

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
RICHMOND, VA
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CALL TO ORDER: A quorum of the Board of Veterinary Medicine was called to order at 9:05 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Richmond, VA

PRESIDING OFFICER: John T. Wise, DVM, Vice - President

MEMBERS PRESENT: Henry McKelvin, DVM
Taryn Singleton, LVT
Jana Froeling, DVM

MEMBERS ABSENT: George Siemering, DVM
James DeBell, DVM (arrived noon)
Dorothy Blackwell

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth Young, Executive Director
Terri Behr, Operations Manager
Sammy Johnson, Deputy Director, Enforcement
Ann Tiller, Compliance Manager
Shannon Roberson, Senior Intake Analyst
Lynne Helmick, Senior Inspector
Susan Beasecker, Compliance Case Manager
Marta Ishmael, Senior Inspector
Keith Dressler, Senior Inspector
Leith Ellis, Senior Inspector
Jennifer Challis, Senior Investigator

OTHERS PRESENT: Melinda Freckleton, DVM
Susan Seward, Va. Veterinary Medical Assoc.
Debra Linten
Jayme Leonard
Ken Fletcher

MEETING WITH INSPECTORS: Ms. Young thanked the inspectors for meeting with the Board today and for the excellent job that they do.

The Board and the inspectors discussed each section of the proposed regulatory changes as stated below:

VAC 150-20-10

Dr. Froeling stated that a definition of companion animals, to include equine, should be added to this section.

VAC 150-20-30

Mr. Dressler asked for some clarification to be added to this section to require that licenses posted for public view should have all information contained on the license, i.e. license number, expiration date and toll free number for complaints visible and legible to the public. It was also discussed to add that photocopies of licenses are acceptable for display and that relief veterinarians should post their license at each place they work, while they are working there.

VAC 150-20-172

Ms. Ishmael stated that she sometimes observes unlicensed staff providing dental cleaning and asked could it be clarified that unlicensed staff may only provide dental cleaning that is not subgingival. She added that many practices refer to their unlicensed staff as “technician” and that it should be clarified that the word “technician” is protected and refers to a Licensed Veterinary Technician.

VAC 150-20-180

Define “animal shelter” in A(1).

VAC 150-20-181

Ms. Ishmael suggested on A(3) that veterinary technician be added as being able to perform the biennial inventory. Some questions were brought forth about change of VIC and the time frame in which a new VIC is named and the responsibility of the old VIC to inform the Board.

VAC 150-20-190

There was much discussion of the labeling of compounded drugs and mass repackaging of drugs. Ms. Young stated that this issue would be discussed in the afternoon during regulatory review and asked Mr. Johnson for a copy of the Board of Pharmacy regulations dealing with this issue.

Ms. Beasecker brought to the Board’s attention that §54.1-3400, Va. Drug Control Act, should be cited in section A.

Ms. Beasecker also brought to the Board’s attention D(1), which states that only a working stock of drugs is available to the licensed veterinary technician, but in §VAC 150-20-181, is states that a veterinary technician may take the biennial inventory. This language is contradictory. The section on “working stock” and “under separate lock” should be deleted.

It was also discussed to add a new section D which would be taken from the pharmacy regulations regarding compounding and repackaging.

Ms. Helmick suggested that under H the actual date of receipt should be noted.

It was noted that a new section labeled D should be added regarding the issue of prepackaged drugs and that the language from the pharmacy regulations should be added here.

VAC 150-20-195

Ms. Ishmael suggested that “results” should be added to A(3) and A(4) and that “prescribed” should be added to A(5). Ms. Helmick also suggested that a Guidance Document should be drafted to note that computer records should have a backup source.

VAC 150-20-200

Ms. Helmick suggested that the Board create a Guidance Document regarding non-surgical items being stored or maintained in the surgery suite. She stated that there are several facilities that store their stock of controlled drugs in the surgery suite also.

Ms. Ishmael suggested that a Guidance Document be created that defines what “proof” is under A(3).

Ms. Helmick suggested adding language in B(3) that if surgery is not provided, then whatever is required for a surgical suite or surgery is not required.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing was held on the proposed fast track regulations which will establish the requirements of registration and practice as an equine dental technician. (Attachment #1)

REGULATORY REVIEW:

Ms. Yeatts directed the Board to the Issues Identified in the NOIRA. (Attachment #2) The Board’s response to each is listed below.

VAC 150-20-10 – Definitions

Add the word “externship” to the definition for preceptorship, i.e. preceptorship or externship. The Board needs to draft language for the preceptorship arrangement for distance programs for veterinary technicians.

Ms. Yeatts stated she will identify everyplace in the regulations where “supervision” is mentioned. She stated that it is referred to as “on premises”

in some areas and “immediate and direct” in others and that it needs to be used consistently throughout the regulations.

Dr. Froeling suggested that the word “routine” be taken out of the surgery definition when referring to dental extractions.

Define companion animal to include equine.

Define animal shelter.

VAC 150-20-30

Must be conspicuous and readable.

Photocopies are acceptable for relief veterinarians.

VAC 150-20-70

Add OSHA courses as being acceptable.

Possibly practice management

VAC 150-20-121

Revisit with full Board

VAC 150-20-140

Add “immediate” before “harm” in #15

Dr. DeBell will bring some language regarding slandering a neighboring veterinarian

VAC 150-20-172

Add “subgingival” to B(8)

Revisit D with full Board

VAC 150-20-180

Define animal shelter

VAC 150-20-181

Add veterinary technician can perform biennial inventory

VAC 150-20-190

Add Pharmacy portion on prepackaging

In H add “original” at the beginning of the sentence before invoices

VAC 150-20-195

3 and 4 add “and results”

#5 add “prescribed”

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

John T. Wise, DVM, Vice-President

Elizabeth C. Young, Executive Director