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Dear Dr. Krone:

Congratulations! At its May 2- 4, 2014 meeting, the AVMA Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA) granted continued full accreditation to the Pima Community College veterinary technology program after deliberation of the report of evaluation from the October 23 - 25, 2013 site visit. Accreditation remains in effect until your next site visit, contingent upon favorable review of requested reports.

A final copy of the report of evaluation is included and a copy will be sent to college administration as indicated in the near future. Attached is a summary of critical and major recommendations.

The Committee considered the post site visit response to the critical and major recommendations in its accreditation decision. After consideration of the documentation provided, the Committee has determined that continued reporting is required on the following recommendations:

Critical recommendation(s): 1, 5, 6, 7

Major recommendation(s): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

Your program is placed on a biennial reporting schedule. The next biennial report will be due fall 2015 (September 11, 2015); however, the Committee has requested an interim report due fall 2014 (September 12, 2014) to address the above recommendations.

In accordance with the *Policies and Procedures of the AVMA CVTEA*, documentation of progress toward compliance with critical and major recommendations must be included in the program's report to CVTEA. Insufficient progress toward meeting recommendations may be considered cause for reduction of the program's accreditation status. The next full accreditation site visit is scheduled for 2019.

Congratulations on maintaining full accreditation for your program. On behalf of the evaluation committee, thank you for the courtesy and hospitality shown during the site visit. If you have any questions, or if we may be of assistance in the preparation of your next report, please do not hesitate to contact us at 800-248-2862 or Ms. Julie Horvath (jhorvath@avma.org; ext. 6624).

Sincerely,



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<p>CRITICAL RECOMMENDATION(S) Critical recommendations apply to situations that clearly result in a program's inability to meet a Standard, and/or subject students, faculty, or others to unacceptable levels of risk. Documentation of significant progress toward compliance with each critical recommendation must be achieved by the time of the program's next report to CVTEA. Lack of compliance may be considered cause for reduction of the program's accreditation status.</p> <p>It is critical that:</p>		Continued Reporting required on the Recommendation: yes/no; Date; (comments)
1.	The Program have an advisory committee that meets at least annually and the committee become more active in Program advisement. (3e)	Yes
2.	An emergency drug dosage chart and an ambu bag be added to the emergency crash cart. (4b)	No; 05/2014
3.	Potential safety issues be addressed with respect to noise hazard signage and hearing protection for the dog kennel, and the elimination of drugs stored in the surgery suite. (4e)	No; 05/2014
4.	Controlled substance inventories be compliant with Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) regulations. (4f)	No; 05/2014
5.	The Program be compliant with United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal Welfare Act (AWA) with documentation that all institutional animal care and use committee (IACUC) approved protocols are reviewed on an annual basis. (5a)	Yes
6.	Adequate numbers of animals be available to provide the necessary quantity and quality of clinical instruction to meet curriculum requirements without overuse of animals or violation of standards of humane care. (5b)	Yes
7.	Evidence exist that all required skills have been performed by all students on live animals and have been evaluated by Program personnel using standardized criteria. (10b, 10e)	Yes; submit one example of a completed skills assessment with name redacted

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<p>MAJOR RECOMMENDATION(S) Major recommendations apply to situations that jeopardize the ability of the program to meet a Standard. Progress toward meeting each major recommendation must be demonstrated on an annual or biennial basis. Documentation of steps taken toward compliance with major recommendations is required. Lack of compliance within the assigned five- or six-year period, prior to the next scheduled complete evaluation, may be considered cause for reduction of the program's accreditation status.</p> <p>It is recommended that:</p>		Continued Reporting required on the Recommendation: yes/no; Date; (comments)
1.	The institution document continued accreditation with an agency that is recognized by the United States Department of Education. (1)	Yes
2.	Increasing numbers of Program students be accompanied by an appropriate increase in fiscal, human, and clinical resources available to the Program. (2, 4a, 5b, 9a)	Yes
3.	Evidence exist that the institutional animal care and use committee (IACUC) approved protocols include the names of personnel approved to conduct animal procedures and that no conflict of interest exists in the approval process. (5a)	Yes
4.	Memoranda of understanding (MOUs) with appropriate exit strategies be in place with all critical providers of off-campus instructional support and animal resources. (5b, 5e)	Yes
5.	Program staffing be sufficient to deliver the educational program, meet the instructional goals, and maximize engagement of learners. (8a, 9a)	Yes
6.	The Program director have sufficient time for the administrative responsibilities necessary to manage the Program. (9d)	Yes
7.	Efforts continue to be made to analyze performance of graduates on the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE) with the goal of consistently achieving pass rates at least equal to the national average of first-time candidates. (11a, 11b)	Yes