

**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; §5, 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 and 3 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 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.

3. An unlicensed veterinary assistant may not perform any of the tasks of animal health care set forth in NAC 638.053.

Sec. 4. 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. 5. 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.
- (c) Fluid aspiration.
- (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 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 tube.

(g) Ear flushing.

(h) ~~Positioning of animals for X-rays.~~

~~(i)~~ Operation of X-ray machines.

~~(j)~~ (i) Administration of oral and rectal radio-opaque materials.

~~(k)~~ (j) Administration of ~~oral and topical medications.~~

~~(l)~~ *controlled substances.*

(k) Starting and restarting of intravenous fluids.

~~(m)~~ (l) Collection of a laboratory specimen for analysis, including, but not limited to, blood, urine, skin, parasites and microorganisms.

~~(n)~~ (m) Collection of tissue during or after a post-mortem examination by a licensed veterinarian.

~~(o)~~ (n) Administration of intramuscular, subcutaneous or intravenous injections.

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