



THE NEW WAY TO RIDE

SIX-MONTH HORSE HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR COMPLIANT TRAVEL

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If your equine clients have frequently traveled for shows, trail rides or other events, you've likely received their panicked calls asking if their health certificate is current and compliant.

*Where is it? Is it still valid?
I need a new copy!*

An alternative to a traditional 30-day health certificate is growing in popularity among horse owners, veterinarians and state animal health officials, called Extended Equine Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (EECVI).

EECVIs function the same as regular health certificates but allow horse owners to move for up to six months, as long as they have a current EIA test certificate (AKA Coggins) and enter their travel itinerary online.

Over the last few years, more state veterinarians have joined in accepting EECVIs and encourage veterinarians to share the option of a six-month health certificate with their equine clients.

"The new EECVI system, which produces a movement document for each movement, provides enhanced traceability of the highly mobile equine population traveling across the country for competitions, exhibitions or trail rides," said Katie Flynn, BVMS, State Veterinarian, KDA.

Through the GVL veterinary software platform, veterinarians create an EECVI online and provide owners with online access to create their travel permits 24/7, which are submitted to their state animal health official electronically.

EECVI TRENDS

GVL users completed more than 5,000 EECVIs in 2019, more than 9,000 EECVIs in 2020 and more than 4,000 EECVIs in early 2021.

Dr. Todd Cooley of Thomasville Animal Hospital in Georgia said, “A lot of our clients are really interested in EECVIs and have been requesting them. The new format works really smoothly and clients can just log in and enter their trip information as needed.”

Providing clients with EECVIs is not only convenient for horse owners who frequently travel, but they also help veterinarians with fewer unnecessary appointments and inspections.

WHAT USERS SAY ABOUT EECVIS

Our customer success and product teams work continuously to gain user feedback to understand what they like about our platform, as well as what we can update to better meet their needs.

“We continue to hear from veterinarians and owners how smoothly EECVIs work,” said Michaela Whitney, GVL product manager. “Not only can clients log their travel plans themselves, but they enjoy having the freedom to travel for different events in various states without needing to get a new health certificate every month.”

Feedback about EECVIs from veterinarians and clinic staff includes:

- ▶ Super easy process for the veterinarian, client and state animal health official
- ▶ Clients love the value of a six-month health certificate with one vet visit
- ▶ Simple photo upload and data collection through GVL

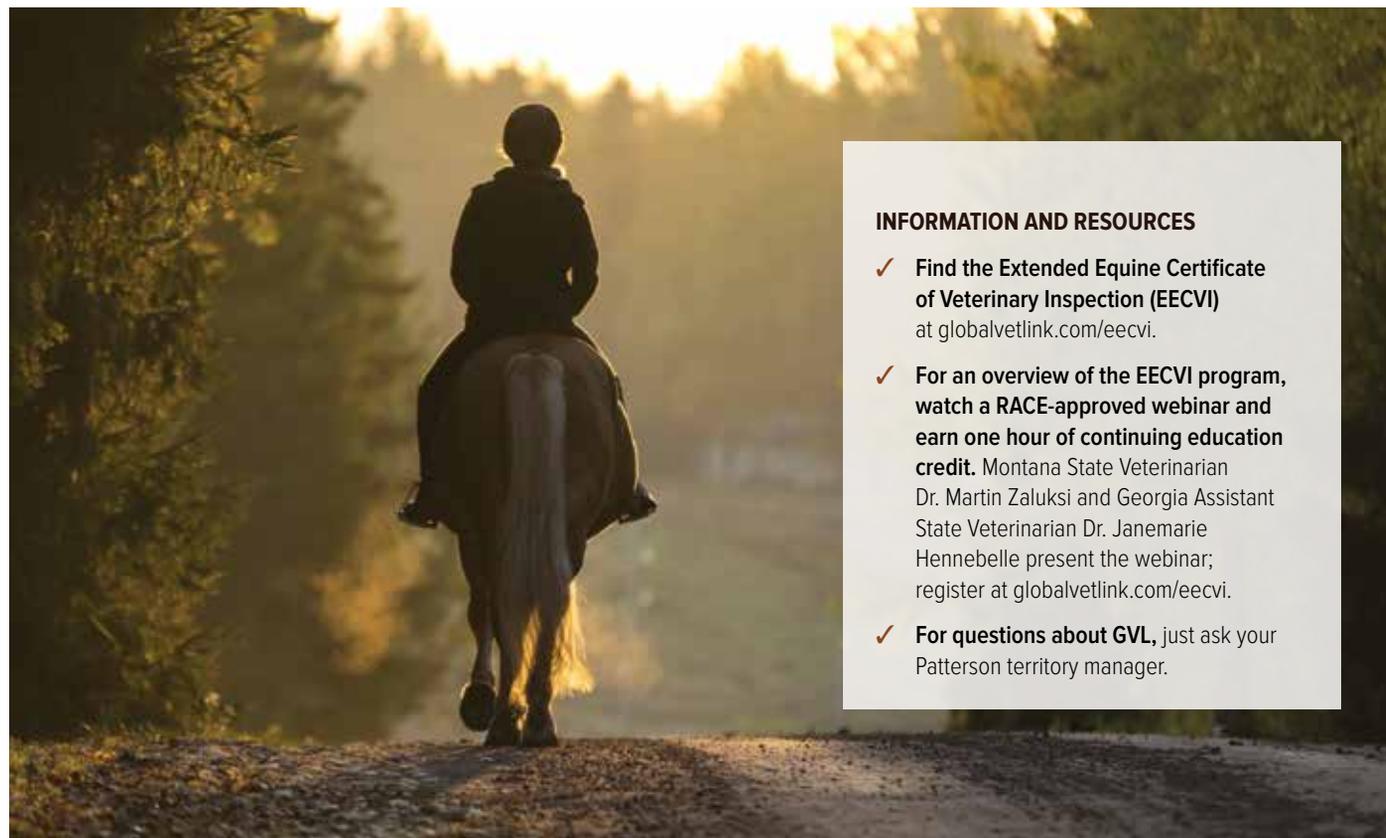
- ▶ Follow-up and communication with clients are easier than ever

THE DIGITAL PROCESS MAKES IT EASY

Gayle Spelman, RVT at Thomasville Animal Hospital in Georgia, makes a good point: “Imagine having to pay for separate health papers every time you travel.” She continued, “With EECVIs, you get a six-month health certificate for just a few dollars more. And they’re just so easy to do.”

Completing your animal health and movement documentation digitally makes the process faster and easier for you and allows you to service your clients better.

GVL is a cloud-based platform that can be used to create health certificates and EIA tests, as well as other animal health documents. Millions of animal health and movement certificates have been created through GVL’s software. ■



INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- ✓ Find the Extended Equine Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (EECVI) at globalvetlink.com/ee cvi.
- ✓ For an overview of the EECVI program, watch a RACE-approved webinar and earn one hour of continuing education credit. Montana State Veterinarian Dr. Martin Zaluksi and Georgia Assistant State Veterinarian Dr. Janemarie Hennebelle present the webinar; register at globalvetlink.com/ee cvi.
- ✓ For questions about GVL, just ask your Patterson territory manager.