



Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board

Working to protect animal health and welfare, public health, and consumers of veterinary service.

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A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hello Oregon Veterinarians, certified Veterinary Technicians, veterinary teams and interested parties! I would like to reintroduce our Quarterly Newsletter. Our goal is simple: help you succeed, keep you informed, and protect the public and animal health. This newsletter contains practical tips, compliance reminders, and updates on national trends shaping veterinary medicine. Thank you for your dedication—it truly makes a difference in Oregon communities.

MISSION

The Board works in the interest of animal health and welfare, public health, and consumers of veterinary services. The Board's authority comes from the Veterinary Practice Act, Chapter 686 of the Oregon Revised Statutes and Chapter 875 of the Oregon Administrative Rules.

Board Updates & Activities

Public Board Meetings

The Board continues to hold regularly scheduled public meetings throughout the year. Agendas, meeting materials, minutes, and disciplinary actions are available on our website at: www.oregon.gov/ovmeb

2026 Meeting Dates:

- March 13
- June 12
- September 11
- December 11

Licensees and members of the public are welcome to attend. Please reach out for more details. 971-673-0224 | ovmeb.info@ovmeb.oregon.gov

Case Review Process Reminder

The Board is required by statute to review every complaint received. Each investigation is reviewed carefully by the Board's eight members, who consider the full investigative report and all evidence provided by complainants, respondents, and witnesses before making a determination. This process ensures fairness, due process, and thoughtful decision-making in every case.

Recently Updated OVMEB Rules

Effective 02/17/2026 – OAR 875-010-0010: Criminal Conviction Determination Process (SB 1552):

OVMEB staff will prescreen potential DVM/CVT applicants to determine if past criminal history would impact licensure.

Effective 12/31/2026 – OAR 875-010-0092(2)(c): CE credit will be granted for attending Board meetings

Effective 12/31/2026 – OAR 875-005-0005: Adds definition for Practitioner of allied health methods

View All Rule Filings: <https://www.oregon.gov/ovmeb>

Compliance Corner – Tips for Success

✓ Maintain current contact information in [the Licensee Portal](#)

✓ Continuing Education (CE) Requirements:

- DVMs: 30 hours every odd-numbered year

- CVTs: 15 hours every even-numbered year

[Rule: OAR 875-010-0090](#)

✓ Facility Registration & Closure:

[Rule: OAR 875-010-0031](#)

✓ Recordkeeping & VCPR Standards:

[Rule: OAR 875-011-0010](#)

Investigator's Corner

Common violations:

- Missing signatures: [875-011-0010 \(1\)\(a\)](#)
- Incomplete treatment notes: [875-011-0010\(1\)\(a-g\)](#)
- Lack of informed consent [875-015-0030 \(1\)\(f\)\(W\)](#)
- Frequent complaints:
 - Poor client communication
 - Billing confusion/issues
 - Delayed record access: [875-011-0010 \(14\)](#)

Licensing Desk – Quick Reminders

Update your Managing Veterinarian promptly if it changes. Renew licenses and facility registrations on time to avoid penalties.

License Renewal & Fees

Please monitor renewal deadlines and ensure timely submission through the Licensee Portal. Current fee schedules and renewal information are available online.

Questions regarding licensure status, updates, renewals, or CE documentation should be directed to Board staff at: ovmeb.info@ovmeb.oregon.gov | 971-673-0224



Inspector's Advice

Our inspector wantd to help you avoid common pitfalls during facility inspections. Here are some **Common deficiencies found during inspections:**

- Drugs stored in refrigerators/freezers without thermometers (OAR 875-015-0040(3)(e))
- Licenses of veterinarians not posted in a conspicuous manner (OAR 875-015-0020(10))
- Records of drug invoices for the past 3 years not readily available (OAR 875-015-0040(2)(b))



Regulatory Trends & Topics

Telemedicine & VCPR:

- [AAVSB Model Regulations](#)

- [AVMA Telehealth Policy](#)

Continuing Education Resources:

- [AVMA CE & Axon® Library](#)



Transparency & Public Protection

OVMEB's mission is to protect animal health and welfare, as well as public health and safety, through effective regulation of veterinary medicine in Oregon. The Board remains dedicated to:

- Investigating complaints as required by law
- Applying statutes and rules consistently
- Conducting meetings openly and transparently
- Providing accessible regulatory resources to licensees

Thank you for your dedication to Oregon's animals and communities!

OVMEB Team

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