



Dear Colleague,

Thank you for your willingness to write a recommendation letter for one of our Basic Small Animal Massage Certification course applicants.

The requirements for acceptance into the basic massage certification program are as follows:

1. Education & Experience: Fifty (50) hours of in-person animal handling experience. *Examples include: pet sitter, groomer, veterinary receptionist, animal foster family, formal animal training/handling classes with a personal animal, etc.*
2. Professional Reference: Two (2) letters of professional reference (one letter must be from a veterinarian)
3. Age: 21 years or older at the time of enrollment

We value and are extremely appreciative of your recommendation of this applicant. Please consider including your thoughts about this applicant in the following areas:

- Intellectual potential to implement scientific rigor into massage-related topics
- Understanding of veterinary ethics & the scope of practice of a veterinarian
- Communication skills & rapport-building with animal caregivers
- Communication skills & rapport-building with the veterinary team
- Professionalism in demeanor and interactions

Thank you, once again, for your willingness to act as a referral source for this applicant. If you have any questions about the Basic Small Animal Massage certification program, the goals of implementation for a animal massage therapist within the veterinary team, or other questions about our program – please let us know! We can be reached at [reception.desk@csam.school](mailto:reception.desk@csam.school).

Sincerely,

Casara Andre, DVM, cVMA

Director | Instructor, Colorado School of Animal Massage



Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us about your relationship with the applicant.

Please provide an evaluation of the applicant's intellectual potential to implement scientific rigor into massage-related topics.

Please provide an evaluation of the applicant's understanding of veterinary ethics and the scope of practice of a veterinarian.

Please share your expectations of the applicant's ability to analyze and problem-solve in the emerging field of animal massage.

When and how have you observed the applicant's communication skills and rapport building skills with other members of the veterinary team? What were your impressions of the applicant's emotional maturity during that scenario?



Please describe the applicant's professionalism in demeanor and interactions.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_