

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE NEVADA STATE
BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§1-4, NRS 638.070.

Section 1. Chapter 638 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this regulation.

Sec. 2. 1. *A veterinary facility shall not advertise or otherwise represent to the public that it is an emergency facility or that it is a facility that provides veterinary service 24 hours a day unless the facility has a licensed veterinarian on the premises at all times during its hours of operation.*

2. A veterinary facility that advertises or otherwise represents to the public that it is an emergency facility must state in its advertising in a clear and conspicuous manner:

(a) The hours that the facility provides emergency service;

(b) That a licensed veterinarian is on the premises during the hours that the facility provides emergency service; and

(c) The address and telephone number of the facility.

3. If continuing care of the patient is required following the provision of emergency service, the emergency facility shall provide the client with a legible copy of the medical records of the patient or shall send a copy of such records directly to the veterinarian who will provide the continuing care.

4. As used in this section, “emergency facility” means a facility that:

(a) Provides veterinary medical service;

(b) Primarily receives, treats and monitors patients who need emergency service; and

(c) Has a licensed veterinarian on the premises at all times during its hours of operation.

Sec. 3. *A veterinary facility that provides on-call emergency service shall:*

1. Have a licensed veterinarian on-call who is able to respond within a reasonable time to a request for emergency service at the facility during the hours that the facility provides such services;

2. Include in a clear and conspicuous manner in all of its advertising:

(a) The term “on-call”;

(b) The hours that the facility provides emergency service; and

(c) The address and telephone number of the facility; and

3. Not indicate or imply in its advertising that it provides veterinary medical services 24 hours a day.

Sec. 4. NAC 638.0645 is hereby repealed.

TEXT OF REPEALED SECTION

638.0645 Emergency veterinary hospitals; 24-hour emergency veterinary hospitals.

1. A 24-hour emergency veterinary hospital must have an attending veterinarian on the premises at all times, including legal holidays. Professional services may be provided through

cooperative agreements between veterinary facilities and 24-hour emergency veterinary hospitals.

2. If an emergency veterinary hospital does not have an attending veterinarian on the premises at all times, the hospital must have the words “veterinarian on call” appear on all forms of advertising.

3. As used in this section:

(a) “Emergency veterinary hospital” means an animal hospital which provides emergency treatment to an ill or injured animal.

(b) A “24-hour emergency veterinary hospital” includes veterinary facilities which utilize the terms “Emergency Hospital,” “Open 24 hours,” “Day or Night Care” or other phrases implying continuously available treatment.