



## **PACCC Proudly Announces Latest Certified Pet Care Professionals as the Number of Independently Certified Passes 100**

**June 5, 2018** – The Professional Animal Care Certification Council (PACCC) today announced the latest independent certifications for Certified Professional Animal Care Provider (CPACP), Manager (CPACM), and, for the first time, Operator (CPACO). With the latest certifications, the number of pet care professionals who have successfully demonstrated their comprehensive pet care knowledge to a third-party testing body has surpassed 100. Pet care providers certified by PACCC can now be found in 3 countries, 26 states, and 4 provinces. PACCC will conduct two more rounds of testing this year. The deadline to take the June exams has passed, but the next opportunity to become certified will be in October.

“We are so proud of how PACCC’s message of pet safety through independent certification is growing not only through the number of professionals becoming certified but by pet parents now proactively seeking out those certified pros,” said PACCC board chair, Anna Torres-Radle. “By becoming PACCC certified, pet care providers assure pet parents that they have met minimum hours of experience requirements, provided professional references, and passed a rigorous exam conducted by an independent testing body that clearly demonstrates they understand animal health, prioritize safe care practices, and know how to conduct themselves professionally.”

For pet care professionals who missed the deadline to take the June exams, PACCC encourages them to sign up for email updates via the PACCC website at <https://paccert.org> or follow the organization on social media to receive upcoming exam alerts.

“PACCC was founded because, the fact is, there is virtually no regulation or education required to open a pet care services business,” noted Torres-Radle. “PACCC’s independent certification addresses the need for true pet care professionals to set themselves apart from the crowd, and provide a way for pet parents to identify those pet care providers best qualified to care for their furry family members – it’s a ‘win’ for everyone who cares about pets.”

For more information on PACCC, including how to find a PACCC certified pet care professional in your area, visit <https://paccert.org>.