

# Hosting a Veterinary CE Event in Los Angeles, California

In **California**, veterinary clinics can host **Continuing Education (CE) events** for veterinarians and veterinary technicians, but to ensure attendees receive CE credit, the event must comply with the **California Veterinary Medical Board (VMB) regulations** and potentially **RACE (Registry of Approved Continuing Education)** accreditation.

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## 1. Requirements for Hosting a CE Event in California

### a) CE Provider Approval

- To offer **CE credits in California**, your event must be approved by one of the following:
  1. **RACE (AAVSB – American Association of Veterinary State Boards)**
  2. **California Veterinary Medical Board (VMB)**
  3. **Accredited Veterinary Schools (e.g., UC Davis, Western University of Health Sciences)**
  4. **AVMA or Specialty Veterinary Organizations (AAHA, ACVIM, etc.)**
  5. **California Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA)**

If your **clinic is not an accredited CE provider**, you must:

- **Partner with a RACE-approved provider** or
  - **Submit a CE application** to the **California Veterinary Medical Board** for approval.
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### b) Course Content & Speaker Requirements

To qualify for **California-approved CE**, your event must:

- Focus on **veterinary medicine, dentistry, surgery, or practice management**.
- Be presented by **qualified professionals** (licensed DVMs, board-certified specialists, or recognized veterinary educators).
- Provide **structured learning objectives** and a **detailed syllabus**.
- Include at least **one hour (50-60 minutes) of instructional content per CE credit**.



#### **Important:**

- Non-clinical topics (e.g., business development) may not always qualify for CE credit unless they are **practice management-focused**.
  - Workshops, hands-on training, and **wet labs** require additional details to be approved.
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### c) CE Credit Approval Process

- **Submit a CE approval request** to **RACE** or the **California Veterinary Medical Board** at least **45-60 days** in advance.

- RACE-approved events are **automatically recognized** in California.
  - If submitting directly to the **California VMB**, include:
    - Speaker credentials (CV, degrees, licenses)
    - Course syllabus with learning objectives
    - Length of the event (1 CE credit = 1 contact hour)
    - Description of instructional methods (lecture, hands-on training, etc.)
    - Post-event assessment (if applicable)
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## 2. CE Credit Requirements for Attendees in California

Veterinarians and RVTs in **Los Angeles and throughout California** must fulfill specific CE requirements:

| License Type                                    | CE Hours Required | Renewal Cycle        | Special Requirements  |
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| <b>Veterinarians (DVMs)</b>                     | <b>36 hours</b>   | Every <b>2 years</b> | At least <b>30 hours must be scientific-based</b> (max 6 hours in practice management). |
| <b>Registered Veterinary Technicians (RVTs)</b> | <b>20 hours</b>   | Every <b>2 years</b> | At least <b>16 hours must be scientific-based</b> (max 4 hours in practice management). |

- **Online CE:** California **limits** non-interactive (recorded) online CE; veterinarians can take **only 6 hours** from non-live sources.
  - **Live Webinars:** Count as "in-person" CE if they allow attendee interaction.
  - **Hands-on Labs:** Highly valued but must be pre-approved by the VMB.
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## 3. Certificate & Attendance Documentation

To issue CE credits, your clinic must:

- Provide **certificates of completion** with:
    - Attendee's name
    - Event name and date
    - Number of CE credits awarded
    - Presenter(s) name and credentials
    - RACE or VMB approval number (if applicable)
  - Maintain records of attendance for at least **4 years** (as required by the **California Veterinary Medical Board**).
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## 4. Additional Considerations for Hosting a CE Event

- **Venue:** Your clinic can host CE **on-site** or partner with a **larger event space** (if expecting many attendees).
  - **Speaker Selection:** Consider inviting **board-certified specialists** or **university professors** to increase event credibility.
  - **Marketing:**
    - Promote the event via **CVMA, local veterinary groups, and online networks**.
    - Ensure promotional materials state **CE approval status** (e.g., “Approved for X CE credits by RACE”).
  - **Fees & Sponsorships:**
    - You can charge a **registration fee** or seek **sponsorship** from veterinary pharma companies or suppliers.
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## Next Steps for Your Veterinary Clinic

- ✓ **Decide:** Will your clinic apply for CE approval, or will you partner with an existing RACE-approved provider?
- ✓ **Prepare:** Develop a structured syllabus with an expert speaker.
- ✓ **Submit:** Apply for RACE or California VMB CE approval (at least 60 days in advance).
- ✓ **Market & Register Attendees:** Ensure compliance with California CE tracking.

Great! Based on the details you provided, I'll draft a **RACE CE application** that you can submit to the **AAVSB (American Association of Veterinary State Boards)**.

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## RACE CE Application - Draft Submission

### A. Event Information

- **Event Title:** *Advancements in Veterinary Dentistry: A Hands-on Workshop*
- **Event Date(s):** March 5 & 6
- **Event Location:** 14661 Aetna St, Van Nuys, CA
- **Format:** Live (In-person)

### B. Provider Information

- **Clinic Name:** *GreenDog Dental Veterinary Center*
- **Contact Person:** *Marc Mercury*
  - Email: *Marc.h.mercury@gmail.com*
- **Organization Type:** Private Veterinary Clinic
- **Website:** [www.greendogdental.com](http://www.greendogdental.com)
- **RACE Provider Status:** *Not currently a RACE-approved provider.*
  - Requesting **single-course approval** or **new provider application**.

### C. Course Content & Structure

- **Number of CE Hours Offered:** *8 CE credits* (4 hours per day)
- **Detailed Course Outline:**

| Time                   | Session Title                                   | Description   |
|------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Day 1 – March 5</b> |   |   |
| 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM     | <b>Foundations of Veterinary Dentistry</b>      | Overview of dental anatomy, pathology, and treatment planning |
| 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM    | <b>Radiographic Interpretation in Dentistry</b> | Case-based training on reading dental radiographs             |
| 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM     | <b>Lunch Break</b>                              | (not counted for CE)  |

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| 1:00 PM -<br>3:00 PM   | <b>Surgical Extractions &amp; Periodontal Surgery</b>    | Hands-on training with supervised extraction techniques                 |
| 3:00 PM -<br>5:00 PM   | <b>Common Dental Procedures in Small Animal Practice</b> | Practical approach to performing routine and advanced dental procedures |
| <b>Day 2 – March 6</b> |  |   |
| 9:00 AM -<br>10:30 AM  | <b>Pain Management &amp; Anesthesia for Dentistry</b>    | Best practices in pain control, anesthesia protocols, and monitoring    |
| 10:30 AM -<br>12:00 PM | <b>Advanced Endodontic Procedures</b>                    | Discussion and demonstration of root canals and crown restorations      |
| 12:00 PM -<br>1:00 PM  | <b>Lunch Break</b>                                       | (not counted for CE)  |
| 1:00 PM -<br>3:00 PM   | <b>Hands-on Dental Lab</b>                               | Participants practice techniques on models/cadavers                     |
| 3:00 PM -<br>5:00 PM   | <b>Case Discussions &amp; Q&amp;A with Dr. Legendre</b>  | Interactive session reviewing participant cases and challenges          |

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### **Learning Objectives:**

- Understand the fundamentals of veterinary dentistry, including anatomy and pathology.
- Gain proficiency in interpreting dental radiographs and diagnosing common dental conditions.
- Perform surgical extractions and periodontal surgery with confidence.
- Implement proper pain management and anesthesia protocols for dental procedures.
- Learn advanced endodontic techniques such as root canals and restorations.
- Apply hands-on techniques in a supervised dental lab environment.

- **Teaching Methods:**

- Lecture presentations

- Interactive case discussions
- Hands-on practical training
- Q&A and group learning

#### D. Speaker Information

- **Primary Speaker:** *Dr. Loïc Legendre, DVM, AVDC, EVDC*
- **Credentials:**
  - Diplomate, **American Veterinary Dental College (AVDC)** (1995)
  - Diplomate, **European Veterinary Dentistry College (EVDC)** (1998)
- **Biography:**
  - Dr. Legendre is a board-certified veterinary dentist with over **30 years of experience** in advanced dental procedures, surgery, and teaching. He has lectured internationally and contributed to numerous veterinary dentistry publications.

#### E. Assessment & Attendee Documentation

- **Will there be an exam or quiz?** No
  - **Will you provide a certificate of completion?** Yes
  - **How will attendance be tracked?** Online tracking
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### Next Steps for Submission

#### 1. Create an Account on AAVSB RACetrack

- Go to: [AAVSB RACetrack](#)
- Register as a **CE Provider** (since GreenDog Dental is not RACE-approved yet)
- Fill out the "**New CE Program Application**"

#### 2. Upload Required Documents

- Speaker **CV**
- **Course Outline & Learning Objectives**
- Sample **Certificate of Completion**
- Description of **Attendance Tracking Method**

#### 3. Pay the RACE Application Fee

- Single CE Course Approval: **\$100–\$400**
- If applying as a **new RACE provider**, there is a **\$425 provider fee**

#### 4. Wait for Approval

- **Review Time:** *4-6 weeks*
  - Once approved, a **RACE course number** will be issued. This must be included on event materials.
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