



## **Fellows of American Academy of Veterinary Acupuncture (FAAVA) - Maintenance of credential requirements**

### **I. Who must renew credentials**

- A. Those doctors who passed the FAAVA examination before 2015 are not required to participate in credential renewal. Participation in the program is voluntary.
- B. Those doctors who pass the FAAVA examination in 2015 or later are required to renew their credentials every 10 years, starting with the year of passing the FAAVA examination.

### **II. Method of renewal**

- A. Examination: The traditional method of renewal is to retake the FAAVA examination. Doctors may take the examination in the 7th, 8th, and 9th year of their renewal period. They may retake the examination during that period if needed.
- B. Alternative Pathway: Doctors need to accumulate 500 points in the 10 year period of renewal. The points may be accumulated in the following ways:
  - 1. Case Reports (maximum of 400 points): Case reports must be written in the same format as presented in the FAAVA application guidelines. 200 points per case that is published in a peer reviewed journal and 150 points per unpublished case.
  - 2. Submission of examination questions for the FAAVA exam (maximum of 500 points): Questions must be submitted and adequately referenced. Maximum of 130 questions can be submitted. Five points given per approved question.
  - 3. Continuing Education (maximum of 200 points): Credit of 4 points per hour of lecture attended that is approved by the FAAVA Credentialing Committee.

4. Presentation of lecture (maximum of 200 points): Credit of 40 points per hour of lecture presented that is approved by the FAAVA Credentialing Committee. A lecture can be credited only one time.
5. Publication of scientific articles (maximum of 400 points): Publication of scientific articles in peer-reviewed journals in the subject areas of acupuncture or chinese herbal medicine. 200 points per paper.
6. Interpretive Summaries: Interpretive summaries are brief case reports highlighting your current practice competency. Each accepted summary will earn 20 points for a possible maximum total of 200 points. You may submit up to 13 summaries for evaluation. The format must be followed exactly. Following instructions is part of the evaluation. Each of the summaries must not exceed 400 words. Word count does not include the title and references. Cases must have been seen and managed within 5 years prior to submission. The required sections are  
  
Title, Case description, Outcome, Implications/applications and References. Each of the summaries must be supported with at least one reference but no more than two references.
7. FAAVA committee work (maximum 250 points):
  - a. Reviewing examination questions: 1 point per question
  - b. Reviewing case reports: 10 points per case
  - c. Other committee work (reviewing CE programs or credentialing criteria, etc): 4 points per hour