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Fostering Integrity and Trust in Veterinary Care

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Integrity and **trust** are foundational to high-performing veterinary teams. Without them, collaboration breaks down, communication suffers, and outcomes decline.



Five key characteristics of high-integrity, high-trust teams and individuals:

- 1. They demonstrate excellent work ethic
- 2. They deal with conflict properly
- 3. They report unethical or immoral behavior
- 4. They are honest and upfront about shortcomings
- 5. Leaders use their influence responsibly and do not abuse their power

Strengthening your own integrity and trust:

- Practice the behaviors of highperforming teams daily
- Acknowledge when you fall short and commit to improving

Watch out for low trust and integrity:

- Blaming others
- Taking all the credit when things go well
- Confusing preferences with principles
- Taking feedback poorly

Accountability ladder

- Use this tool to reflect on your mindset and behavior
- Moving from victim behaviors to accountable behaviors will help to create a culture of accountability within your team
- As you climb the ladder, you move toward a culture of trust, ownership, and action



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