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The Board is proposing the rule changes that follow. A hearing has been scheduled for March 29, 2010 from 10am to 1pm in the State Capitol Building, Hearing Room B. The hearing is open to the public. If you wish to provide testimony at the hearing, please bring a written version of your comments.

The Board invites your comments, whether or not you testify at the hearing. Public comments will be accepted through 5pm on April 6, 2010.

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Briefly, here's what the proposed rule changes do:

1. Allows students in Board-approved certified veterinary technology programs to work as student interns under supervision of an Oregon licensed veterinarian or certified veterinary technician.
2. Updates pain management minimum standards.
3. Clarifies physical examination requirements to establish a VCPR and to perform euthanasia.
4. Eliminates waiver of VTNE for out-of-state applicants. (This amendment brings the rule into compliance with the statute that requires passing the national exam in order to be eligible for licensure.)

If you have any questions about the proposed rule changes or the process, please call Lori Makinen at 971-673-0223.

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DIVISION 10

PERMITS AND LICENSES

Preceptees and Student Interns

(1) Any person wishing to work in Oregon as a veterinary preceptee or veterinary [or certified veterinary technician] student intern may do so if he or she is engaged in a preceptee or student intern program administered by a veterinary college or university[, or a veterinary technology program,] approved by the Board or the American Veterinary Medical Association.

(2) Supervision [of veterinary preceptees or student interns]. All acts which a [veterinary] preceptee or student intern may perform must be under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian. "Direct supervision" means that each act shall be performed by the [veterinary] student intern or preceptee only after receiving specific directions from and in the presence of an Oregon licensed veterinarian. [Certified veterinary technician student interns may work under direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian or certified veterinary technician.]

(3) [Veterinary] S[s]tudent interns or preceptees may perform the following acts:

(a) Obtaining and Recording Information. P[p]receptees or S[s]tudent I[i]nterns may obtain and record the following information:

(A) Complete admission records, including recording the statements made by the client concerning the patient's problems and history. The preceptees and student interns may also record his or her own observations of the patient. However, the preceptees or student interns cannot state or record his or her opinion concerning diagnosis of the patient;

(B) Maintain daily progress records, surgery logs, X-ray logs, ~~Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drug~~ [Enforcement Agency] logs, and all other routine records as directed by the supervising veterinarian.

(b) Perform surgery, if determined by the supervising veterinarian to be competent and possess the necessary training and experience;

(c) Preparation of P[p]atients, I[i]nstruments, E[e]quipment, and M[m]edicants for S[s]urgery. Preceptees and Student Interns may:

(A) Prepare and sterilize surgical packs;

(B) Clip, surgically scrub, and disinfect the surgical site in preparation for surgery;

(C) Administer preanesthetic drugs as prescribed by the supervising veterinarian;

(D) Position the patient for anesthesia;

(E) Administer anesthesia as prescribed by the supervising veterinarian;

(F) Operate anesthetic machines, oxygen equipment, and monitoring equipment.

(d) Collection of S[s]pecimens and P[p]erformance of L[l]aboratory P[p]rocedures. Preceptees and Student Interns may:

(A) Collect urine, feces, sputum, and all other excretions for laboratory analysis;

(B) Collect blood samples for laboratory;

(C) Collect skin scrapings;

(D) Perform routine laboratory procedures including urinalysis, fecal analyses, hematological, and serological examinations.

(e) Assisting the V[v]eterinarian in D[d]iagnostic M[m]edical and S[s]urgical Proceedings [procedures]. Preceptees and S[s]tudent I[i]nterns may assist supervising veterinarians in the following diagnostic, medical, and surgical proceedings:

(A) Take the patient's temperature, pulse and respiration;

(B) Medically bathe the patient;

(C) Administer topical, oral, hypodermic, and intravenous medication as directed by the supervising veterinarian;

(D) Operate diagnostic imaging equipment;

(E) Take electrocardiograms, electroencephalograms, and tracings;

(F) Perform dental prophylaxis, including operating ultrasonic dental instruments.

(f)[Veterinary] P[p]receptees and S[s]tudent I[i]nterns may perform other acts not specifically enumerated herein under the supervision of a veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Oregon.

[(4) Certified veterinary technician student interns may perform all the acts enumerated in OAR 875-030-0040(2) and may not perform the acts prohibited in OAR 875-030-0050.]

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DIVISION 15

MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR VETERINARY MEDICAL FACILITIES AND VETERINARY PRACTICE

Minimum Veterinary Practice Standards

Each veterinary medical facility shall comply with the following:

(1) (h) A physical exam shall be performed to establish or maintain a VCPR[;] and [then] each time an animal is presented with a new health problem, unless the animal's temperament precludes examination, or physical exam is declined by the owner. For each physical exam the following conditions shall be evaluated and findings documented when applicable by species, even if such condition is normal:

(3) A veterinarian shall use appropriate and humane methods or anesthesia, analgesia and sedation to minimize pain and distress during any procedures [or conditions] and shall comply with the following standards:

(a) Animals shall have a documented physical exam conducted [within 24 hours] prior to the administration of a sedation [sedative] or anesthetic, which is necessary for veterinary procedures, unless the temperament of the patient precludes an exam prior to the use of chemical restraint;

(b) An animal under general anesthesia for a medical or surgical procedure shall be under [direct] observation [throughout the anesthetic period and] during recovery from anesthesia until the patient is awake and in sternal recumbency;

(c) A method of cardiac monitoring shall be available [employed to assess heart rate and rhythm repeatedly during anesthesia] and may include a stethoscope or electronic monitor;

(d) A method of monitoring the respiratory system shall be employed to assess respiratory rate and pattern repeatedly during anesthesia and may include a stethoscope or electronic monitor.

~~(d)~~[(e) Where general anesthesia is performed in a hospital or clinic for companion animal species (excluding farm animals), anesthetic equipment available shall include an oxygen source, equipment to maintain an open airway and a stethoscope;]

~~(e)~~[(f) Anesthetic [and sedation] procedures and anesthetic [and sedative medications] used shall be documented;

~~(f)~~[(g) Adequate means for resuscitation including intravenous catheter and fluids shall be available;

~~(g)~~[(h) Emergency drugs shall be immediately available at all times;

~~(h)~~[(i) While under sedation or general anesthesia, materials shall be provided to help prevent loss of body heat;

~~(i)~~[(j) Analgesic medications, techniques and/or husbandry methods shall be used to prevent and minimize pain in animals experiencing or expected to experience pain, including but not limited to all surgical procedures;]

[(k) Chemical restraint may be used in conjunction with, but not in lieu of, analgesic therapy;]

~~(i)~~[(l) Appropriate pain management shall be made available to the animal [analgesic therapy shall be guided by information specific to each case, including but not limited to species, breed, patient health and behavioral characteristics, the procedure performed, and the expected degree and duration of pain];

[(9) Euthanasia: Documented consent shall be obtained and a physical exam conducted prior to performing euthanasia. The exam may be limited to the elements necessary for the humane application of the procedure. When ownership and identification of an animal cannot be reasonably established, the medical record for euthanasia shall contain a physical description of the animal.]

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DIVISION 30

CERTIFIED VETERINARY TECHNICIANS

Criteria for Becoming a Certified Veterinary Technician

In order to become a certified veterinary technician, an individual must:

~~(4) The Board may waive the requirement of passing the VTNE (875-030-0020(1)) for applicants who:~~

~~(a) Graduated from an accredited veterinary technology college program prior to 1990; and~~

~~(b) Hold an active certified veterinary technician license or animal health technician license in another state, province or territory of the United States; and~~

~~(c) Have a minimum of 7,500 hours of on-the-job training and experience as specified in subsection (b) of this section.~~