rehabilitation (the term used for people is "physical therapy") not only focuses on recovery after surgical procedures, but also on improving the quality of life in animals suffering from debilitating diseases such as arthritis or neurologic impairments.

The objectives of the college are to facilitate:

- State-of-the-art veterinary care in the field of veterinary sports medicine and rehabilitation.
- Collaboration with educational institutions including the development and credentialing of residency programs.
- Research advancing scientific knowledge in the field of veterinary sports medicine and rehabilitation.
- Continuing education for veterinarians, students, and owners/handlers of pets, animal athletes, and working animals.



HOW TO BECOME AN ACVSMR DIPLOMATE

To become a diplomate of the ACVSMR, veterinarians must complete an internship (or equivalent) and a residency training program followed by a rigorous board-certification examination. To learn more about available residency programs, please visit [**vsmr.org/certified**](https://vsmr.org/certified)