

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.

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
Veterinarians (DVMs)	36 hours	Every 2 years	At least 30 hours must be scientific-based (max 6 hours in practice management).
Registered Veterinary Technicians (RVTs)	20 hours	Every 2 years	At least 16 hours must be scientific-based (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)**.

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

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



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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