

## 24.38.01 – RULES OF THE STATE OF IDAHO BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

### 000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.

This chapter is adopted under the legal authority of Title 54, Chapter 21, Idaho Code. ( )

### 001. SCOPE.

The rules govern the licensing procedures, supervision requirements, standards of practice, inspections, and grounds for discipline of veterinarians, veterinary technicians, Committee on Humane Euthanasia members, and certified euthanasia technicians and agencies. ( )

### ~~003~~002. INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE.

The ~~most current and updated~~ Principles of Veterinary Medical Ethics of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), [as adopted and revised April 2016](#), is incorporated herein by reference in accordance with the provisions of Section 67-5229, Idaho Code.

### ~~004~~003. -- 099. (RESERVED)

## 100. LICENSURE

### 01. CERTIFICATION OF VETERINARY TECHNICIANS.

**a. Certificate Required.** Any person representing themselves as a licensed, registered, or certified veterinary technician, shall hold a valid, unexpired certificate to practice veterinary technology in Idaho. ( )

**b. Application for Certification.** An individual desiring to be certified as a veterinary technician shall make written application, available online, to the Board. ( )

### 02. FOREIGN VETERINARY GRADUATE.

The Board may issue a license to applicants who are graduates of nonaccredited foreign colleges of veterinary medicine who possess a certificate issued by the American Veterinary Medical Association Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG) or a certificate issued by the Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence (PAVE) as administered by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB). ( )

### 03. CERTIFIED EUTHANASIA AGENCY.

In order to be certified to purchase and store approved drugs, certified euthanasia agencies shall be inspected by the Board ( )

### 04. CERTIFIED EUTHANASIA TECHNICIAN.

**a. Training and Examinations.** Qualifying training courses must be sponsored by or affiliated with a veterinary medicine school accredited by the AVMA or be approved by the Board. ( )

### 05. CONTINUING EDUCATION.

A renewing licensee shall report fifteen (15) hours of completed continuing education to the Board. ( )

### 101. -- 199. (RESERVED)

## 200. PRACTICE STANDARDS

### 01. SUPERVISING VETERINARIANS.

**a. A Supervising Veterinarian:** ( )

**i.** Provides direct supervision for all procedures pertaining to the practice of veterinary medicine

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with the exception of: ( )

A. Routine procedures in the practice of veterinary technology performed under indirect supervision of the veterinarian. ( )

B. Previously prescribed medications and vaccines, administered, dispensed, and delivered under the indirect supervision of the veterinarian. This does not include injectable controlled substances, injectable tranquilizers, injectable sedatives, and injectable or inhalant anesthetics, which may only be administered under the direct supervision of the veterinarian. ( )

C. Emergency situations in which the veterinarian, while en route to the location of the distressed animal, may prescribe treatment and delegate appropriate procedures. ( )

b. Examines the patient prior to the delegation of any animal health care task. The examination shall be conducted at such times as acceptable veterinary medical practice dictates, consistent with the particular delegated animal health care task. ( )

c. May allow a certified veterinary technician under direct supervision to perform teeth extraction procedures. ( )

**02. VETERINARIAN/CLIENT/PATIENT RELATIONSHIP.**

A veterinarian/client/patient relationship will exist when: ( )

a. The veterinarian has assumed the responsibility for making medical judgements regarding the health of the animal and the need for medical treatment. ( )

b. There is sufficient knowledge of the animal by the veterinarian to initiate at least a general or preliminary diagnosis of the medical condition of the animal., either by virtue of an examination of the animal, or by medically appropriate visits to the premises where the animals are maintained within a minimum of the last twelve (12) months. ( )

**03. RECORD KEEPING.**

In accordance with the prevailing standard of care, every veterinarian shall maintain detailed medical records of the animals treated. Records shall be readily retrievable to be inspected, duplicated, or submitted when requested by the Board. All records shall be safeguarded against loss, defacement, tampering, and use by unauthorized personnel. If changes are made to any records the records must clearly reflect what the change is, who made the change, when the change was made, and why. Records shall be maintained for a period of three (3) years following the last treatment or examination. Patient medical records shall be maintained for every animal accepted and treated as an individual patient by a veterinarian, or for every animal group (for example, herd, litter, and flock) treated by a veterinarian. ( )

**04. PRESERVATION OF PATIENT'S BODY.**

Where possible preserve for twenty-four (24) hours the body of any patient that dies while in the veterinarian's care until the owner can be contacted, except as otherwise provided by law. The time of contact or attempted contact with the owner shall be documented in the medical record. The veterinarian is allowed to use the usual manner of disposal if the owner has not made pick-up arrangements within twenty-four (24) hours of the documented contact time. ( )

**05. CONSENT FOR TRANSPORTING.**

A veterinarian shall obtain written consent from a patient's owner or other caretaker before transporting a patient to another facility for veterinary medical care or any other reason, unless circumstances qualifying as an emergency do not permit obtaining such consent. ( )

**06. REFUSAL TO RENDER SERVICES.** A veterinarian has the right to refuse to render veterinary medical services for any reason or refuse an owner's request to euthanize a healthy or treatable animal. ( )

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**07. IMMUNIZATION.**

When the primary objective is to protect the patient's health and a professionally acceptable immunization procedure is being sought, an examination is required, unless the animal has been examined within the twelve (12) months, except in the practice of large animal medicine where mass immunizations of animal herds is involved or when immunization is performed by the patient's owner. ( )

**08. RELATIONSHIP.** A veterinarian shall establish a valid veterinarian/client/patient relationship. ( )

**09. DISPENSE AND DISTRIBUTE IN GOOD FAITH.**  
A veterinarian dispensing or distributing any drug or medicine will dispense or distribute such drug or medicine in good faith following the rules of the Idaho Board of Pharmacy. ( )

**10. PROCUREMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF EUTHANASIA DRUGS.**  
In order for a certified euthanasia agency to obtain approved drugs for euthanizing animals and a certified euthanasia technician to administer such drugs: ( )

**a.** A certified euthanasia agency (CEA) shall appoint a person who will be responsible for ordering the approved drugs and who shall submit an application for the agency's registration to the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). The CEA shall also designate a certified euthanasia technician (CET) who will be responsible for the security of the agency's approved drugs. ( )

**b.** Each CET employed by the agency shall apply for a controlled substance registration from the Idaho Board of Pharmacy under their individual name and using the CEA's DEA registration number. ( )

**201. -- 299. (RESERVED)**

**300. DISCIPLINE.**

**01. GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE OF VETERINARY TECHNICIANS.**  
The Board may take administrative action or other discipline against certified veterinary technicians for any action that would otherwise constitute grounds for discipline for a veterinarian under any applicable provision under Section 54-2115, Idaho Code, or Section 54-2118, Idaho Code. ( )

**02. GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE -- CEAS AND CETs.**  
The Board may refuse to issue, renew, or reinstate the certification of a CEA or CET, or may deny, revoke, suspend, sanction, place on probation, or require voluntary surrender of the certification of a CEA or CET, impose other forms of discipline, and enter into consent agreements and negotiated settlements with CEAs and CETs pursuant to the procedures set forth in Title 67, Chapter 52, Idaho Code, for any of the following reasons: ( )

**a.** Allowing uncertified individuals or probationary CETs to euthanize animals or personally euthanizing animals without proper supervision, allowing uncertified individuals or probationary CETs to administer approved drugs or personally administering approved drugs without proper supervision, or allowing individuals or probationary CETs to euthanize animals or personally euthanizing animals without being properly certified to do so. ( )

**b.** The employment of fraud, misrepresentation of a material fact, or deception by an applicant or certificate holder in securing or attempting to secure the issuance or renewal of a certificate. ( )

**c.** Unethical or unprofessional conduct means to knowingly engage in conduct of a character likely to deceive or defraud the public and includes any of the following: ( )

**i.** Working in conjunction with any agency or person illegally practicing as a CEA or CET; ( )

**ii.** Failing to provide sanitary facilities or apply sanitary procedures for the euthanizing of any animal; ( )



**iii.** Euthanizing animals in a manner that endangers the health and welfare of the public. A CET shall not euthanize animals if their ability to practice with reasonable skill and safety is adversely affected by reason of illness, excessive use of alcohol, drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or any other substance or as a result of any mental or physical disability; ( )

**iv.** Gross ignorance, incompetence, or inefficiency in the euthanizing of animals as determined by, but not limited to, the practices generally and currently followed and accepted by persons certified to practice as CETs in Idaho; ( )

**v.** Intentionally performing a duty, task or procedure involved in the euthanizing of animals for which the individual is not qualified; and ( )

**vi.** Swearing falsely in any testimony or affidavits relating to practicing as a CEA or CET. ( )

**d.** Conviction of a charge of violating any federal or state statute or rule or regulation regulating narcotics, dangerous drugs or controlled substances. ( )

**e.** Being found guilty, convicted, placed on probation, having entered a guilty plea that is accepted by the court for any criminal act that in any way is related to practicing as a CEA or CET as defined by Section 54-2103(8) and (9), Idaho Code. ( )

**f.** The revocation, suspension, limitation, or restriction of a license, certificate or registration or any other disciplinary action by another state or U.S. jurisdiction or voluntary surrender of a license, certificate or registration by virtue of which one is licensed, certified or registered to practice as a CEA or CET in that state or jurisdiction on grounds other than nonpayment of the renewal fee. ( )

**g.** Failure of any applicant or certificate holder to cooperate with the Board during any investigation, even if such investigation does not personally concern the applicant or certificate holder; failure to comply with the terms of any order, negotiated settlement, or probationary agreement of the Board; or failure to comply with the terms for certification renewal or to timely pay certification renewal fees. ( )

**h.** Knowingly aiding or abetting an uncertified agency or person to practice as a CEA or CET. ( )

**i.** Practicing as a CEA or CET without a current certification. ( )

**j.** Preparing approved drugs, contrary to manufacturer's instructions. ( )

**k.** Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting or abetting the violation or conspiracy to violate any provisions of the veterinary law and rules or a written order of the Board issued pursuant to Title 54, Chapter 21, Idaho Code, the Idaho Board of Pharmacy law and rules, or the Code of Federal Regulations. ( )

**l.** Failure by the CEA or CET, or both, to make corrections to inspection deficiencies within the time period specified in the notice of deficiency. ( )

**301. -- 399. (RESERVED)**

**400. FEES.**

**01. FEE SCHEDULE.**

Fees are as follows: ( )

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	<b>New</b>	<b>Active Renewal</b>	<b>Inactive Renewal</b>	<b>Late/ Reinstatement</b>	<b>Inactive to Active Fee</b>
Veterinary License	\$275	\$175	\$50	\$200	\$150
Certified Veterinary Technician	\$125	\$75	\$25	\$50	\$50
Certified Euthanasia Agency	\$100	\$200	-	\$50	-
Certified Euthanasia Technician	\$100	\$100	-	\$50	-
Duplicate Wall License Certificate	\$25				
Veterinary License Verification	\$20				

**401. -- 999. (RESERVED)**