

Informational Statement Form (R116-23)

The following statement is submitted for adopted amendments to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 638.

1. A clear and concise explanation of the need for the adopted regulation.

The purpose of R116-23 is to update, streamline, and clarify the scope of practice for licensed veterinary technicians to better serve veterinary practice, including, the public who would benefit from the modifications made within the regulations. The changes better reflect the education and abilities of Licensed Veterinary Technicians (LVTs), Veterinary Technicians in Training (VTITs), Veterinary Assistants (VAs) and their skills.

2. A description of how public comment was solicited, a summary of public response, and an explanation how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

Copies of the proposed regulations, notices of workshop and notices of intent to act upon the regulation were sent by U.S. mail and email to persons that had specifically requested such notice, posted online at nvvetboard.nv.gov, notice.nv.gov, the physical locations listed below.

Additionally, copies of the proposed regulations, notices of workshop, and notice of intent to act upon the regulation were emailed to each licensee and registrant that holds an active or inactive license in Nevada as well as posted online at nvvetboard.nv.gov, notice.nv.gov, the physical locations listed below.

The notice of intent to act was posted online at nvvetboard.nv.gov, notice.nv.gov, the physical locations listed below.

Grant Sawyer Building
555 E. Washington Blvd., Suite 4900
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

Sierra View Library
4001 S. Virginia St.
Reno, NV 89502

Legislative Building
401 South Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89710

Clark County Library
1401 E. Flamingo Rd.
Las Vegas, NV 89119

A workshop was held at the quarterly meeting of the Board on October 12, 2023, in Las Vegas, Nevada. The meeting was held in-person and through videoconference. Attached hereto are the minutes summarizing the discussions held regarding the proposed amendments. Thereafter, December 15, 2023, Executive Director Jennifer Pedigo issued a Notice of Intent to Act Upon a Regulation, and a Public Hearing was held January 18, 2024, which incorporated in the proposed

amendments the suggestions of the parties attending the October 12th workshop. Thereafter, the Board held an additional Public Hearing on February 8, 2024, to solicit additional comment on the regulation.

(a) Attended each workshop/hearing:

- October 12, 2023: 44
- January 18, 2024: 8
- February 8, 2024: 2

(b) Testified at each workshop/hearing:

- October 12, 2023: 1
- January 18, 2024: 1
- February 8, 2024: 0

(c) Submitted to the agency written comments:

Written comments are included under 'Exhibit B' that were provided prior to the October 12, 2023 workshop. No other written comments were submitted in response to the additional meetings of the Board.

3. A list of names and contact information, including telephone number, business address, business telephone number, electronic mail address, and name of entity or organization represented, for each person identified above in #3, as provided to the agency.

Please refer to the attached documents listed under Exhibit A.

4. A description of how comment was solicited from affected businesses, a summary of their response, and an explanation how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

Refer to the response to question number 2.

5. If the regulation was adopted without changing any part of the proposed regulation, a summary of the reasons for adopting the regulation without change.

The permanent regulation was adopted on February 8, 2024, and included the changes suggested at the October, 2023 workshop as well as the changes proposed in the January, 2024 hearing.

6. The estimated economic effect of the adopted regulation on the businesses which it is to regulate and on the public. These must be stated separately, and each case must include:

- (a) Both adverse and beneficial effects; and**
- (b) Both immediate and long-term effects.**

(a) Both adverse and beneficial effects

Adverse effects: None

Beneficial effects: No fee changes are proposed in R116-23 so there is no business impact. The Board does expect that the modified and more accurate utilization of licensed staff in veterinary practices will enhance fiscal efficiencies both for the veterinary business and the public.

(b) Both immediate and long-term effects.

Immediate effects: The immediate effect will be more accessible and will be better suited towards the public and licensees who refer to the chapter regularly for guidance in the practice of veterinary medicine-specifically the responsibilities and supervision requirements for veterinary staff. The aim is to update the scope of practice to allow these licensees to better utilize their skills and serve what is a growing population of the public needing care for their pets.

Long-Term: The long-term effect is that these changes will ensure that the public and licensees have more information about their rights and responsibilities that are contained therein. The update to the scope of practice will assist in better utilizing the skills of licensed staff in veterinary practice. The Board would be able to better support licensees and help facilities retain staff, reduce wait time for receiving care for their pet, adapt to the increasing needs of pet patients, and reduce burnout rates.

7. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the adopted regulation.

There is no additional cost to the agency for enforcement of this regulation.

8. A description of any regulations of other state or government agencies which the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the name of the regulating federal agency.

There are no other regulations that the proposed regulation duplicates.

9. If the regulation includes provisions that are more stringent than a federal regulation which regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions.

There are no more stringent federal regulations which regulate the same activity.

10. If the regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used.

This regulation does not provide a new fee or increase an existing fee.

Exhibit A

Regulation Workshop 10-12-2023					
	Attendee	Service Type	Start Date and Time	End Date and Time	Duration
1	+1(775) 271-1716 - PIOCHE NV	Toll	10/12/2023 9:23	10/12/2023 9:27	5m
2	+1(386) 785-4758 - ROBERT LOOSE	Toll	10/12/2023 9:28	10/12/2023 11:38	131m
3	+1(702) 262-7072 - LAS VEGAS VETER	Toll	10/12/2023 9:28	10/12/2023 10:31	63m
4	+1(702) 461-1471 - PENNELL,JON	Toll	10/12/2023 11:22	10/12/2023 11:23	2m
5	+1(702) 624-2556 - KAC CONSULTING	Toll	10/12/2023 13:40	10/12/2023 13:41	1m
6	+1(757) 373-4449 - KAREN KOLBER	Toll	10/12/2023 9:36	10/12/2023 11:10	95m
	+1(757) 373-4449 - KAREN KOLBER	Toll	10/12/2023 11:20	10/12/2023 11:39	19m
7	+1(775) 781-5810 - LANGTIMM LAWREN	Toll	10/12/2023 9:35	10/12/2023 9:38	3m
8	Abney Brown - abneybrown@yahoo.com	Video	10/12/2023 9:33	10/12/2023 9:41	8m
	Abney Brown - abneybrown@yahoo.com	Video	10/12/2023 9:41	10/12/2023 10:18	37m
	Abney Brown - abneybrown@yahoo.com	Video	10/12/2023 10:18	10/12/2023 11:38	81m
9	Amanda Estrada - +1 (267) 915-9340	VoIP	10/12/2023 9:41	10/12/2023 10:33	52m
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	Amanda Estrada - amandae.36@gmail.com	Video	10/12/2023 9:26	10/12/2023 9:42	17m
	Amanda Estrada - amandae.36@gmail.com	Video	10/12/2023 9:43	10/12/2023 10:26	44m
10	Beth Venit - evenit@aavsb.org	Video	10/12/2023 9:34	10/12/2023 9:37	3m
	Beth Venit - evenit@aavsb.org	Video	10/12/2023 9:47	10/12/2023 9:51	4m
11	Brenda Borelli - vegasdobes@aol.com	VoIP	10/12/2023 9:32	10/12/2023 13:58	266m
	Brenda Borelli - vegasdobes@aol.com	Video	10/12/2023 9:32	10/12/2023 13:58	221m
12	Christine Bewley - +1 (267) 944-9082	VoIP	10/12/2023 13:04	10/12/2023 13:59	55m
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13	Daniel Gutman - daniel@vetama.com	VoIP	10/12/2023 9:32	10/12/2023 11:41	129m
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35	Dennis Olsen, dennis.olsen@csn.edu	In-Person	10/12/2023		
36	AJ Schaffer yswimmer29@yahoo.com	In-Person	10/12/2023		
37	Faith Adkissan 7117 Longhorn Cattle St. NV	In-Person	10/12/2023		
38	Jacqueline Lainez 520 N. Wallace St.	In-Person	10/12/2023		
39	Adriana King ammadrid86@gmail.com	In-Person	10/12/2023		
40	Kaylynn Wulff haywulff@gmail.com	In-Person	10/12/2023		
41	Karyme Martinez martinezkarme90@gmail.com	In-Person	10/12/2023		
42	Teagan Miles luckybennybunny@yahoo.com	In-Person	10/12/2023		
43	Lauren Rock laruenrock29@live.ca	In-Person	10/12/2023		
44	Michelle Wagner, nevadavma@sbcglobal.net	In-Person	10/12/2023	Nevada Veterinary Medical Association	

Regulation Adoption Hearing 1-18-2024

	Caller	Service Typ	Start Date and Time	End Date and Time	Duration
1	Patricia Weckerly - p.weckerly@gmail.com	VoIP	1/18/2024 9:04	1/18/2024 10:02	58m
2	DAHL TIMOTHY - +1(949) 579-0208	VoIP	1/18/2024 10:43	1/18/2024 10:54	11m
3	Rebecca Goff - rgoff@humanesociety.org	VoIP	1/18/2024 12:09	1/18/2024 13:28	80m
4	Timothy Dahl - timdahl1@gmail.com	Video	1/18/2024 10:43	1/18/2024 10:54	11m
5	Rene Yurshunas rene_j_yurushunas@yahoo.com	In-Person	1/18/2024		
6	Sean and Liz Brickley lizbrickley@gmail.com				
7	Jen Vittori jmhylin@hotmail.com				
8	Michelle Wagner nevadavma@sbcglobal.net				

Regulation Adoption Hearing 2-8-2024

	Caller	Service Type	Start Date and Time	End Date and Time	Duration
1	Jon Pennell - jonrpenn@gmail.com	VoIP	2/8/2024 9:52	2/8/2024 10:27	35m
2	+1(301) 467-8537 - JUSTIN DIETZ	Toll	2/8/2024 9:54	2/8/2024 10:21	27m
3	+1(702) 370-2013 - LAS VEGAS NV	Toll	2/8/2024 10:01	2/8/2024 10:28	27m

Exhibit B

Board Meeting Oct 12th

Erika Fauth <erikacfauth@gmail.com>

Tue 10/10/2023 9:14 AM

To: Jennifer Pedigo <vetbdinfo@vetboard.nv.gov>

Jennifer,

I am unable to attend the meeting on October 12th as I will be working that day, but I wanted to send a letter in favor of veterinarian ambulances/transport services (please see below).

To Whom It May Concern:

VETAMA has been helping with our lack of adequate animal transport service for the past few months and truly without them, I can only imagine the amount of animals that would not make it to an emergency/critical care facility for appropriate treatment. They have experience and offer knowledgeable care during a very crucial time. I hope that the board can see that Las Vegas needs this type of service I hope to see it flourish and become something even bigger and better as a service to our community.

Thank you for your consideration,

Dr. Erika Fauth

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Concerns and Recommendations Regarding Proposed Legislation for LVTs Practicing Animal Rehabilitation

Juleanne Crumley <jcrumley5203@gmail.com

10 October 2023

Nevada Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners 4600 Kietzke Lane Building 0, Suite 265 Reno, NV 89502

Dear Members of the Veterinary Board of Medical Examiners,

I hope this letter finds you in good health. As a dedicated animal physical therapist specializing in rehabilitation, I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed legislation that may impact the practice of veterinary technicians (LVTs) engaging in animal rehabilitation with indirect supervision. I believe that, while this initiative may have the potential to benefit animals, it is crucial to establish clear guidelines and educational requirements to ensure their safety and well-being.

I understand that the intention behind this legislation is to expand the services available to animals and to utilize the skills of LVTs effectively. However, I urge the Veterinary Board to consider the following recommendations before implementing this proposed legislation:

Further Education Requirement: In order to perform animal rehabilitation effectively and safely, LVTs should be required to obtain additional education beyond their initial veterinary technician training. This education should be specific to animal rehabilitation and may include programs like Certified Canine Rehabilitation Practitioner (CCRP) from institutions such as Northeast Seminars and the University of Tennessee, Certified Canine Rehabilitation Veterinary Nurse (CCRVN) from the Canine Rehabilitation Institute, or Certified Canine Athlete Trainer (CCAT) from the NCSU VetCe program. These specialized programs provide comprehensive knowledge and hands-on training specific to animal rehabilitation, ensuring a higher standard of care.

Change in Terminology: Consider changing the term "animal physical therapy" to "animal rehabilitation" to prevent any potential conflicts with human physical therapy regulations. This change will clearly distinguish the practice and reduce confusion or complications.

Complete Referral and Diagnosis: To ensure the safety and appropriateness of rehabilitation for each patient, a complete referral from a veterinarian should be required. This referral should include a diagnosis and specific treatment parameters, allowing for targeted rehabilitation efforts. The LVT should only proceed with rehabilitation based on this referral.

Mandatory Veterinarian Involvement: A mandatory requirement should be established, ensuring that a veterinarian must see the animal within 30 days of the initiation of animal

rehabilitation. This provision will enable ongoing veterinary oversight and allow for adjustments in the rehabilitation plan if necessary. Veterinarians possess the expertise to diagnose and treat underlying medical conditions, which is critical for a comprehensive rehabilitation approach.

Differential Diagnosis Training: To provide safe and effective animal rehabilitation, LVTs should receive training in differential diagnosis. This training will enable them to recognize potential complications or new issues that may arise during rehabilitation, allowing for timely intervention and coordination with the supervising veterinarian.

These recommendations aim to strike a balance between expanding the scope of practice for LVTs in animal rehabilitation and maintaining the highest standards of care and safety for our animal patients. It is my sincere hope that the Veterinary Board of Medical Examiners will take these considerations into account when finalizing the proposed legislation.

I am available to discuss these recommendations further, participate in discussions, or provide additional information as needed. Your dedication to ensuring the welfare of animals is greatly appreciated, and I believe that together, we can establish a framework that benefits both animals and the professionals who care for them.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Jules

Juleanne Crumley, PT, APT, CCRP NV 1835, NVAPT 010, Certified Canine Rehabilitation Practitioner

Further Concerns and Recommendations Regarding Passed Legislation for Laser Treatments completed by Veterinary Assistants

Juleanne Crumley <jcrumley5203@gmail.com>

10 October 2023

Nevada Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
4600 Kietzke Lane Building O, Suite 265
Reno, NV 89502

Dear Members of the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners,

I hope this letter finds you well. I would like to bring to your attention additional concerns related to the use of laser therapy by veterinary assistants.

As a dedicated animal physical therapist with extensive experience in both human and canine rehabilitation, I believe it is essential to ensure that laser therapy, a valuable modality in rehabilitation, is administered safely and effectively. Veterinary assistants, if allowed to perform laser treatments, should be subject to specific educational requirements to guarantee the well-being of animals under their care.

In addition to the recommendations I previously outlined, I strongly encourage the Veterinary Board to consider the following requirements for veterinary assistants administering laser therapy:

Education and Training: Veterinary assistants should be required to complete a formal education and training program specific to laser therapy. This program should cover indications, contraindications, anatomy, proper dosing, and informed consent procedures for laser therapy. A comprehensive understanding of these aspects is crucial to ensure safe and effective treatment.

Troubleshooting Skills: Veterinary assistants should be trained in troubleshooting laser equipment in case of malfunctions or technical issues. This knowledge is essential to prevent harm to animals and ensure that laser treatments are administered without interruption.

By incorporating these additional requirements, we can ensure that laser therapy is administered by veterinary assistants with the necessary knowledge and skills to do so safely and effectively, further benefiting the animals we care for.

I appreciate your attention to these matters, and I remain committed to collaborating with the Veterinary Board to establish regulations that prioritize the welfare of our animal patients while providing opportunities for dedicated professionals in the field of animal rehabilitation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jules

Juleanne Crumley, PT, APT, CCRP
NVPT 1835, NVAPT 010, Certified Canine Rehabilitation Practitioner

To whom it may concern,

My name is Michael Valle, I am an emergency veterinarian that has been working at Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care (VECC) in Las Vegas, Nevada for the past year. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the meeting on October 12th, but I am writing this letter in support of Lauren Rock, Bristina Stanfield and Vetama. During my time at VECC I've had the pleasure of working with many talented veterinary nurses including both Lauren and Bristina. I've witnessed first hand how dedicated they are to providing the highest level of veterinary care to patients in the Las Vegas area both at VECC and with Vetama.

Before Vetama arrived in our area, owners would be in charge of transporting unstable patients to and from different veterinary practices, often times to VECC for continued care. When a patient is unstable and requires advanced care, VECC is the best place for them to be. The biggest obstacle has been getting patients to our hospital as safely as possible. Vetama has begun to tackle that issue and I strongly believe Lauren and Bristina have changed veterinary medicine in our city for the better by offering a transportation service.

I have witnessed them both, as well as their employees Renae Hart and Janet Cuik providing emergency transportation of unstable patients at all hours of the day and night. They work tirelessly to provide emergency services as effectively and efficiently as possible and this has led to lives being saved. I believe that the services that Vetama offer are vital and should be considered a standard in veterinary medicine. I hope to one day see veterinary ambulances across the country providing emergency services and stabilization to patients that need it the most.

Ambulances have provided emergency transport and services in the United States since 1865. It is about time veterinary medicine caught up and offered these services to our animal companions. I believe no two people are better suited to bring this service to our area than Lauren and Bristina. If you would like to speak with me in regards to this matter my contact information has been provided below.

Thank you for your time,

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Jennifer Pedigo

From: Peron Graeber <peron.graeber@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2023 8:42 AM
To: therockwildlifefoundation@gmail.com; Jennifer Pedigo
Subject: Vetama Veterinary Ambulance Services

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you to give my support of The Rock Wildlife Foundation and Sanctuary and Vetama Veterinary Ambulance services. I am an ECC veterinary resident at Veterinary Emergency + Critical Care/ Las Vegas Veterinary Specialty hospital. I believe that Vetama Veterinary Ambulance services are providing a much needed service to the community. Oxygen transport can be crucial in critical respiratory patients. As a veterinarian working in emergency medicine, their service has been crucial in allowing myself, the other emergency doctors and the LVTs to be better prepared for what is about to come through the door. Their service has helped to cut down the time it would normally take to emergently intubate, sedate and overall save the lives of the patients who come through our doors.

Without the services provided by The Rock Wildlife Foundation and Vetama, many lives of our veterinary patients could be impacted negatively.

I am happy to answer any questions about my personal experiences with this service.
Feel free to contact me anytime.

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From: LINDA WEATHERTON <sweetrok@aol.com>
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To: Jennifer Pedigo
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Subject: Animal Transportation for board meeting 10/12

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To the Nevada Veterinary Board:

In regards to Section 12. NAC. Ch. 638: Animal Transportation

It is my feeling that having a transportation service in the city of Las Vegas is desperately needed and has already been utilized by many hospitals. Our goal is to provide optimum patient care. This often times requires transport of a patient to a facility that can offer more treatment modalities.

Many patients require oxygen transport to a tertiary facility that can supply more advanced care such as high flow oxygen and mechanical ventilation. Without the aid of a transport service- most patient will not make it to a tertiary hospital. It also puts undo emotional strain on owners who are trying to transport dyspneic patients elsewhere.

In my opinion, support of such a service should be considered and the state work with such a business entity to expand that service.

I feel that the updated definition of "animal transportation services" is fair in that oxygen delivery to a patient is the primary reason for most transports. I don't feel supplying oxygen therapy should prohibit a licensed veterinary technician from engaging in that service and having to risk their LVT license.

I am happy to discuss further.

Thank you.

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From: Amanda Patanaphan <apatnap@gmail.com>
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Good evening,

I hope this email finds you well. I wanted to submit to you my excellent experience with Vetama Veterinary Ambulance. I unfortunately and rather unexpectedly had to use their services at approximately 4:30 am on Monday (October 9) when my 100 lb dog Nox's health took such a turn that he could no longer walk or go to the bathroom. Vetama was prompt and affordable, and was able to assist Nox in getting to the emergency health clinic before it closed at 6 am. I unfortunately live by myself and am unable to pick Nox up myself. Because of Vetama's services, I was able to get Nox to the emergency clinic for a little relief before I held him for the last time. Vetama was a lifesaver when I needed it most. I hope that this will assist your consideration and I thank you again Vetama for being there when Nox and I needed you most.

Thank you,

Amanda Patanaphan

Dear Nevada State Veterinary Board Members,

We are very excited to see these new changes being presented for consideration by the board to broaden the scope of practice for our Licensed Veterinary Technicians and Veterinary Assistants.

We are in favor of our LVT's to be able to perform internal anal glands under immediate, direct, or indirect supervision as well as under the "off site supervision" with a current VCPR. We are not in favor of assistants performing anal glands at this time. If the ability for LVT's to perform anal glands internally is granted to immediate, direct, or indirect supervision, does each animal need written orders for LVT's to perform this task when the DVM is off site? Can this be a hospital wide policy?

Thank you for your consideration and any response you may have to our questions.

Sincerely,

Katie Roberts, DVM
Kristin Adams, LVT
Desirae Johnson, LVT