Professional Standards Framework for European Specialists in Veterinary Dermatology

Professional	Attributes	Has demonstrated that (s)ha	Will continue to or he able to
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Knowledge & understanding	Has in-depth knowledge of normal skin structure, function and pathophysiology.	Has systematically acquired and understands a substantial body of knowledge which is at the forefront of the specialty	Keep abreast of the relevant body of up-to-date knowledge, research techniques and concepts through self-directed study and appraisal of literature and presented work.
	Has wide knowledge, at the forefront of the specialty, of the evidence-base and of theories, principles and practices underpinning current concepts of disease, its, diagnosis and management.	Effectively sources and appraises relevant information in literature	
	Has a detailed understanding of applicable techniques for research and advanced professional enquiry	Understands applicable techniques for research and advanced professional enquiry	
		Uses this knowledge and understanding for diagnostic and therapeutic reasoning and innovation	Use knowledge and understanding for diagnostic and therapeutic reasoning patterns and innovation
	Attributes	Has demonstrated that (s)he	Will continue to, or be able to
Clinical expertise	Has acquired an extensive set of illness scripts providing a wealth of clinically relevant information about diseases, its	Shows an accurate assessment and deep understanding of a clinical situation,	Show an accurate assessment and deep understanding of a clinical situation,
	consequences & the context under which illness develops	Shows efficiency, planning, flexibility, adaptability and accuracy in approach.	Show efficiency, planning, flexibility, adaptability and accuracy in approach.
	Is aware of principles, practices and has relevant clinical procedural knowledge and competence at the forefront of the	Anticipates and effectively solves problems	Anticipate and effectively solves problems
	specialty	Communicates effectively to achieve desired outcomes	Communicate effectively to achieve desired outcomes
	Organises and rapidly retrieves information to underpin quick recognition of which approach to use and when.	Executes comprehensive patient management & care at a high level of competence.	Demonstrate a high level of competence in comprehensive patient management & care
	Is aware of bias & fallibility, and the impact of clinician-client interaction on patient outcomes	Employs critical evaluation of new ideas and the evidence base (research & casespecific),	Employ critical evaluation of new ideas and the evidence base (research & case-specific),
	Is able to track down, evaluate and use evidence (research & case-specific) efficiently		Employ self-reflection and peer support to review and improve personal practice
	Is able to make holistic and balanced decisions in uncertain, complex, ill-		
	defined, data-poor or otherwise limited, or changing situations, and to solve novel problems.		
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Professionalism	Beyond the high levels of	Determines priorities, implements	Determine priorities, implement
	conscientiousness, self-awareness, self- management, respect for others and high ethical and moral standing	professional values, and improves the quality of personal practice	professional values, and improve the quality of personal practice
	expected of veterinary professionals: Committed to highest standards of:	Communicates ideas and conclusions clearly to diverse audience	Communicate ideas and conclusions clearly to diverse audience
	Quality and safety of care Acting with integrity Personal development	Has learnt from other people through consultation and networking	Learn from other people through consultation and networking
	Critical reflection and scholarship Has insight into the wider issues and		Take responsibility for personal development.
	challenges of the veterinary profession		Apply self-evaluation for all roles and

	and the speciality, and its interface with human health Demonstrates responsibility, autonomy and initiative Strives for leadership and innovation		Advocate the specialty and its role to serve animal health and welfare and public health Make informed judgements on non-routine and complex issues Seek out opportunities for leadership and innovation
	Attributes	Has demonstrated that (s)he	Will continue to, or be able to
Advancement of subject knowledge and practice	Is able to conceptualise, design and implement relevant projects for the generation of new knowledge, or applications at the forefront of the discipline Is able to create, interpret and apply new knowledge at the forefront of the professional area	Creates and interprets new knowledge, through original research or other advanced scholarship, of a quality to satisfy peer review, extend the forefront of the discipline, and merit publication Is aware of the issues and challenges facing basic science and clinical research in the subject	Contribute to research or other scholarly activity at an advanced level Evaluate, apply, disseminate or challenge new knowledge, ideas, practices or approaches innovation Contribute to events that showcase developments and innovation
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Advocacy, education, mentorship, & support.	Advocates and disseminates good clinical practice in the field Promotes expertise in the specialty within the profession Promotes the development of the discipline	Contributes to continuing professional development of practitioners through professional advice and/or formal CPD provision	Contribute to continuing professional development of practitioners through professional advice and/or formal CPD provision Mentor or support the professional development of colleagues, or advises on projects Contribute to formal specialist training programmes and/or the educational, assessment and certification procedures of the ECVD Actively participate in ECVD affairs

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