

Chapter VE 1

AUTHORITY AND DEFINITIONS

VE 1.01 Authority.

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VE 1.01 Authority. Rules in chs. [VE 1](#) to [9](#) are adopted under authority of ss. [15.08 \(5\) \(b\)](#), [89.03](#), and [227.11 \(2\) \(a\)](#), Stats.

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VE 1.02 Definitions. As used in chs. [VE 1](#) to [11](#):

(1) “Accredited college or university” means an educational institution that is accredited by a regional or national accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

(1e) “Approved veterinary college” means a veterinary college which is AVMA accredited or approved and which is approved by the board at its annual review of veterinary colleges.

(1m) “AVMA” means the American veterinary medical association.

(2) “Board” means the veterinary examining board.

Note: The board office is located at 2811 Agriculture Drive, P.O. Box 8911, Madison, Wisconsin 53708-8911.

(3) “Client” means the person who owns or who has primary responsibility for the care of a patient.

(3m) “Complementary, alternative, and integrative therapies” includes a heterogeneous group of preventive, diagnostic, and therapeutic philosophies and practices. These therapies include:

(a) Veterinary acupuncture, acupressure, and acupressure.

(b) Veterinary homeopathy.

(c) Veterinary manual or manipulative therapy, i.e., therapies based on techniques practiced in osteopathy, chiropractic medicine, or physical medicine and therapy.

(d) Veterinary nutraceutical therapy.

(e) Veterinary phytotherapy.

(4) “Department” means the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection.

(5) “Direct supervision” means immediate availability to continually coordinate, direct and inspect personally the practice of another.

(6) “License” means a document issued to a person by the board, after the person has met the requirements of ss. [89.06 \(1\)](#), [89.06 \(2m\) \(a\)](#), or [89.072](#), Stats., signifying that the person has met the statutory requirements to practice veterinary medicine in this state.

(7) “Patient” means an animal that is examined or treated by a veterinarian.

(9) “Surgery” means any procedure in which the skin or tissue of the patient is penetrated or severed but does not include any of the following:

(a) Activities not considered the practice of veterinary medicine, as follows:

1. Activities identified in s. [89.05 \(2\) \(a\)](#) and [\(b\)](#), Stats.

2. Subcutaneous insertion of a microchip for identifying an animal.

3. Ear tag or tattoo placement for identifying an animal.

4. Euthanasia by injection.

(b) Activities considered the practice of veterinary medicine, but which a veterinarian may delegate to a certified veterinary technician, as specified in s. [VE 7.02 \(4\)](#), as follows:

1. Simple dental extractions that require minor manipulation and minimal elevation.

2. Administration of injections, including local and general anesthesia.

3. Sample collection via a cystocentesis procedure.

4. Placement of intravenous and arterial catheters.

5. Suturing of tubes and catheters.

6. Fine needle aspirate of a mass.

7. Performing amniocentesis, embryo collection and transfer, follicular aspiration, and transvaginal oocyte collection and recovery on livestock.

(10) “Unlicensed assistant” means a person not holding a license, permit or certificate issued by the board.

(11) “Veterinarian–client–patient relationship” has the meaning set forth at s. [89.02 \(8\)](#), Stats.

(12) “Veterinary prescription drug” has the meaning set forth at s. [89.02 \(11\)](#), Stats.

(13) “Veterinary student” means a person enrolled in an approved veterinary college in a curriculum leading to a doctor of veterinary medicine degree.

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