

NEED TO FIND A VETERINARY SPECIALIST?

Most of the time, your vet will be able to successfully diagnose and treat your Westie for whatever ails him or her. However, there may be times when the problem is rare/unusual/complex, and you may need the services of a board certified veterinary specialist.

There are approximately 65,000 licensed veterinarians in the U.S. today, and about 10% of them are board certified veterinary specialists in 20 different veterinary specialties. To become a board certified specialist, the vet must usually complete several years of residency in their specialty and pass a rigorous examination by the board certifying organization (like the American College of Veterinary Dermatologists, or the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine, etc.).

There are 20 veterinary specialties, but we will be concerned here with only 10 of the major specialties affecting canines:

Behavior: www.dacvb.org/about-us/diplomates

Dental: www.avdc-dms.org/dms/diplomates.cfm

Dermatology: www.acvd.org

Emergency and Critical Care: www.acvecc.org/members.php?mode=state&pos=2

Internal Medicine: www.acvim.org/Specialist/Search.aspx

Specialists here are divided into several sub-categories:

- Cardiology
- Neurology
- Oncology
- Small animal internal medicine

Nutrition: www.acvn.org/site/view/58670_MemberDiplomates.pml

Ophthalmology: <http://www.acvo.org/>

Radiology: <http://www.acvr.org/>

Surgery: www.acvs.org/AboutTheACVS/DiplomateDirectory

Theriogenology: www.theriogenology.org/search.cfm?displayadvancedsearch=true

Theriogenology deals with reproduction.

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