

5 Facts about the Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR)

What is VCPR?

A VCPR involves the relationship between veterinarians, their clients (owners), and their patients (animals). A good, working VCPR is crucial for the health and timely treatment of your animals.

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Why is a VCPR important?

Most medications must be prescribed by veterinarians. To speed up the process of receiving those medications, it is important that your vet knows you and your animals.

How is a VCPR established?

A VCPR is established when your veterinarian is familiar with your herd management and, in most cases, has examined your animal(s) in-person.

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How is a VCPR maintained?

A VCPR is maintained by regular visits by your veterinarian to stay up-to-date on your herd health.



Is a VCPR required?

In Mississippi, it is required by the *Mississippi Veterinary Practice Act* that a VCPR must be established before prescribing any medications and/or treatments. Other states have similar regulations.

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