

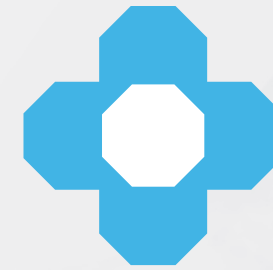
Canine Eye Registration Foundation (CERF)

CERF is one of several registries operated by A-VMDB-P. It was founded by a group of concerned purebred owner/breeders with a goal of eliminating heritable eye diseases in purebred dogs through registration, research, and education. CERF cooperates with the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ACVO) to maintain a registry of purebred dogs that the ACVO Diplomates (members) examine and have found to be unaffected by major heritable eye disease.

CERF registration shows your support for the mutual goal of eliminating heritable eye disease in purebred canines, and provides your puppy buyers and other breeders with proof of your integrity and commitment to maintaining the highest quality bloodlines.

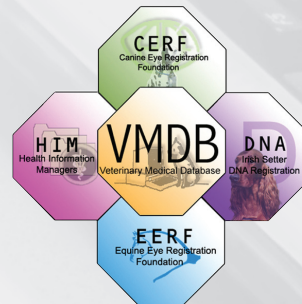
CERF registration supports the American Kennel Club's (AKC) role in promoting responsible breeding and ownership. AKC is incorporating CERF registration numbers on their registration slips and certified pedigrees, when the dogs are permanently identified via microchip, tattoo, or DNA profile number.

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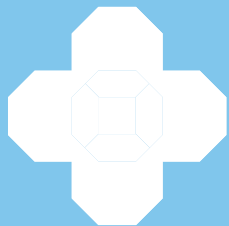
The Veterinary Medical Databases (VMDB) is the source for veterinary medical data.

We are a fully computerized data service dating back to March 1964 and have more than 6.46 million abstracts of case records obtained from over 20 participating veterinary medical schools in the United States and Canada. These schools form the Association of Veterinary Medical Data Participants, Incorporated (A-VMDB-P).

The number of cases we receive and the thoroughness of our collection make VMDB the largest and most reliable veterinary data system in the world.

We put information into your hands.

VMDB collects data on age, breed, sex, diagnosis, length of stay, weight, participating institution, mortality, procedures, and other important information. You may request and be provided these data in various formats and compilations.



Our information can meet all of your research needs.

The wealth of our information provides the flexibility your varying needs demand. Here is just a sample of the uses of our information.

Researchers track diseases in terms of frequency, demographic trends or mortality by breed, age or sex to identify areas of veterinary medicine in need of funding.

- Clinicians ascertain how a specific disease is treated at other institutions.
- Biomedical engineers substantiate predicted demand for devices such as hip prostheses or pacemakers.
- Advertising agencies target campaigns for pet products.
- Pet insurance companies use statistical information to establish rate tables.
- Manufacturers derive requirements for improved pet food.
- Teachers update lectures.
- Administrators determine the future needs of their institutions by comparing the experiences of similar organizations.

We are non-profit.

The veterinary medical data program collected its first records from Michigan State University in 1964. This program was an initiative of the National Cancer Institute whose aim was to compile veterinary medical data in a single program to be used for medical research.

A-VMDB-P became a non-profit incorporated organization in 1977. Our officers are veterinarians chosen every two years from participating institutions.

VMDB has offices located on the campuses of Purdue University and the University of Illinois.

Participating Colleges of Veterinary Medicine may be found on our web site.

VMDB Annual Publication Award

The Veterinary Medical DataBases (VMDB) sponsors a \$1000 annual publication award. Any manuscript that contains VMDB data which is properly acknowledged and published before June 1st is eligible for the award. Please submit a copy of the manuscript to the VMDB office at Purdue University. Please be sure to include contact information. The winning manuscript is announced at the annual VMDB meeting in July.