



### **ACVIM ASSOCIATE STATUS UNDERSTANDING AGREEMENT**

I understand that being granted ACVIM Associate Status does not confer ACVIM boarded Diplomate or specialist status and is not recognized as conferring specialty status by individual state licensing agencies in the United States. I will not advertise myself as a specialist in the United States or Canada unless I also attain certification by an organization recognized by the American Board of Veterinary Specialties (ABVS) or other recognized specialty accrediting organization.

I also understand that ACVIM Associate Status is for the purpose of facilitating interaction between ACVIM specialties and me. These interactions include allowing my participation in some ACVIM activities at the specialty level, but do not confer membership or Diplomate status in the ACVIM. I am however free to use the ACVIM Associate logo available from the central office.

I will ensure that actual or potential conflicts of interest do not arise between my interests and those of the ACVIM. Actual or potential conflicts of interest may involve, for example, relationships with other organizations, employment, business interests, consultancies, etc. that are reasonably pertinent to the interests or activities of the ACVIM. Specific examples of conflict of interest to avoid may include: using information learned through my position for personal gain or advantage or to give advantage to any resident undergoing the ACVIM credentialing process.

I agree to be governed by the Policies & Procedures of the International Relations & Credentials Committee as well as the criteria for the ACVIM Individual Credentials for ACVIM Associate Status as amended from time to time.

I understand that if I violate any of the terms of this agreement, I may lose my Associate Status. The ACVIM may take all appropriate actions to remedy or prevent any unauthorized use of Associate status recognition.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_