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Chapter VE 9

STANDARDS OF PRACTICE AND UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT FOR ANIMAL TECHNICIANS

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**VE 9.01 Prohibited acts.** The following acts are limited to veterinarians and therefore prohibited for animal technicians:

- (1) Diagnosis and prognosis of animal diseases and conditions.
- (2) Prescribing of drugs, medicines, treatments and appliances.
- (3) Performing surgery.

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

**VE 9.02 Standards of practice.** (1) Animal technicians may perform delegated veterinary acts, including treatment, medication, injection, surgical preparation, laboratory procedures and x-ray procedures, providing the acts are performed under the direct supervision of a veterinarian.

(2) In the performance of delegated veterinary acts an animal technician shall:

(a) Accept only those delegated veterinary acts for which there are mutually approved protocols, written standing orders or verbal directions;

(b) Accept only those delegated veterinary acts for which the animal technician is competent to perform based on education, training or experience;

(c) Consult with a veterinarian in cases where the animal technician knows or should know a delegated veterinary act may harm a patient; and

(d) Administer local or general anesthesia only when a veterinarian is physically present in the immediate area to provide emergency care if the need arises.

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**VE 9.03 Change of name and address.** Every animal technician shall notify the board of a change of name or address within 30 days. Failure of notification may result in the loss of certificate and may result in a fine under s. 440.11 (3), Stats.

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**VE 9.04 Display of certificate.** Each animal technician shall display a current certificate in a manner conspicuous to the public view.

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**VE 9.05 Unprofessional conduct.** The following acts constitute unprofessional conduct by an animal technician and are prohibited:

- (1) Performing as an animal technician unless under the direct supervision of a veterinarian.
- (2) Misrepresentation in obtaining an animal technician certificate or in performing as an animal technician.
- (3) Conduct in the practice of animal technology which evidences a lack of knowledge or ability to apply professional principles or skills.
- (4) Gross negligence while performing as an animal technician. Gross negligence shall have the meaning specified in s. VE 7.01 (4).
- (5) The personal use, misuse or sale other than for medical treatment of patients, of drugs listed in the U.S. controlled substances act of 1970, as amended, or ch. 161, Stats. 1977, other than drugs prescribed by a physician for use by the animal technician.
- (6) Practicing or attempting to practice while the animal technician has a physical or mental impairment, including impairment related to drugs or alcohol, which is reasonably related to the applicant's ability to adequately undertake the practice of animal technology in a manner consistent with the safety of a patient or the public.
- (7) Being convicted of a crime the circumstances of which substantially relate to the practice of animal technology.
- (8) Violating or aiding and abetting the violation of any law or administrative rule substantially related to the practice of animal technology.
- (9) Having an animal technician certificate limited, suspended or revoked or subject to any other disciplinary action in another state or U.S. jurisdiction.
- (10) Accepting fees for animal health care services from a client.
- (11) Practicing under an expired certificate.

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**VE 9.06 Board action.** The board may reprimand the certificate holder or deny, suspend, limit or revoke the certificate of any person to practice animal technology who engages in any of the acts prohibited by this chapter.

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