

Benefits of Accreditation

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Benefit of Accreditation	Examples
Confidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confidence in the accuracy and correctness of test results when conferring with clients, or other professionals. • Confidence that each test is performed the same way by each person, and that those people have been appropriately trained. • Confidence of clients that they are receiving a test result backed by a system that has quality and correctness as part of their standard practice. • Indication that the laboratory has achieved a level of quality that is acceptable to professionals trained in quality systems. • Ability to provide complete evidence of test performance acceptability for possible legal purposes. • Confidence that each laboratory in a laboratory system is functioning under the same quality system. • Specific to AAVLD Accreditation: Requirements specifically written for veterinary diagnostic laboratories.
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional funding through compliance and participation with specific regulatory programs. • Statistical validation or recording of factors related to current and future testing needs to bolster funding alterations or requests. • Justification for requests for funding for laboratory improvements necessary to maintain or achieve accreditation. • Specific to AAVLD Accreditation: Voluntary accreditation committee process has a lower cost. • Specific to AAVLD Accreditation: Support for improvement requests made by the laboratory to improve facilities or systems needed for the quality system to function.
Recognition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global acknowledgement of acceptability to perform tests related to global commerce and agriculture. • National acknowledgement of acceptability to perform tests related to national commerce and agriculture. • Recognition among peer professionals and laboratories as a quality laboratory.
Continuous Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confidence that problems will reveal themselves through the quality system processes, in order to resolve them quickly. • Confidence that problem solving is more efficient, with fewer issues reoccurring. • Confidence that the laboratory is continuously improving the quality of all processes, increasing overall efficiency. • Morale boosts for staff when they are more confident in their work and see management has embraced continuous improvement. • Increase in facts available for analysis when problems occur, providing better investigations and more effective solutions. • Specific to AAVLD Accreditation: Training support; quality system support through the accreditation and quality assurance committees. • Specific to AAVLD Accreditation: Evaluation by trained peer professionals.