

LCB File No. R088-07

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

Explanation-Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted

AUTHORITY: NRS 638.070

Section 1. NAC chapter 638 shall be amended to add the following new language:

“Consultant” defined. Consultant means a veterinarian licensed in another state who gives advice or demonstrates techniques to a licensed Nevada veterinarian or group of licensed Nevada veterinarians. A consulting veterinarian shall not utilize this privilege to circumvent the law.

Section 2. NAC 638.0448 shall be amended to add the following new language:

- 1. Persons licensed under the provisions of NRS 638 and its implementing NAC 638, who are full-time regular employees of institutions registered with or licensed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in accordance with the Federal Animal Welfare Act and Animal Welfare Regulations [USC Title 7 (Agriculture), Chapter 54 (Transportation, Sale, and Handling of Certain Animals), Sections 2131-2159 inclusive], may conduct animal care and veterinary procedures not covered by their license provided that the animals involved are owned by the institution and such activities are compliant with the provisions of the Animal Welfare Act and Animal Welfare Regulations, except that all vaccinations for zoonotic diseases must be administered by a licensed veterinarian or a person under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.*
- 2. At governmental animal control agencies and animal welfare organizations, chartered under the provisions of NRS 574 that have received approval from the Board, licensed*

veterinary technicians who are full-time regular employees may accomplish the following tasks in accordance with written protocols established by the attending veterinarian prior to the animal being examined by a veterinarian.

- (a) Obtain initial vital signs when an animal enters the institution's custody;*
- (b) Application of bandages;*
- (c) Administer topical and oral medications, except controlled substances and intravenous fluids;*
- (d) Collect clinical specimens;*
- (e) Administer vaccinations by injection or nasal installation except vaccinations for zoonotic diseases and;*
- (f) Implant subcutaneous identification microchips*

3. At governmental animal control agencies and animal welfare organizations chartered under the provisions of NRS 574 that have received approval from the Board, licensed euthanasia technicians who are full-time regular employees may accomplish the following tasks in accordance with written protocols established by the attending veterinarian prior to the animal being examined by a veterinarian.

Section 3. NAC 638.053 shall be amended as follows:

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 may perform the following tasks under the immediate supervision of a supervising veterinarian:

(a) Application of casts for the immobilization of fractures.

(b) ~~{Dental extractions.}~~ *Removal of teeth that have extreme mobility and stage 4 periodontal disease.*

(c) Induction of anesthesia.

(d) Assisting a licensed veterinarian in surgery.

(e) Euthanasia.

(f) Fluid aspiration from a body cavity.

Section 4. NAC 638.505 shall be amended as follows:

A euthanasia technician:

1. Is responsible for the area used for euthanasia.

2. Shall supervise and communicate with a handler who is aiding in the euthanasia

3. *May implant subcutaneous identification microchips in an animal after participating in board approved training.*

Section 5. NAC 638.610 shall be amended as follows:

VACCINATION CLINICS/***VACCINATIONS***

NAC 638.610 Requirements for examination of animals. (NRS 638.070)

1. An examination conducted to determine whether an animal may be vaccinated at a vaccination clinic ***or a veterinary facility*** must include, without limitation, an examination of the temperature, pulse and respiration of the animal to determine:

(a) The presence of any respiratory, intestinal or other organ disease that may affect the efficacy of the vaccine; and

(b) Whether the hydration of the animal is normal.

2. A medical record of the examination must be kept pursuant to NAC 638.0475.

NAC 638.620 Examination of animal by veterinarian required before administration of vaccination. (NRS 638.070)

1. A veterinarian who administers vaccines at a vaccination clinic *or a veterinary facility* shall, before he administers a vaccination to an animal, conduct a physical examination of that animal pursuant to NAC 638.610.

2. If, after conducting an examination of the animal, the veterinarian determines that a condition exists that would cause harm to the animal if the vaccine were administered, he shall:

(a) Not administer the vaccine; and

(b) Direct the owner of the animal to contact a veterinarian for treatment of the animal.