

**REVISED 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: §§1-5, NRS 638.070; §6, NRS 453.375, 638.070 and 638.124.

**Section 1.** Chapter 638 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2, 3 and 4 of this regulation.

**Sec. 2.** *“Unlicensed veterinary assistant” means a person who has less training, knowledge and skills than a licensed veterinary technician and whose basic tasks include, without limitation, feeding, watering, bathing, restraining, transporting and exercising animals.*

**Sec. 3. 1.** *An unlicensed veterinary assistant shall perform his duties under the immediate, direct or indirect supervision of a veterinarian or a licensed veterinary technician.*

*2. The supervising veterinarian is responsible for determining the competency of the unlicensed veterinary assistant to perform delegated tasks of animal health care.*

**Sec. 4. 1.** *An unlicensed veterinary assistant in an animal hospital may perform the following tasks under immediate supervision:*

*(a) Assisting a licensed veterinarian in surgery.*

*(b) Application of bandages.*

*(c) Collection of laboratory specimen for analysis of blood.*

*(d) Collection of tissue during or after a post-mortem examination by a licensed veterinarian.*

*2. An unlicensed veterinary assistant in an animal hospital may perform the following tasks under immediate or direct supervision:*

*(a) Blood administration with a pre-placed catheter.*

*(b) Monitoring of vital signs.*

*(c) Administration of electrocardiogram.*

*(d) Introduction of food into the stomach through a pre-placed tube.*

*(e) Ear cleaning.*

*(f) Positioning of animals for X-rays.*

*(g) Operation of X-ray machines.*

*(h) Starting and restarting of intravenous fluids through a pre-placed intravenous catheter.*

*(i) Administration of intramuscular, subcutaneous or intravenous injections with a pre-placed catheter.*

*(j) Physical examination.*

*3. An unlicensed veterinary assistant in an animal hospital may perform the following tasks under immediate, direct or indirect supervision:*

*(a) Administration of oral and topical medications, except controlled substances.*

*(b) Collection of a laboratory specimen for analysis of free catch urine or feces, skin, parasites and microorganisms.*

**Sec. 5.** NAC 638.001 is hereby amended to read as follows:

638.001 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NAC 638.003 to 638.0185, inclusive, *and section 2 of this regulation* have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

**Sec. 6.** NAC 638.053 is hereby amended to read as follows:

638.053 1. A licensed veterinary technician may not perform the following tasks of animal health care:

- (a) Surgery.
- (b) Diagnosis and prognosis of animal diseases.
- (c) Except as authorized by a veterinarian, prescribe, administer or dispense drugs, medicines or appliances.
- (d) Any other activity which represents the practice of veterinary medicine or which requires the knowledge, skill and training of a licensed veterinarian.

2. A licensed veterinary technician in an animal hospital may perform the following tasks under immediate supervision : ~~{only:}~~

- (a) Application of casts and splints.
- (b) Dental extractions.
- (c) Induction of anesthesia.
- (d) Assisting a licensed veterinarian in surgery.
- (e) Euthanasia.

3. A licensed veterinary technician in an animal hospital may perform the following tasks under immediate or direct supervision:

- (a) Endotracheal intubation.
- (b) Blood administration ~~{}~~ *with a pre-placed catheter.*

- (c) Fluid aspiration ~~[ ]~~ *from a body cavity*.
- (d) Monitoring of vital signs.
- (e) Application of casts for the immobilization of fractures.
- (f) Tasks listed in subsection 4, if the animal is anesthetized.
- (g) External noninvasive ultrasonography.

4. A licensed veterinary technician in an animal hospital may perform the following tasks under *immediate, direct or* indirect supervision : ~~[, unless the animal is anesthetized:]~~

- (a) Teeth cleaning.
- (b) Administration of enemas.
- (c) Administration of an electrocardiogram.
- (d) Application of bandages.
- (e) Catheterization of an unobstructed bladder.
- (f) Introduction of food into the stomach through a *pre-placed* tube.
- (g) Ear flushing.
- (h) Positioning of animals for X-rays.
- (i) Operation of X-ray machines.
- (j) Administration of oral and rectal radio-opaque materials.
- (k) Administration of oral and topical medications ~~[ ]~~, *including controlled substances*.
- (l) Starting and restarting of intravenous fluids.
- (m) Collection of a laboratory specimen for analysis, including, but not limited to, blood, urine, skin, parasites and microorganisms.
- (n) Collection of tissue during or after a post-mortem examination by a licensed veterinarian.

(o) Administration of intramuscular, subcutaneous or intravenous injections ~~[ ]~~ *through a pre-placed catheter.*

FLUSH No examination within the previous 12 hours is required for the collection of laboratory specimens.