

# **Did you know.... your veterinarian is a board certified specialist?**



**Chances are your animal's doctor** might never tell you, but you would want to know: your veterinarian is one of a very small group of doctors who have earned the title "Diplomate" from the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (ABVP). In fact, your veterinarian is one of only 900 ABVP Diplomates in the United States and abroad.

## **What does that mean?**

It means your veterinarian made the choice to undergo a very long, very difficult process of additional studies and examination to become a board certified specialist. This process can take up to six years to complete. The process, however, does not end at certification. ABVP Diplomates are required to recertify every 10 years – something most other specialty groups do not require. In the end, the motivation behind achieving Diplomate status is, very simply, excellence.



## **ABVP Diplomates have**

proven knowledge and expertise above and beyond what is required to practice veterinary medicine. Beyond that, they have earned the privilege to specialize in the treatment of one or more categories of animals.



## **How does this affect you?**

You can rest easy knowing your animals are receiving expert treatment because your veterinarian feels a strong commitment to providing the best possible care available.

