

# Obtaining the ČVOS certificate

**The ČVOS certificate** is awarded by the ČVOS examination committee based on successfully completing the certification examination.

Successful completion of the ČVOS training program is required for admission to the certification examination.

**The training programme** is **modular** and it takes 1 year. Successful completion of all modules is compulsory, but the candidate may plan and attend them over a three consecutive year period.

Each cycle starts on September first. The earliest end of the cycle is August thirtieth of the following year. The certification exam takes place during October of the following year. Each cycle is open to sixteen veterinarians who are already actively involved in small animal orthopaedics.

Applications are accepted in writing (ČVOS headquarters) or by email (info@cvos.cz) by August fifteenth. The application must include a copy of the veterinary diploma and a curriculum vitae. Admission to the training programme is enabled after payment of the entry fee. Successful enrolment must be confirmed by the ČVOS.

Different criteria may apply for foreign certificate holders to obtain a ČVOS certificate (see complete training manual).

## **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME:**

### **MODULE A:**

#### **Practical two-day workshops led by ECVS/ACVS graduates**

- **2024/10/5-6 - Arthroscopy** of the elbow and shoulder joint, coronoid process disease
- **2024/12/11-1/30 - Knee joint:** anterior cruciate ligament disease, patella luxation
- **2025/3/15-16 - Fractures I** (principles of fracture treatment, healing and complications monitoring, fractures of the diaphysis of the humerus, antebrachium, femur and tibia)
- **2025/4/26-27 - Fractures II** (condylar and supracondylar fractures of the humerus and femur, pelvic fractures, acetabular fractures, metacarpal and metatarsal fractures)
- the workshop fee is not included in the entry fee
- the ČVOS accepts documentation of completing a workshop organised by another organisation under the condition of identical topic, content and teaching provided by ECVS/ACVS certified physicians

### **MODULE B:**

#### **Documentation on 50 orthopaedic patients operated on by the applicant**

- only surgical solutions to diagnoses may be used
- a maximum of 10 identical procedures may be used

- 10% of procedures from before the start of the training programme may be admitted
- the list of diagnoses is provided in the complete training manual (link)

### **MODULE C:**

#### **Four case descriptions of operated patients** in 1500 words

- the case description is assessed and evaluated by ECVS/ACVS graduates
- The cases of all participants are made available to other trainees after submission. From these, each trainee chooses two cases to revise (in 500 words)
- The processed case topics are defined in the scope:
  - 1) thoracic limb fracture
  - 2) pelvic fracture
  - 3) surgical treatment of anterior cruciate ligament disease or patella luxation
  - 4) surgical therapy of elbow joint diseases
- see the complete training manual for details

### **MODULE D:**

#### **Professional journal article**

- description of a case(s), description of own original research, literature research in a Czech or foreign journal during the educational cycle
- the article must be published, accepted for publication, or approved by the ČVOS committee before the end of the educational cycle
- the applicant's articles from a previous time period are taken into account
- see the full training manual for a list of recommended journals and further information

### **MODULE E:**

#### **Journal Club (JC)**

- participation in at least 10 of the 12 JCs
- materials are prepared and the JC is moderated by an ECVS/ACVS graduate
- each participant prepares a short research paper to be shared with the other candidates at least 3 days before the JC date
- candidates present 2-4 publications in approximately 1 hour, presentation time per publication is 10-15 minutes
- held once a month throughout the educational cycle
- see the complete training manual for details

### **MODULE F:**

#### **online webinars**

- listening to the online webinar (live or recorded)

- 8 mandatory webinars (once every 6 weeks, dates to be announced in due course)
- webinars are presented in Czech or English by ECVS/ACVS graduates

### **Webinar topics:**

1. Orthopaedic examination
2. Where orthopaedics meets radiology
3. Hip dysplasia, hip luxation, THR, FHNE
4. Tarsal and carpal arthrodesis
5. SSI, open wound, open fracture
6. Arthrosis, polyarthritis
7. Muscle diseases, muscle contractures, Iliopsoas tendinitis, gastrocnemius musculotendinopathy
8. Osteochondrosis, HIF, SynACART

### **EXAMINATION:**

- a candidate must meet all the training programme requirements
- a candidate must send the evaluation form (link) to the examination committee by the end of August.
- the examination takes place once a year in October after the evaluation form is approved by the examination committee
- the examination board is composed of three members (two ECVS/ACVS graduates, a representative of the KVL)
- the examination consists of two independent parts
  1. written MCQ test in Czech language
  2. oral examination before the examination board (part of which may be in English)
- a successfully completed part of the examination does not have to be retaken in case of failure in the second part of the examination and vice versa
- a candidate may retake the examination three times in the following five years

### **PRICE OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME**

price of the programme consists of an entrance fee and potential payment for workshops

#### **Entry fee: 58 000,- CZK excluding VAT (2 326,- EUR)**

entry fee includes:

- inclusion in the programme, administration costs
- assessment and control of surgical cases (Module B)
- assessment of four detailed cases operated by the candidate (Module C)
- assessment of a manuscript of a published case before publication in a journal (Module D)
- participation in the JC (Module E)

- participation in online webinars, recordings are available (Module F)
- examination fee (first attempt)
- retaking a part or the whole exam costs 10 000,- CZK excluding VAT (400,- EUR)

**Fee for one workshop is 28 000,- CZK excluding VAT (1 132,- EUR)**

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