

# Mitsie Vargas, DVM, MSTCVM, CCRV, CVMM, CVBMA, FAAVA, FAVBM

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## Professional Summary

Established Orchid Springs Animal Hospital in 1996 and has been practicing high-quality medicine and surgery for small animals and exotics ever since. I have developed the ability to communicate with clients, gain their trust, and establish long-lasting relationships to pursue the best medical management for my patients. I have successfully incorporated Acupuncture and Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine within my AAHA-accredited practice and enjoy a great professional reputation in my community. I continually engage in teaching, lecturing, and promoting Integrative Medicine.

## Objective

To aid in improving the quality of life and health of animals by providing Integrative Medicine services. I want to share my passion for TCVM and continue to teach other practitioners.

## Education

MASTER DEGREE IN VETERINARY INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE CANDIDATE ( CLASS 2025)

CERTIFIED CHAPLAIN 2023

CERTIFIED CANINE REHAB VETERINARY COURSE 2021

FEAR FREE LEVEL THREE CERTIFICATION 2020

HUMAN-ANIMAL BOND CERTIFICATION 2020 BY HABRI/NAVC

FELINE FRIENDLY VETERINARIAN CERTIFICATION 2020 BY AAFP

CERTIFIED VETERINARY BALANCE METHOD ACUPUNCTURIST | 2019 | CHI LATIN AMERICA INSTITUTE

VETERINARY MEDICAL MANIPULATION PRACTITIONER | 2018 | IVMI INSTITUTE

MASTER'S DEGREE IN TCVM | 2018 | CHI INSTITUTE

CVHC | 2016 | CHI INSTITUTE

CTP | 2015 | CHI INSTITUTE

ADVANCED ACUPUNCTURE | 2010 | CHI INSTITUTE

CVFT | 2009-2010 | CHI INSTITUTE

CVA | 2009-2010 | CHI INSTITUTE

DVM | 1990-1994 | TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY

PRE-VET PROGRAM | 1987-1990 | UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO, MAYAGUEZ

## Veterinary Associations

- Fellow of the American College of Veterinary Botanical Medicine
- Fellow of the American Academy of Veterinary Acupuncture (Board member)

- LatinX Veterinary Medical Association President 2024-2025
- Member of AVMA since 1994
- Member of FVMA
- Member of Ridge Veterinary Medical Society ( president 2008-2009)
- Accredited Member of AAFP
- Accredited Member of AAHA
- Member of WATCVM organization (Board member 2023-2024)
- Certified Member of the American Society of Veterinary Journalists
- Member of Christian Veterinary Mission ( Chapter founder member)

## **Professional Accolades**

- Creator of webinars for AAVA, CIVT, and WATCVM
- Creator of 11 herbal webinars for Chi University
- Founder of the Central Florida Christian Veterinary Mission chapter
- Creator and host of The Pet Healer podcast
- Author of Alt-Vet: The Pet Care and Longevity Solution book
- Speaker at OVMA 2023
- Speaker at the University of Bolivia and Bolivian VMA 2022
- Speaker at IVAS conference 2021
- Speaker at VMX conference 2021
- Speaker at Midwest Veterinary Conference 2020
- Speaker at Veterinary Partners Diversity Symposium 2019
- FVMA's Veterinarian of the Year 2018
- Speaker at AAVA Conference (2017, 2018,2020,2021,2022)
- Speaker at International TCVM Conference (2015,2016,2017,2018,2019,2020,2021)
- Keynote Speaker at the 30th Caribbean Veterinary Conference in 2017
- Named America's Favorite Veterinarian 2015 by AVMF
- Bright-House Networks Regional Business Award Finalist 2013
- Chamber of Commerce of Winter Haven- Industry Award 2013
- Speaker at AVMA's Diversity Symposium 2011
- AVMA's Spokesperson for Hispanic Market Educational Campaign 2005
- FVMA Gold Star Award 2008 & 2010
- Purina Nestle Pet Care Award 2009
- Bay News 9 Everyday Hero Award 2007
- Bay News 9 Medical Hero of the Year Award 2008
- Humane Society of Polk County Excellence in Service Award 2000
- Girls Inc. " She knows where she is going" Award 2004

## **Community Involvement**

- Organized relief efforts to PR for Hurricane Maria Disaster
- Sustainer Member of Junior League of Greater Winter Haven ( board member 2008-2009)
- Board member and past Treasurer of the Humane Society of Polk County
- Supporter of Women's Resource Center
- Bi-weekly Lakeland Ledger Pet column
- Polk County Jail ministry volunteer
- Good Shepherd's Hospice Spiritual Support Volunteer

