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November 11, 2010

Ms. Susan Geranen, Executive Director  
California Veterinary Medical Board  
2005 Evergreen St., Ste. 2250  
Sacramento, CA 95815

Dear Ms. Geranen:

We are pleased to announce that at its November 4 - 7, 2010 meeting the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA) granted provisional accreditation to the Pima Medical Institute-Chula Vista campus Veterinary Technology Program effective June 18, 2010. The Program contact information is:

Pima Medical Institute-Chula Vista  
780 Bay Blvd, Suite 101  
Chula Vista, CA 91910  
619-425-3200  
<http://pmi.edu/>

Jeanette Woempner, RVT Director  
Associate of Occupational Science  
Initial Accreditation: June 18, 2010  
PROVISIONAL ACCREDITATION

Provisional accreditation is granted to new programs in veterinary technology that have made significant progress towards meeting the AVMA CVTEA Standards of Accreditation. Programs may remain on provisional accreditation until achieving full accreditation, or for a period not to exceed five years. A classification of Provisional Accreditation is considered to be an accreditation level with the rights and privileges of full accreditation. Graduates from a program on provisional accreditation are considered graduates of an AVMA CVTEA accredited program.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 800-248-2862 ext. 6624 or at [jhorvath@avma.org](mailto:jhorvath@avma.org).

Sincerely,

Julie Horvath  
CVTEA Coordinator  
*AVMA Center for Veterinary Medical Education Accreditation*

CC: Ms. Jeanette Woempner, RVT

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**Date:** March 21, 2011  
**To:** State Boards of Veterinary Medical Examiners  
**From:** Dr. David E. Granstrom, Director  
AVMA Division of Education & Research  
**Re:** Accreditation of the Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine

Accreditation status may be conferred to a foreign veterinary college considered to meet or exceed the same standards for accreditation applicable to United States and Canadian colleges and schools of veterinary medicine. The **Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine**, St. Kitts, West Indies, was granted full accreditation status for a period of seven years by the AVMA Council on Education (COE) at its March 6-8, 2011 meeting.

The 1971 AVMA House of Delegates Business Session states — "During a period that a college is so recognized (Approved\*), the AVMA will recommend that state boards of veterinary medical examiners consider those who graduate during the period of recognition on a basis equivalent to graduates of accredited colleges in the United States and Canada." Therefore, the AVMA recommends that Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine graduates who receive their degrees after the COE accreditation site visit, **January 17-20, 2011**, be afforded the same propriety as that applied to graduates of accredited United States or Canadian veterinary medical schools and colleges. The date of the accreditation site visit is used because COE accreditation decisions are based on evidence validated during the site visit. An ECFVG certificate would not be necessary for those graduating on or after January 20, 2011 in order to sit for state board examinations.

At the present time, 11 foreign colleges are accredited by the AVMA: the State University of Utrecht in the Netherlands, the Royal Veterinary College in London, University of Glasgow Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in Scotland, the University of Edinburgh Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies in Scotland, Massey University Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Sciences in New Zealand, Murdoch University Division of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences in Western Australia, the University of Sydney Faculty of Veterinary Science in Australia, Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine in the West Indies, and the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de México (UNAM) Facultad de Medicina Veterinaria y Zootecnia in Mexico. If additional foreign colleges are accredited or if the status of any accredited college changes, the COE will inform the state boards of veterinary medicine.

If you need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

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c: Dr. David DeYoung, Dean, Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine  
Max Hollins, NEB  
Robyn Kendrick, AAVSB  
Dr. John Boyce, NBVME

\* In April 2002, the AVMA Executive Board approved the term "accredited" for all schools/colleges of veterinary medicine, both domestic and foreign, that complete the accreditation process and comply with the AVMA Council on Education Standards for Accreditation and discontinued the use of the term "approved."

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**Date:** March 24, 2011

**To:** State Boards of Veterinary Medical Examiners

**From:** Dr. David E. Granstrom, Director  
AVMA Division of Education & Research

**Re:** Accreditation of the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de México (UNAM)  
Facultad de Medicina Veterinaria y Zootecnia

Accreditation status may be conferred to a foreign veterinary college considered to meet or exceed the same standards for accreditation applicable to United States and Canadian colleges and schools of veterinary medicine. Effective March 6-8, 2011 the AVMA Council on Education (COE) granted full accreditation status to the **Universidad Nacional Autonoma de México (UNAM) Facultad de Medicina Veterinaria y Zootecnia**, Mexico City, Mexico for a period of seven years.

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Please note: The University has a second veterinary school, the Facultad de Estudios Superiores Cuautitlán (FES) in Cuautitlán, Mexico. The FES is a completely separate college with a separate faculty and administration. The FES has not been reviewed or accredited by the COE. Graduates of the FMVZ and FES receive an identical diploma from the University. Therefore, it is necessary to review the official student transcript, which clearly lists the name of the college at the top of the document and includes a picture of each graduate. The UNAM FMVZ has offered to provide validation to any state board that requires assistance. Request for assistance should be sent to the Dean's office —

Dean's Office  
Facultad de Medicina Veterinaria y Zootecnia  
Universidad Nacional Autonoma de México  
Circuito de la Investigacion Cientifica  
Ciudad Universitaria  
C.P. 04510 Coyoacan  
MEXICO D.F.  
Phone: 52 (55) 5622 5855 / Fax: 52 (55) 5616-7110

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If you need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

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c: Dr. Francisco J. Trigo Tavera, Director, UNAM Facultad de Medicina Veterinaria y Zootecnia  
Robyn Kendrick, AAVSB  
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