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**AAHA has recognized your distinctiveness as a referral practice with a new process that customizes the AAHA Standards of Accreditation for you.**

Through these *AAHA Referral Standards*, you can become AAHA-accredited, linking your practice to the nation's top companion animal practices in your area. Optimize your business by creating relationships with AAHA-accredited hospitals that will look to accredited specialty practices when referring clients.

### ***Why become an AAHA-accredited referral practice?***

- Your team will come together like never before in preparation for your evaluation—enhancing morale, increasing effectiveness and improving internal communication.
- Develop relationships with AAHA-accredited practices that can lead to referrals.
- Receive ongoing support from AAHA staff before your evaluation and throughout your time as an accredited member.
- Work with peers that share your passion for the profession and drive to improve patient care.

### ***The Accreditation Process***

In order to seek AAHA accreditation, your hospital's Medical Director must be Board Certified in the specialty you wish to become accredited in. AAHA recognizes the fact that not all practices are exactly the same, and the evaluation process acknowledges this by providing numerous options to ensure flexibility. Beyond completing all the mandatory standards, how you achieve AAHA accreditation can be tailored to your practice.

We hope you take advantage of this cutting edge development from AAHA in our efforts to bridge the gap between general and specialty practices.

**For more information on AAHA accreditation, contact us at [practice.accreditation@aahanet.org](mailto:practice.accreditation@aahanet.org) or 800/252-2242.**



“AAHA is focused on facilitating high quality care in small animal practice, and the *AAHA Referral Standards* are a natural extension of this goal. Furthermore, AAHA is committed to enhancing communications between referring and receiving veterinary practices to achieve the highest levels of success.”

— *Link Welborn, DVM, DABVP*  
*AAHA Referral Standards Task Force Member*

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