

OREGON VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD – SEPT. 2015

CURRENT FACILITY MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR HB2474 IMPLEMENTATION

CHANGES TO THESE RULES MAY BE PROPOSED IN 2017

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- (1) Air Quality: Adequate heating and cooling must be provided for the comfort and well-being of the animals, and the facility must have sufficient ventilation in all areas to prevent mildew and condensation, and to exhaust toxic and/or nauseous fumes and/or odors.
- (2) Lighting: Sufficient lighting must be provided in all areas sufficient for the safety of personnel and the intended use of this area.
- (3) Water: Potable water must be provided.
- (4) Waste Disposal: Waste disposal equipment shall be so operated as to minimize insect or other vermin infestation, and to prevent odor and disease hazards or other nuisance conditions. The veterinary medical facility shall have sanitary and aesthetic disposal of dead animals and other wastes which complies with all applicable federal, state, county and municipal laws, rules, ordinances and regulations.
- (5) Storage: All supplies, including food and bedding, shall be stored in a manner that adequately protects such supplies against infestation, contamination or deterioration. Adequate refrigeration shall be provided for all supplies that are of a perishable nature, including foods, drugs and biologicals.
- (6) Examination Area: Examination and surgery tables shall have impervious surfaces.
- (7) Laboratory: May be either in the veterinary medical facility or through consultative services, adequate to render diagnostic information. An in-house laboratory shall meet the following minimum standards:
 - (a) The laboratory shall be clean and orderly with provision for ample storage;
 - (b) Adequate refrigeration shall be provided;
 - (c) Any tests performed shall be properly conducted by currently recognized methods to assure reasonable accuracy and reliability of results.
 - (d) Laboratory equipment must provide results of diagnostic quality. Protocols must be in place and followed regularly to assure the quality and reproducibility of the diagnostic information produced.
- (8) Radiology: Equipment for diagnostic radiography must be available either on or off the veterinary medical facility. Such equipment must be on the premises if orthopedic or open thoracic procedures are performed. The equipment must meet federal and state protective requirements and be capable of producing, reading and labeling good quality diagnostic radiographs, including imaging diagnosis and findings. Equipment for providing diagnostic oral radiography must be available to the veterinary medical facility whenever surgical dental services are offered.
- (9) Animal Housing Areas: Each veterinary medical facility confining animals must have individual cages, pens, exercise areas or stalls to confine said animals in a comfortable, sanitary and safe manner. Animals that are hospitalized for treatment of contagious diseases must be isolated physically and procedurally so as to prevent the spread of disease.

(10) Licenses: Licenses of every veterinarian or veterinary technician practicing in the veterinary medical facility shall be displayed in a place conspicuous to the public. Relief or temporary licensees may post legible photocopies of licenses. Mobile practice licensees shall have their license or a legible copy available for verification upon client request.

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(2) Surgery: Surgery shall be performed in a manner compatible with current veterinary practice with regard to anesthesia, asepsis or antiseptics, life support and monitoring procedures, and recovery care. The minimum standards for surgery shall be:

(a) Aseptic surgery shall be performed in a room or area designated for that purpose and isolated from other activities during the procedure. A separate, designated area is not necessarily required for herd or flock animal surgery or antiseptic surgery.

(b) The surgery room or area shall be clean, orderly, well-lighted and maintained in a sanitary condition;

(c) All appropriate equipment shall be sterilized:

(A) Chemical disinfection ("cold sterilization") shall be used only for field conditions or antiseptic surgical procedures;

(B) Provisions for sterilization shall include a steam pressure sterilizer (autoclave) or gas sterilizer (e.g., ethylene oxide) or equivalent.

(d) For each aseptic surgical procedure, a separate sterile surgical pack shall be used for each animal. Surgeons and surgical assistants shall use aseptic technique throughout the entire surgical procedure;

(e) Minor surgical procedures shall be performed at least under antiseptic surgical techniques;

(3) (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;

(6) Biologicals and drugs: The minimum standards for drug procedures shall be:

(a) All biological substances shall be stored, maintained, administered, dispensed and prescribed in compliance with federal and state laws and manufacturers' recommendations;

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(2) Minimum Standards:

(a) Where preventive dental cleanings are offered, appropriate polishing equipment shall be available;

(b) Dental diagnostic radiograph capability shall be available when surgical dental services are offered;