

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society  
Level I Emergency and Critical Care Facility**



**Arizona Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care Center Receives  
Certification as Level I Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Facility.**

(Gilbert, AZ) - Arizona Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care Center (AVECCC) was recently certified as a Level I veterinary emergency and critical care facility by the Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society.

"Arizona Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care Center has taken the next step in upholding our commitment to offer the most advanced veterinary care. We are pleased to earn the certification of a Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care (VECCS) Level I facility," said Dr. Brandi Mattison, AVECCC Medical Director. "This certification is proof of our commitment to providing exceptional veterinary medicine and care to our community. Our clients can be confident their pets will receive the best possible medical care at AVECCC."

The Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society (VECCS) is now offering a certification program to veterinary facilities that provide emergency and critical patient care. The purpose of this certification is to recognize those hospitals that meet and exceed the minimum

standards and guidelines published by VECCS. VECCS does this in the hopes of raising the standard of care while also increasing public and professional awareness in the area of veterinary emergency and critical patient care.

This certification program identifies three levels (I through III) based on facility operating hours, equipment and personnel.

The VECCS has identified a Level I facility as such: "A Level I emergency and critical care facility is a 24-hour acute care facility with the resources and specialty training necessary to provide sophisticated emergent and critical patient care. This facility is open to receive small animal emergency patients 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. The level I facility must have a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care employed full time and available for consultation either on-site or by phone 24/7." For more information regarding the certification requirements for a Level I facility, please refer to the VECCS website at [www.veccs.org](http://www.veccs.org) under the Facility Certification tab.

### **ABOUT AVECCC**

Arizona Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care Center (AVECCC) is located in Gilbert, Arizona and provides 24/7 emergency and critical care services to companion animals. AVECCC employs more than 100 professional, experienced staff members that have specialized training and certification in emergency and critical care services. The critical care center also has the distinct advantage of being the only emergency practice with four board-certified emergency and critical care specialists and a residency program in the Phoenix metro area. Their team is committed to providing the best training and education programs to both its resident veterinarians and those within the local veterinary community. AVECCC is proud to announce a new West Valley location which will be open Spring 2020. For more information about AVECCC, please visit [www.azervets.com](http://www.azervets.com).

*(The VECCS is an international, professional society of veterinarians, veterinary technicians and managers dedicated to promoting the advancement of knowledge and high standards of practice in veterinary emergency medicine and critical patient care)*

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