

Radiological Health Program

X-RAY BULLETIN

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Clarification on the Inspection Cycle of Veterinary X-ray Equipment

The Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine has brought attention to the inspection cycle of veterinary x-ray equipment. Since the inception of the Radiation Protection Regulations, the inspection of veterinary x-ray equipment has always been three (3) years. When the *Radiation Protection Regulations* were revised and amended on November 1, 2008, the cycle for veterinary equipment was deleted for that equipment designated on a three inspection cycle.

The following section deals specifically with surveys (inspections):

12VAC5-481-1620 J. Surveys. Radiation safety and equipment performance surveys shall be performed annually on all X-ray machines covered by this section in order to assure compliance with the regulations, except that bone densitometers and X-ray machines used in the practice of podiatry or dentistry shall be surveyed every three years. The surveys shall be performed by or under the direct supervision of a private or state inspector who is physically present at the facility during the inspection.

The section should read:

*12VAC5-481-1620 J. Surveys. Radiation safety and equipment performance surveys shall be performed annually on all X-ray machines covered by this section in order to assure compliance with the regulations, except that bone densitometers and X-ray machines used in the practice of podiatry, dentistry, **and veterinary medicine** shall be surveyed every three years. The surveys shall be performed by or under the direct supervision of a private or state inspector who is physically present at the facility during the inspection.*

Should you have further questions, please do not hesitate to e-mail (stan.orchel@vdh.virginia.gov) or call.

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