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Veterinary Degrees: What Do All Those Fancy Letters Mean?

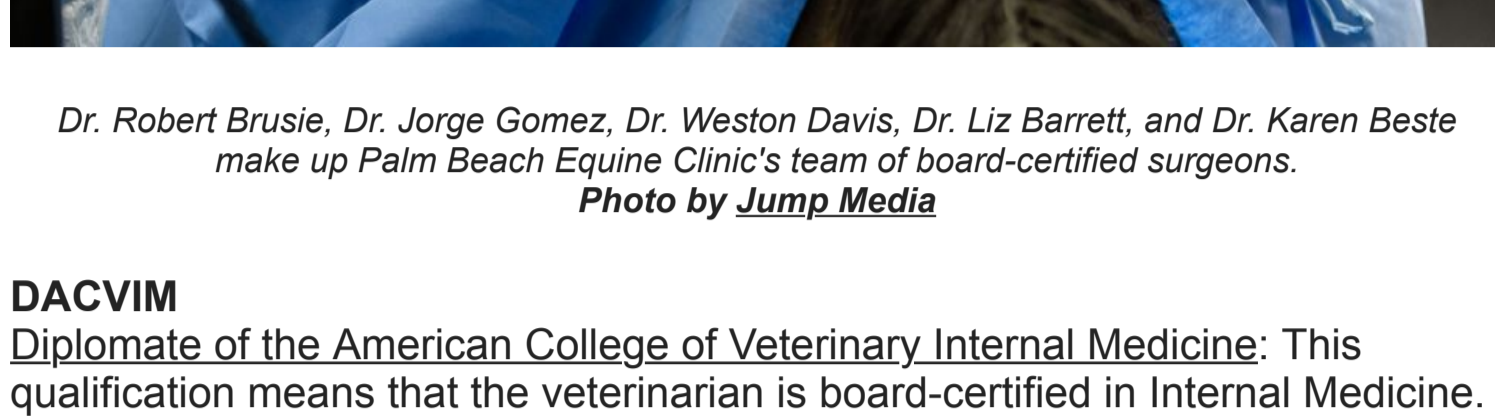
Do you ever wonder what all those letters at the end of a veterinarian's name actually mean? It is kind of like a secret language where they signify a variety of different veterinary qualifications. Palm Beach Equine Clinic explains how to crack the code of letters.

DVM

Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine: This qualification is given to graduates of veterinary colleges. Although this was once only for graduates of American veterinary colleges, the abbreviation is now given to graduates from several other universities around the world. The vast majority of the veterinarians at Palm Beach Equine Clinic are DVMs that earned their degrees at U.S. institutions.

DACVS

Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons: Holders of this qualification are board-certified specialists in Surgery. Board-certified means that the veterinarian has a mastery of advanced knowledge and skills after completing required testing. At Palm Beach Equine Clinic, Dr. Robert Brusie, Dr. Jorge Gomez, Dr. Weston Davis, Dr. Elizabeth Barrett, and Dr. Karen Beste are all specialist surgeons.



Dr. Robert Brusie, Dr. Jorge Gomez, Dr. Weston Davis, Dr. Liz Barrett, and Dr. Karen Beste make up Palm Beach Equine Clinic's team of board-certified surgeons. Photo by Jump Media

DACVIM

Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine: This qualification means that the veterinarian is board-certified in Internal Medicine. Dr. Peter Heidmann and Dr. Fernando Marqués of Palm Beach Equine Clinic are both board-certified specialists in Internal Medicine.

DACVR

Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Radiology: This qualification indicates the holder is a board-certified specialist in Radiology. Palm Beach Equine Clinic's Dr. Sarah Puchalski is a DACVR.

DACVSMR

Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation: A relatively new specialty, this qualification indicates the veterinarian is a board-certified specialist in Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation. Both Dr. Christopher Elliott and Dr. Fernando Marqués of Palm Beach Equine Clinic have this qualification.

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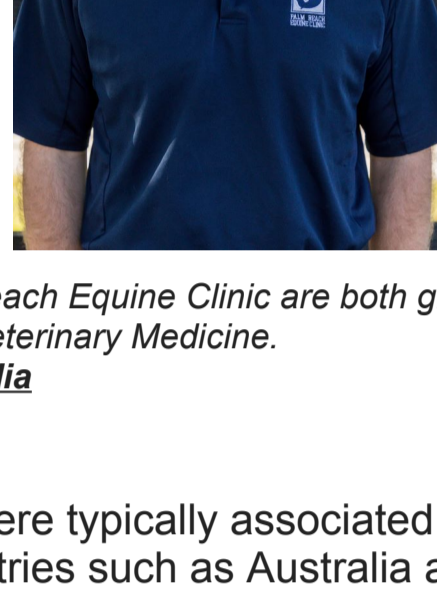
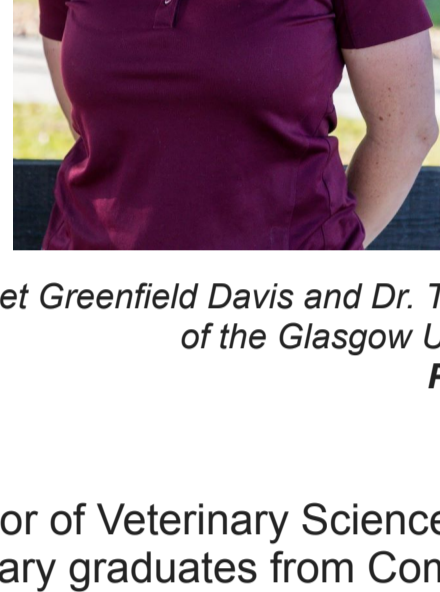
Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine: This distinction is given to veterinary graduates of the Royal Veterinary College (RVC) in London, which is the first and oldest English-speaking veterinary college in the world. Dr. Richard Wheeler and Dr. Charlie McCollough of Palm Beach Equine Clinic are both graduates of the famous RVC.

BVM&S

Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine & Surgery: These letters indicate a graduate of The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies in Edinburgh, Scotland, which is Scotland's oldest veterinary school. Palm Beach Equine Clinic's Dr. Sarah Allendorf is a Dick Veterinary graduate.

BVMS

Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine & Surgery: This particular abbreviation is given to graduates of several British veterinary schools. At Palm Beach Equine Clinic, Dr. Janet Greenfield Davis and Dr. Tyler Davis both have this qualification as graduates of the Glasgow University School of Veterinary Medicine.



Dr. Janet Greenfield Davis and Dr. Tyler Davis of Palm Beach Equine Clinic are both graduates of the Glasgow University School of Veterinary Medicine. Photos by Jump Media

BVSc

Bachelor of Veterinary Science: These letters were typically associated with veterinary graduates from Commonwealth countries such as Australia and New Zealand. The qualification is now granted by numerous vet schools around the world. Within Palm Beach Equine Clinic, Dr. Christopher Elliott has this qualification from the University of Queensland School of Veterinary Science in Australia.

MVB

Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine: This renowned abbreviation indicates graduates of the University College Dublin School of Veterinary Medicine, which is Ireland's only veterinary school. Dr. Laura Hutton of Palm Beach Equine Clinic is a University College Dublin School graduate.

MVZ

Medico Veterinario Zootecnista: This qualification is given by several Spanish-speaking veterinary schools. Palm Beach Equine Clinic's Dr. Jorge Gomez has this qualification as a graduate of the University of Caldas in Colombia.

MRCVS

Member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons: These celebrated letters indicate the holder as satisfying the stringent regulatory requirements to practice as a Veterinary Surgeon in the United Kingdom. At Palm Beach Equine Clinic, Dr. Richard Wheeler, Dr. Scott Swerdlin, Dr. Stephen O'Grady, Dr. Janet Greenfield Davis, Dr. Tyler Davis, Dr. Charlie McCollough, Dr. Sarah Allendorf, and Dr. Christopher Elliott are all MRCVS.

MANZCVS

Member of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists: These letters indicate the veterinarian has studied at the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists and is an advanced practitioner in a particular area of veterinary science. Dr. Christopher Elliott of Palm Beach Equine Clinic is a MANZCVS in Equine Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation.



Palm Beach Equine Clinic's Dr. Christopher Elliott is a MANZCVS in Equine Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation. Photo courtesy of Dr. Christopher Elliott

CERPM

Certified in Equine Rehabilitation & Performance Medicine: This is a post-veterinary school qualification focusing on the early diagnosis of performance deficits, how to correct them, and rehabilitation after injury. Palm Beach Equine Clinic's Dr. Janet Greenfield Davis holds this qualification.

CVA

Certified in Veterinary Acupuncture: Veterinarians with this post-veterinary school qualification have studied the fundamentals of equine acupuncture including points and techniques. This is a postgraduate qualification also held by Dr. Janet Greenfield Davis.

CVMP

Certified Veterinary Medical Manipulation Practitioner: This is a post-veterinary school qualification where veterinarians are trained in how to perform medical manipulation to treat musculoskeletal problems. Dr. Ryan Lukens of Palm Beach Equine Clinic has this qualification.

For more information about Palm Beach Equine Clinic's facility, services, and team of veterinarians, visit equineclinic.com or follow along on Facebook and Instagram.

Dr. Christopher Elliott Speaks at USHJA's Gold Star Clinic – East

Palm Beach Equine Clinic's Dr. Christopher Elliott spoke with the 29 athletes who were invited to the United States Hunter Jumper Association's (USHJA) Gold Star Clinic – East on Friday, February 17, 2023. Held twice annually, USHJA Gold Star Clinics are the pinnacle of the USHJA Emerging Jumper Rider Program, which identifies future riders who have the skill and desire to excel in the sport and educates them to become well-rounded horsemen on their path to excellence. Dr. Elliott discussed the tendons and ligaments in a horse's leg and what role they play in a horse's gait, movement, and jump.



Dr. Christopher Elliott gave a presentation during the USHJA Gold Star Clinic – East. Photos by Jump Media

PBEC Service of the Week: Alternative Medicine

Laser, Shockwave, and Herbal Medicine

Palm Beach Equine Clinic provides several forms of alternative medicine, including laser therapy, shockwave treatments, and herbal medicine.

Laser Therapy



Laser therapy increases cellular activity and blood flow and also enhances tissue oxygenation. Photo by Jump Media

Laser therapy (photobiomodulation) is a safe, non-invasive "cold" light used to penetrate tissue structures. Laser therapy is well tolerated and does not require sedation. This method increases cellular activity and blood flow while also enhancing tissue oxygenation. Essentially, it increases the body's natural healing mechanisms and expedites the restorative process.

There are four classes of lasers with different application protocols for power, duration, and wavelengths. Palm Beach Equine Clinic uses different classes of laser therapies based on each horse's individual conditions.

Shockwave Treatments

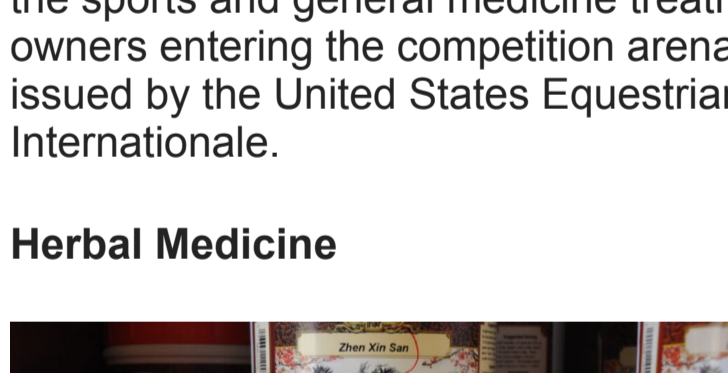


Shockwave treatments encourage the body's self-healing process. Photo by Jump Media

Extracorporeal Shockwave therapy is a non-invasive treatment option offered by Palm Beach Equine Clinic to encourage the body's self-healing process. Shockwave therapy targets high-energy sound waves on the skin surface to reach an intended tissue depth. In veterinary medicine, shockwave therapy has been shown to increase blood flow, tissue regeneration, and circulation, therefore, resulting in success with conditions such as navicular disease, tendon and ligament injuries, osteoarthritis, fractures, and wound healing.

Palm Beach Equine Clinic veterinarians utilize shockwave therapy as part of the sports and general medicine treatment plans of many patients and advise owners entering the competition arena of the proper withdrawal practices issued by the United States Equestrian Federation and Fédération Equestre Internationale.

Herbal Medicine



Herbal medicine can be used to promote optimal health and remedy a wide range of issues. Photo courtesy of PBEC

Herbal, or botanical, medicine is the foundation of modern pharmaceuticals and can be used to promote optimal health and remedy a wide range of issues. As herbivores, horses naturally seek out different plants for self-treatment. Chinese herbal medicine is aimed at treating the underlying causes of an issue to encourage the body to heal itself, rather than synthetic medications that only temporarily treat the presenting symptoms.

Horses can benefit greatly from Chinese herbal medicine. These therapies are often used to address anhidrosis, and behavioral issues as well as aid in digestion and circulation. Herbal treatments are often combined with other alternative therapies, such as acupuncture, in keeping with ancient Chinese tradition.

As with any medication, herbal medicine should not be used casually. Consultation with a Palm Beach Equine Clinic veterinarian is recommended before beginning herbal medicine treatment.

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PBEC Photo of the Week From the Winter Equestrian Festival



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Palm Beach Equine Clinic announced the addition of new, innovative equine reproduction techniques to its cutting-edge suite of client services. 🏆 Palm Beach Equine Clinic will now provide advanced modalities including Transvaginal Oocyte Aspiration (TVA) for Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection (ICSI). 🐾 The combination of TVA and ICSI procedures has gained traction and become popular within the sport horse community as a method of producing offspring with limited interruption to the mare's training and competition schedule. Click the link in bio to read more! 🏆

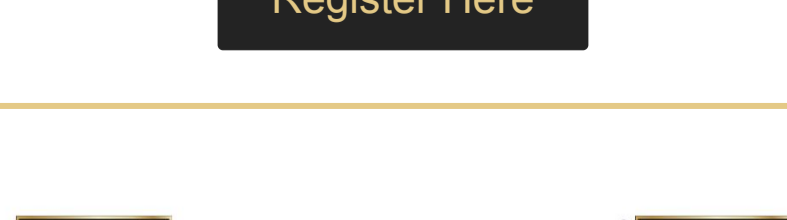
Palm Beach Equine Clinic Works With AcutePlus



AcutePlus is a veterinary Wellness Membership Plan offered through Palm Beach Equine Clinic. The program is designed to give veterinarian practices a way to create a customized annual plan that they can offer directly to their clients and patients. AcutePlus provides veterinary discounts, equine protection, and equine loss protection.

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