

# THE VETERINARIAN-CLIENT-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP (VCPR)

is the basis for veterinary care —  
and is critical to the health of your animal



## Establishing this important relationship requires all of the following:

1. The licensed veterinarian has assumed the responsibility for making medical judgments regarding the health of the patient(s) and the need for medical therapy, and has instructed the client on a course of appropriate therapy.
2. The veterinarian has sufficient knowledge of the patient(s) to initiate at least a general or preliminary diagnosis of their medical condition.
3. The client has agreed to follow the veterinarian's recommendations.
4. The veterinarian is readily available for follow-up evaluation, or has arranged for emergency or urgent care coverage, or has designated continuing care and treatment to another licensed veterinarian who has access to the patient's medical records and/or can provide reasonable and appropriate medical care.
5. The veterinarian provides oversight of treatment.
6. The veterinarian has performed a timely physical examination of the patient(s) and/or is personally acquainted with their keeping and care by virtue of medically appropriate and timely visits to the operation where they are kept.
7. Patient records are maintained.