

The term "ACVS Diplomate" refers to a veterinarian who is board certified in Veterinary Surgery. The process to become board certified is long and rigorous. Veterinarians wishing to become board certified must complete a three-year residency program, meet specific training and caseload requirements, perform research and have their research published. This process is supervised by current ACVS Diplomates, ensuring consistency in training and adherence to high standards. Competition for residency positions is fierce, and only the brightest veterinarians are selected. Once the residency has been completed, the veterinarian must sit for and pass a rigorous examination. Only then does the veterinarian earn the title of ACVS Diplomate.

Rapid advances in the veterinary profession can make it difficult for veterinarians to remain current with recent developments in techniques and technologies required to manage some of today's complex lameness and surgical problems. Possessing the training, expertise and equipment to perform the most demanding procedures, the ACVS Diplomate can help provide the best possible care to the patient.

Not everyone who performs surgery is an ACVS Diplomate. At Merritt & Associates Equine Hospital we believe in providing the highest level of care possible. Not only do the ACVS Diplomates provide the highest level of care, they also help to improve the expertise and techniques of the entire practice.

More information about board certification in Equine Surgery can be found at:  
<http://www.acvs.org/AnimalOwners/WhatisaBoardCertifiedSurgeon>