



Press release from our partner PTC

Professional Testing Corporation Announces New Partnership with Professional Animal Care Certification Council - PACCC in Bringing Certification to the Pet Care Service Provider Industry

New York, September 2015 – The Professional Testing Corporation (PTC) is pleased to be working with the Professional Animal Care Certification Council (PACCC) to develop three pioneering certification programs for pet care service providers. This is the first organization to offer high stakes testing and certification for the pet care service industry, a market that has previously not had a way to recognize providers who have the knowledge to follow best practices and provide the highest quality care to pets.

The PACCC was founded in 2015 because the industry lacked a way to protect pets and their owners from the dangers of being in the hands of providers who have not had sufficient training and education to offer proper care. By achieving certification, it is a way for high-quality, knowledgeable providers to demonstrate that they have the education and knowledge required to provide the best care for pets.

“There are frequent media reports of tragic pet accidents and deaths when in the care of pet professionals that tarnish the reputation of the industry overall. With recent developments in booking services online, entry into this market is easier than in the past and as a result, providers entering the industry may not realize their lack of knowledge and the importance of facility design and construction for pet safety,” said Susan Briggs, President and Co-founder of PACCC. “We founded the PACCC to mutually benefit the pet care service providers that place a priority on providing quality pet care and invest in ongoing education and staff training as well as pet parents that often find it challenging and confusing to identify providers with the appropriate knowledge. These certifications will make it easier for pet parents to identify the knowledgeable professionals to care for their pets.”

The PACCC will be working with PTC to create three levels of certification that will recognize the expansive knowledge required and basic career levels in the industry: Certified Professional Animal Care Provider, Certified Professional Animal Care Manager, and Certified Professional Animal Care Operator. Candidates who successfully pass an examination will be awarded certification for 3 years with an opportunity to recertify.

PTC will be working with the PACCC in delineating the knowledge required for each level of certification, item and test development, test administration and delivery, and management services. "From the first contact we had confidence in PTC's professionalism and passion to make certification a reality for our industry. PTC has provided education and support to our volunteer group leading us step-by-step through the process," said Susan Briggs. "We are looking to PTC not only for testing expertise, but also for management services and creating a support team that will ensure long-term success of our vision."

PACCC's first examinations are anticipated to launch in October 2016. For more information visit the PACCC website at www.paccert.org.

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