

## Chapter VE 7

## STANDARDS OF PRACTICE AND UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT FOR VETERINARIANS

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Note: Chapter VE 7 as it existed on September 30, 1989, was repealed and a new chapter VE 7 was created effective October 1, 1989.

**VE 7.01 Definitions.** As used in this chapter:

(1) "Advertising" means to give notice by any means, including but not limited to any circular, card, notice, telephone book listing, magazine, newspaper or other printed material or any communication by radio or television.

(2) "Deception" means:

(a) Claiming to have performed an act or given a treatment which has not in fact been performed or given.

(b) Giving needless treatment.

(c) Using a different treatment than stated.

(3) "Fraud" means:

(a) The making of false claims regarding knowledge, ability, skills or facilities for use in treatment or diagnosis of a disease.

(b) The making of false claims regarding testing, inspecting, reporting or issuing of inter-state, intra-state or export health certificates.

(4) "Gross negligence" means a gross, serious or grave degree of negligence as compared to less serious or more ordinary acts of negligence.

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**VE 7.02 Delegation of veterinary medical acts.** (1) The following acts are limited to those holding a license under ss. 453.06 (1), 453.06 (2m) (a), or 453.072, Stats.; a permit under ss. VE 3.05, 5.03 or 6.02; or active status as a student at a college of veterinary medicine approved by the board, and may not be delegated to or performed by animal technicians or other persons not holding such license or permit:

(a) Diagnosis and prognosis of animal diseases and conditions.

(b) Prescribing of drugs, medicines, treatments and appliances.

(c) Performing surgery.

(2) Except as provided under s. 95.21 (2), Stats., veterinarians may delegate to veterinary students the provision of veterinary medical services under the direct supervision of the veterinarian when the veterinarian is personally present on the premises where the services are provided.

(3) Except as provided under s. 95.21 (2), Stats., veterinarians may delegate to certified animal technicians the provision of the following veterinary medical services under the direct supervision of the veterinarian:

(a) Nonsurgical veterinary treatment of animal diseases and conditions, including administration of vaccines;

(b) Observations and findings related to animal diseases and conditions to be utilized by a veterinarian in establishing a diagnosis or prognosis, including routine radiographs, nonsurgical specimen collection, drawing of blood for diagnostic purposes, and laboratory testing procedures;

(c) Administration of sedatives and presurgical medications;

(d) Obstetrical treatment; and

(e) Nutritional evaluation and counseling.

(4) Veterinarians may delegate to certified animal technicians the provision of the following veterinary medical services under the direct supervision of the veterinarian when the veterinarian is personally present on the premises where the services are provided:

(a) Administration of local or general anesthesia, including induction and monitoring;

(b) Performing diagnostic radiographic contrast studies; and

(c) Dental prophylaxis and extractions.

(5) Veterinarians may delegate to unlicensed assistants the provision of the following veterinary medical services under the direct supervision of the veterinarian:

(a) Basic diagnostic studies, including routine radiographs, nonsurgical specimen collection, and laboratory testing procedures;

(b) Monitoring and reporting to the veterinarian changes in the condition of a hospitalized animal patient, and

(c) Dispensing prescription drugs pursuant to the written order of the veterinarian.

(6) Except as provided under s. 95.21, Stats., veterinarians may delegate to unlicensed assistants the provision of the following veterinary medical services under the direct supervision of the veterinarian when the veterinarian is personally present on the premises where the services are provided:

(a) Nonsurgical veterinary treatment of animal diseases and conditions, including administration of vaccines, and administration of sedatives and presurgical medications;

(b) Observations and findings related to animal diseases and conditions to be utilized by a veterinarian in establishing a diagnosis or prognosis, including the drawing of blood for diagnostic purposes;

(c) Dental prophylaxis; and

(d) Nutritional evaluation and counseling.

(7) Notwithstanding subs. (1) to (6), a veterinary student, certified animal technician or unlicensed assistant employed by a veterinarian may, under the direct supervision of the veterinarian and pursuant to mutually acceptable written protocols, perform evaluative and treatment procedures necessary to provide an appropriate response to life-threatening emergency situations for the purpose of stabilizing the patient pending further treatment.

(8) In delegating the provision of veterinary medical acts to veterinary students, certified animal technicians and others, the veterinarian shall:

(a) Delegate only those tasks commensurate with the education, training, experience and demonstrated abilities of the person supervised;

(b) Provide the supervision required under subs. (2) to (7);

(c) Where the veterinarian is not required to be personally present on the premises where the delegated services are provided, be available at all times for consultation either in person or within 15 minutes of contact by telephone or by two-way radio or television communication;

(d) Observe and monitor the activities of those supervised on a daily basis;

(e) Evaluate the effectiveness of delegated acts performed under supervision on a daily basis;

(f) Establish and maintain a daily log of each delegated patient service which has been provided off the premises of the supervising veterinarian; and

(g) Notify the client that some services may be provided by a veterinary student, certified animal technician or an unlicensed assistant.

**History:** Cr. Register, September, 1989, No. 405, eff. 10-1-89; r. and recr., Register, May, 1994, No. 461, eff. 6-1-94.

**VE 7.03 Records.** (1) A veterinarian shall maintain individual patient records on every patient administered to by the veterinarian other than food and fiber patients for a period of not less than 3 years after the date of the last entry. The veterinarian shall keep individual client records for food and fiber patients for 3 years after the date of the last entry.

(2) The individual patient record shall contain clinical information pertaining to patients other than food and fiber patients with sufficient information to justify the diagnosis and warrant treatment, including information regarding each of the following matters which apply:

(a) Patient identification;

(b) Complaint;

(c) Present illness;

(d) Vaccination record;

(e) History;

(f) Physical examination findings;

(g) Provisional diagnosis;

(h) Clinical laboratory reports;

(i) Radiographic reports;

(j) Consultation (if any);

(k) Treatment — medical, surgical;

(l) Drugs prescribed or dispensed;

(m) Tissue examination report;

(n) Final diagnosis;

(o) Necropsy findings;

(p) Identification of the veterinarian providing the care.

(3) The client record for food and fiber patients shall contain at least the following information which apply:

(a) Client name;

(b) Date;

(c) Type of call;

(d) Number of patients examined;

(e) Individual diagnosis;

(f) Treatment and drugs used;

(g) Drugs dispensed;

(h) Lab work and tests;

(i) Meat or milk withholdings; and

(j) Identification of the veterinarian.

**History:** Cr. Register, September, 1989, No. 405, eff. 10-1-89; am. (1), (2) (intro.), Register, September, 1994, No. 465, eff. 10-1-94.

**VE 7.04 Change of name and address.** Every veterinarian shall notify the board of a change of name or address within 30 days. Failure of notification may result in the loss of license and may result in a forfeiture under s. 440.11 (3), Stats.

**History:** Cr. Register, September, 1989, No. 405, eff. 10-1-89.

**VE 7.05 Display of license.** Each veterinarian shall display a current license in a manner conspicuous to the public view, and shall at all times have evidence of licensure available for inspection when practicing at a remote location.

**History:** Cr. Register, September, 1989, No. 405, eff. 10-1-89.

**VE 7.055 Reinstatement of a lapsed license.** A license expires if not renewed by January 1 of even-numbered years. A licensee who allows the license to expire may apply to the board for reinstatement of the credential as follows:

(1) If the licensee applies for renewal of the license less than 5 years after its expiration, the license shall be re-