



Geriatric Certificate of Recognition Testing

We are providing better care for horses overall and dental challenges that we see as horses age requires an acquired skill set. By mastering these skills, we have an opportunity to raise the standard of care for our aging patients. Elevating the standard of care is part of the mission of the EDPA.

Currently the EDPA provides approved certification for entry level skills as required for licensing. In addition, the EDPA provides annual education programs as a commitment to lifelong learning; which is the obligation of every licensed professional-regardless of their profession.

The EDPA is committed to providing focused and competent dental care for the horses we serve. Our older geriatric-horses require additional education, training, and experience in order to meet their needs. Therefore, as we strive to raise the standard of care, we are required to meet those goals.

The EDPA is offering a Geriatric Certificate Recognition testing process for those members who have already completed the EDPA Certification Testing. This testing process will require a 2-year commitment for testing completion. At the end of the testing process, the candidate will receive a.....

Certificate of Recognition in Equine Geriatric Dental Studies and Testing.

You will be able to display or advertise the Certificate as part of your credentials.

**** NOTE:** You cannot use the term "Specialist". That term is reserved for Board Certified individuals by recognized specialties within the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and subsequently reserved for veterinarians.

Payment Breakdown for EDPA Certified Members: Total fee for Geriatric Testing is \$300

1. \$50 Evaluation Fee; due when submitting first set of case studies
2. \$50 Evaluation Fee; due when submitting second set of case studies
3. \$200 due prior to final Testing. Invoice will be sent

Payment Breakdown for EDPA Certified Non-Members: Total fee for Geriatric Testing is \$500

1. \$100 Evaluation Fee; due when submitting first set of case studies
2. \$100 Evaluation Fee; due when submitting second set of case studies
3. \$300 due prior to final Testing. Invoice will be sent



To begin the Certificate of Recognition testing by the EDPA, the candidate must complete and submit the following with the Application:

Credential Documents (copies of):

Send to: EDPA 2305 S. Day St. Brenham, Texas 77833

1. EDPA Certification Certificate
2. License(s) held in State you work in. (if state requires)
3. Continuing Education Documentation (last two years)
4. Reference letters: 2 Clients and 2 Veterinarians
5. 1st Evaluation Fee Payment due - \$50 for Members ; \$100 for Non-Members – Pay online or by Check

Once a candidate has been notified that their application and credentials are accepted, the candidate will be required to complete the following examination parts (4):

PART 1- PRACTICAL LIVE HORSE TESTING - SET 1

1. Submission of the FIRST SET of 10 Geriatric Cases of various ages starting from 20 years and up AND with various ranges of difficulty.
2. Each case study MUST be submitted with the following:
 - a. A DETAILED dental chart with Recommendations
 - b. Veterinarian Evaluation Form
 - c. LABELED Before and After Photos
 - i. Incisors: Left, Central, and Right Views
 - ii. Intraoral: Clear Views of All Arcades!!!
 1. 100 and 200 arcades together or separate
 2. 300 and 400 arcades separate
 - d. Photos of Tooth Extractions and any pathology that you note
 - e. Side Picture of the entire Horse

• **FLUSH ORAL CAVITY BEFORE TAKING PHOTOS!**

Photos of a mouth with food debris or excessive blood post-extraction will be disqualified!!!

***** Please send all case study photos and supporting material on a flash drive (pdf form)**

**To: Kristina Rector; EDPA Membership Director
785 Fields Rd. Dansville, Michigan 48819**

The first set of 10 cases will be reviewed by the evaluation team within 60 days.
The candidate will be notified by the Certification Director via email, if they passed or failed.

PART 2- PRACTICAL LIVE HORSE TESTING -SET 2

Submission of Second Set of Case Studies Required:

The same horse will be photographically documented, charted, and Vet Evaluation Form **as before**, upon its next annual evaluation/ scheduled maintenance exam.

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Exception: If any of the horses in your case studies pass away before your next maintenance visit, please submit a written statement from the owner. We will only excuse 2 cases that were submitted with your first set of case studies.

Additions: If any of the horses submitted in your first case studies were referred to another clinic for further dental evaluations or procedures, IF POSSIBLE BUT NOT REQUIRED, include documentation from owner describing the diagnosis and treatment procedure.

Payment: 2nd Evaluation Fee due: \$50 for Members ; \$100 for Non-Members - Pay online or by Check

The second set of 10 cases will be reviewed by the same evaluation team within 60 days. The candidate will be notified by the Certification Director via email if they passed or failed.

Candidates that pass will be able to move forward to the next two parts.

Prior to taking Part 3 of the testing process, the remainder of the testing fee (\$200/\$300) will be due no later than 2 weeks before the testing date. An invoice will be sent.

PART 3 WRITTEN TEST

The written test will be given on Thursday evening at the annual October conference in Katy Texas. Testing candidates will be given a testing number. Only the office will have the name of testing candidate. Candidates will be notified of the testing time.

Written test will be in the form of multiple choice and true/false questions. The candidate will have 1 hour to complete the written test.

Testing questions will pertain to the following information:

Anatomy and Physiology

Geriatric Aging and its markers

Recognition of Oral Pathology

Management of the geriatric mouth

Nutritional knowledge needed with geriatrics

The candidate must pass with an 80% or better score to move on to Part 4.

PART 4- SKULL CASE- BASED EXAMINATION TEST

The examination testing will take place on the Sunday morning immediately following the annual October conference in Katy Texas. Candidates will be notified of the testing time. Testing candidate will be assigned a testing number.

The case-based examination will be designed to present 3 geriatric skull cases that the candidate will be asked to chart the pathology, course of management, and recommendations from.

Each candidate will have 30 minutes to complete each skull evaluation. For a total testing time of 90 minutes.

Candidates must pass with an 80% or better score.

****The evaluation team will NOT know the testing candidate's name.**

Only the office will have the name of each candidate for the testing portions

Once the testing is completed, candidates can leave. Notification of results will be sent via email. Candidates who pass will receive their Certificates in the mail.



Equine Dental Providers of America

office@edpaonline.org

Geriatric Certificate of Recognition Testing Application

Date: _____

Applicant Information:

Name: _____ EDPA Member #: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

Education

High School/GED: _____ Yr Completed: _____

College/University: _____ Yr Completed: _____

Trade School: _____ Yr Completed: _____

EDP Practice: _____ Yr Completed: _____

EDPA Certified Testing Date: _____

Average Number of Geriatric Horses Seen per Year: _____

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please submit completed application with all required materials to: office@edpaonline.org

Please remit payment to: www.EDPAonline.org – Contact Us/Payment page

Make checks payable to EDPA and mail to: EDPA 2305 S. Day Street,
Brenham, TX 77833



EDPA Geriatric Testing Supervising Veterinarian Evaluation Form

Please Print – ALL Areas MUST be Completed

Date:	Applicant Name:		
Supervising Veterinarian:			
Vet Clinic Address:			
Veterinarian Phone #:		Veterinarian Email:	
Horses Name		Case Study #	
Horse Owner		Owner's Phone #	
			YES NO
Approach, Handling Animal Sense	Confident?		
	Aggressive?		
	Agitated?		
	Comfortable		
Pre-Evaluating Animals Condition	Check or Ask for Vital Signs?		
	Identify Proper Condition (Body Score)?		
	Asked about Horse's Current Diet?		
	Asked about Horse's Health Issues?		
Cleanliness and Preparedness	Sterilized / Clean Tools?		
Safety	Proper use of head stand or head suspension?		
	Proper head position for oral flushing?		
	Proper eye protection, gloves and lighting source?		
	Proper use of speculum with adequate rest time?		
Appropriate Tool Use	Appropriate use of tools for Geriatrics?		
	Was any harm or trauma caused during procedure?		
Professionalism	Professional conduct with clients/agents/trainers?		
	Knowledge of Geriatric Issues and concerns?		
	Were there any communications of post dental care?		
Comments/ Recommendations			
Supervising Veterinarian Signature			
Applicant Signature			