

EBVS & UEVH Joint Working Group

Uniting Expertise for Veterinary Excellence in Europe

Who are EBVS?

The role

The European Board of Veterinary Specialisation (EBVS) plays a vital role in elevating the standards of veterinary care across Europe by certifying veterinary specialists in fields like surgery, internal medicine, pharmacology, public health, and **more**. Established in **1992**, **EBVS** ensures that specialists meet **rigorous standards**, thereby enhancing animal care quality and supporting public health, animal welfare, and food safety.

Certification and Benefits

EBVS certification allows veterinarians to gain advanced qualifications beyond their veterinary degree, requiring at least four years of intensive postgraduate education and **training**, followed by a comprehensive examination process. Certified individuals earn the title of European Specialist™, recognised for their expertise and commitment.

The Impact of Veterinary Specialists

Veterinary specialists are essential in addressing complex medical cases and safeguarding public health. For example, specialists in **infectious diseases** and **epidemiology** are crucial for monitoring and controlling outbreaks, thus protecting both animal and human populations from health risks. These specialists uphold ethical standards and contribute significantly to animal welfare.

Commitment to Lifelong Learning

In addition to promoting animal welfare and public health, **EBVS** is committed to continuous professional development, ensuring that specialists stay current with the latest advances in their fields. This dedication fosters an environment of lifelong learning that benefits the entire veterinary team and elevates care standards.

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Why Work Together?

The European Board of Veterinary Specialisation (EBVS) and the Union of European Veterinary Hygienists (UEVH) share a **common mission to enhance veterinary care, promote animal welfare, and protect public health across Europe**. By working together, both organisations amplify their impact in animal health, food safety, hygiene standards, and technological advancements in veterinary practice.

Together, we can advocate for critical legislative changes to strengthen the veterinary profession and its contributions to society.



Advocating for Animal Welfare

Both EBVS and UEVH are dedicated to advancing animal welfare through complementary approaches. By joining forces, we can **push for legislation that strengthens animal welfare standards and integrates cutting-edge technologies**, such as advanced diagnostics and treatment methods, ensuring the highest quality of care.



Strengthening Public Health and Zoonotic Disease Control

EBVS specialists in fields like microbiology, parasitology, and veterinary public health, as well as professionals in food-producing specialties, play an essential role in diagnosing and managing zoonotic diseases. UEVH professionals, on the other hand, focus on maintaining safe, hygienic environments to prevent pathogen spread. Together, we can **advocate for better surveillance, improved hygiene practices, and the integration of modern technologies**, like real-time disease tracking systems and biosecurity tools, to control zoonotic diseases effectively.

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Enhancing Food Safety

Food safety is crucial for public health and animal welfare. Veterinary specialists ensure that animals raised for food are healthy and disease-free, while public health vets seek to ensure consumer protection through the production of safe food. By collaborating, we can **advocate for stronger food safety regulations, including the adoption of advanced technologies like automated sanitation systems and digital tracking tools**, to ensure safe, efficient food systems for consumers.



Promoting Professional Standards

As veterinary medicine evolves with new technologies, both EBVS and UEVH play a critical role in setting high standards for care and hygiene. Through collaboration, we can **advocate for legislation recognizing the contributions of veterinary specialists and public health vets**, supporting the integration of emerging technologies like electronic health records and AI-powered diagnostics to keep veterinary professionals at the forefront of innovation.



Unified Advocacy for Legislative Change

A unified voice from EBVS and UEVH will have a powerful influence on legislative changes. Together, we can **advocate for policies that embrace new technologies in veterinary care and hygiene practices**, ensuring that legal frameworks evolve to support advancements in animal health, food safety, and public health. Our combined efforts will amplify our impact, influencing laws that protect animals and humans and foster the adoption of innovations that improve veterinary care.

In summary the collaboration between EBVS and UEVH:

- Offers a unique opportunity to advocate for **animal welfare, public health, and food safety** while embracing technological innovation in veterinary practice
- Ensure better care for animals, safer food systems, and healthier environments across Europe.

We aim to drive positive changes benefiting the veterinary profession and society, positioning veterinary specialists and public health vets at the forefront of advancing care through technology and collaboration.

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