



# Oregon Veterinary Medical Board

## Fall 2013

### THIS IS THE ONLY LICENSE RENEWAL NOTICE YOU WILL RECEIVE.

#### LICENSE RENEWAL FOR 2014



After Nov. 1st, go to  
[www.oregon.gov/ovmeb](http://www.oregon.gov/ovmeb)  
and click on 'Renew Online.'

After November 1st, you will be able to renew online with a credit card at [www.oregon.gov/ovmeb](http://www.oregon.gov/ovmeb). Licenses for veterinarians and CVTs expire on December 31st of each year. Licenses are valid through March 31st of each year, but late fees will apply if renewal occurs after December 31st.

**Certified Veterinary Technicians:** You must report 15 hours of Continuing Education to renew your license for 2014. All CE may be obtained online. If you have not completed your CE by December 31, renew before the deadline to avoid late fees, and explain on the renewal form how you plan to meet the requirement by March 31st.

**Veterinarians:** You do not need to report CE this year. You will need 30 hours of CE acquired in 2013-14 for your 2015 renewal.

CE rules are on our website. At the main menu, click on *Veterinary Practice Act*, then on *Oregon Administrative Rules*, then find *Permits & Licenses* and scroll down to *Continuing Education Requirements (875-010-0090)*.

If you prefer a paper renewal form, contact us at 971-673-0224 or [ovmeb.info@state.or.us](mailto:ovmeb.info@state.or.us).

### LICENSE FEE INCREASES

The Legislature has approved fee increases for veterinary and Certified Veterinary Technician licenses as part of the Board's 2015-17 budget. These increases are projected to meet the Board's fiscal obligations for the next 10 years. Fees were last raised in 1993.

Fees for inactive veterinary and CVT licenses have not increased. However, inactive licensees may no longer practice up to 30 days per year. If you currently hold an inactive license and wish to change to active status, please contact the Board office for instructions.

**New license fees for 2014:**  
**Veterinarian initial and renewal—\$150**  
**CVT initial and renewal—\$35**

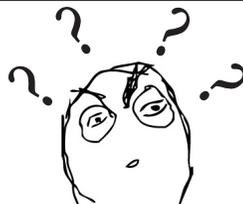
### ATTENTION:

**IT IS ILLEGAL TO USE YOUR VETERINARY LICENSE TO SELF-PRESCRIBE, OR FOR ANY OTHER NON-VETERINARY PURPOSE.**

Drug diversion by veterinarians is on the rise. Diverting drugs from a veterinary facility puts patients at risk. Licensees who abuse or divert drugs risk revocation of their veterinary and DEA licenses, plus mandatory substance abuse treatment and ongoing monitoring for up to 10 years. If you believe animals are at risk because of a colleague's suspected addiction, please notify the Board. You may report anonymously. If you believe you have an addiction problem that affects your work, please seek professional medical treatment and contact the Board. If you are pro-active and self-report to the Board, the matter may be resolved confidentially.

## FAQs...

**exams,  
records,  
analgesia.**



? According to clients we hear from, the Board makes veterinarians conduct a physical examination of each patient at each visit and charge for every exam. True or False?

**FALSE!** There are only four (4) mandatory exams:  
(1) The VCPR exam, which remains in effect for one year. Once this exam is in the record, further exams may be waived, except  
(2) if the patient is presented with a new health problem, or  
(3) scheduled for anesthesia, or  
(4) presented for euthanasia (examine sufficiently to ascertain proper dosage).

*We are always ready and happy to correct misinterpretations and provide accurate information.*

? Clients say the rules compel veterinarians to waive exams if asked. True or False?

**FALSE!** Except for the mandatory exams listed above, it is always the veterinarian's option to waive or not to waive exams.

? The Board reviews hundreds of patient records as part of complaint investigation. Many are illegible or incomplete. *Can the Board discipline for bad records even if the underlying complaint is not about records?*

**YES!** Please review records requirements on our website, [www.oregon.gov/ovmeh](http://www.oregon.gov/ovmeh). Click on Veterinary Practice Act, then on Oregon Administrative Rules, then find Minimum Standards and scroll down to 875-015-0030.

? Your client has left you for another veterinarian and now they want a copy of the patient's medical record. You:

- Refuse. You are not going to enable fickleness.
- Refuse. The client has an outstanding bill.
- Send a copy of the entire record, including imaging, if requested, to the client or the new veterinarian within 72 hours, or immediately if it's an emergency.

**C is correct!** A + B ≠ Compliance.

? Animals do not experience pain the way humans do, and therefore do not need analgesia: myth or fact? Myth! So...

**YES!** You must provide pain management for your patients for any procedure that causes pain, with reasonable exceptions. Here's what the Veterinary Practice Act says:

"A veterinarian shall use appropriate and humane methods of anesthesia, analgesia and sedation to minimize pain and distress during any procedures or conditions..." (OAR 875-015-0030(3).)

—and—

"Appropriate 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..." (OAR 875-015-0030(3)(l).)

? You can't control what happens after the patient leaves the clinic, and you can't force a client to take pain meds home, but must you offer, and note the offer in the patient record?

**YES, please!**

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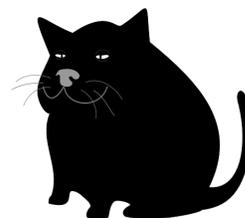
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**Happy Holidays!**