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Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board		

Convene Public Session

Initial CVT Scope of Practice Workgroup Meeting Agenda

- Call to Order: Public Session begins at 11:00am and continues until adjournment 1PM.
- Roll Call
- Welcome, Introductions, and Opening Remarks

CVT Workgroup Participants

- Rachel Beck, CVT
- Mel Bocchichio, CVT
- Ragan Borzcik, DVM
- Pete Burns, OVMEB Director and Workgroup Facilitator
- Katy Davis, CVT
- Emilio DeBess, DVM
- Nicole George, CVT
- Christina Keef, PVMA Director
- Stephen Kochis, DVM
- Darci Love, CVT
- Courtney Studebaker, CVT
- Beth Venit, DVM
- Courtney Wilson, CVT

Background & Project Context

- OVMEB Regulatory Authority: [Veterinary Practice Act: ORS Chapter 686 and OAR Chapter 875.](#)
- Foundational Work: Summary of previous 12-month CVT Rule Review Workgroup.
- Purpose of Workgroup: Need for more comprehensive review of CVT scope of practice.

Scope of Work, Deliverables, & Timeline

- Core Objectives:
- Review OAR 875-030 supervision requirements, permitted duties, limitations, and definitions.
- Integrate stakeholder input from veterinarians, CVTs, CVAs, employers, educators, and public.
- Draft recommendations proposals for board review.

Key Deliverables:

- Annotated review of OAR 875-030.
- Comparative analysis with AAVSB Model Practice Act.
- Draft rule concepts or language.
- Final report to Board summarizing recommendations.

Engagement Strategy

- Identification of stakeholder groups across practice types, region, education, and public.
- Feedback collection: surveys/reports, listening sessions, public comment.

Agenda

- Review of previous workgroup findings and recommendations
- Review of AAVSB Survey and Model Practice Act
- Review of applicable statutes and administrative rules (ORS and OAR)
- Review of stakeholders' comments and feedback

Action Items, Next Steps & Future Meeting Schedule

- Schedule Next Meeting
 - Assignments for next meeting: review baseline materials and assign rule review sections.
 - Public Comment: OVMEB.Rulemaking@OVMEB.oregon.gov Subject: CVT Workgroup
 - Adjournment
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Supplemental Documents/Resources

- American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB):
 - [AAVSB Survey](#)
 - [Model Regulations: Scope of Practice for Veterinary Technicians and Veterinary Technologists](#)
- American Animal Hospital Association:
 - [2023 AAHA Technician Utilization Guidelines](#)
- American Association of Equine Veterinary Technicians & Assistants:
 - [Guidelines for the Utilization of the CVT](#)
- CVT Workgroup #1 Recommended Rule Changes
- Feedback and Input from Interested Parties
- OVMEB CVT OARs

The OVMEB Workgroup has relied on AVMA and AAVSB resources, and CVT rule changes in California and Washington. These were reviewed to see what might be applicable and appropriate in Oregon.

The Workgroup determined there is a need for rule change to broaden the scope of practice for CVTs and thereby potentially expanding access to care due to a shortage of DVMs.

The Workgroup next focused on rule language changes that may address some of the priority issues identified. The Workgroup drafted suggested changes or additions for the Board to consider implementing. These are below in RED.

Natalie Mair-Williamson, CVT & Dr. Emilio DeBess, CVT Workgroup Chair and Co-Chair

CVT Workgroup requests that the Board review the redline version below and make the rule changes recommended below.

875-030-0040

Supervision of Certified Veterinary Technicians

(1) All duties of Certified Veterinary Technicians (CVTs) must be performed under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

(a) The supervising veterinarian shall be responsible for determining the competency of the CVT.

(2) Certified Veterinary Technicians may perform the following acts:

(a) Obtain and Record Information

(A) Complete admission records, including recording statements made by the client concerning the patient's problems and history. A CVT may also record their own observations of the patient. However, the CVT may not state or record an opinion concerning the diagnosis of the patient.

(B) Maintain routine medical records, including:

1. Daily progress records;
2. Surgery logs;

3. X-ray logs;
4. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) logs; and
5. Other routine records as directed by the supervising veterinarian.

(b) Prepare Patients, Instruments, Equipment, and Medications for Surgery

~~(A) Prepare and sterilize surgical packs.~~

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

(C) Administer pre-anesthetic drugs as prescribed by the supervising veterinarian.

(D) Position the patient for anesthesia.

(E) Induce anesthesia as prescribed by the supervising veterinarian.

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

(G) Place an endotracheal tube for the purpose of delivering oxygen and anesthetic gas to a patient requiring inhalant anesthesia.

(c) Collect Specimens and Perform Laboratory Procedures

(A) Perform fluid aspiration from a body cavity or organ (e.g., cystocentesis, thoracocentesis, abdominocentesis), and collect feces, sputum, and other excretions or secretions for laboratory analysis.

(B) Collect blood samples for laboratory analysis.

(C) Collect skin scrapings.

(D) Perform routine laboratory procedures including:

1. Urinalysis;
2. Fecal analysis;
3. Hematological examinations; and
4. Serological examinations.

(d) Apply and remove wound and surgical dressings, casts, and splints.

(e) Assist the Veterinarian in Diagnostic, Medical, and Surgical Procedures

- (A) Monitor and record the patient's vital signs.
 - (B) ~~Medically bathe the patient.~~
 - (C) Administer topical, oral, hypodermic, and intravenous medications as directed by the supervising veterinarian.
 - (D) Operate X-ray equipment and other diagnostic imaging equipment. **Computed tomography (CT) scans and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) procedures may only be performed by CVTs.**
 - (E) Take electrocardiograms, electroencephalograms, and tracings.
 - (F). **Dental prophylaxis includes the removal of calculus, soft deposits, plaque, and stain.**
 - (G) Perform **dental** extractions under the immediate supervision of a licensed veterinarian.
 - (H) **Only CVTs may perform suturing, stapling, or gluing of an existing surgical skin incision and suturing of a gingival incision**
 - (I) Administer rabies vaccine under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.
 - (J) Administer a permanent identification device.
 - (K) Under indirect supervision, carry out an Oregon-licensed veterinarian's home-care instructions for duties permitted under this rule. A valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR) must exist in order for a CVT to perform duties under indirect supervision.
 - (L) **When a VCPR is established, a veterinarian may authorize a certified veterinary technician to administer previously prescribed preventive or prophylactic vaccines and medications for the control or eradication of apparent or anticipated internal or external parasites.**
- (3) CVTs may perform other acts not specifically enumerated in this rule under the supervision of a veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Oregon. Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit a CVT to:
- (a) Make any diagnosis or prognosis.
 - (b) Prescribe any treatment.
 - (c) Perform surgery, except as an assistant to the veterinarian.
 - (d) Sign a rabies vaccination certificate or any other animal health certificate.
 - (e) **Perform euthanasia except under the direct supervision of a veterinarian.**
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Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 686.210

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 686.350 – 686.370

History:

VMEB 1-2022, amend filed 02/25/2022, effective 03/01/2022

VMEB 4-2014, filed & certified effective 01/17/2014

VMEB 11-2008, filed & certified effective 07/22/2008

VMEB 1-2008, filed & certified effective 02/11/2008

VMEB 2-2006, filed & certified effective 05/11/2006

VMEB 1-2006, filed & certified effective 02/08/2006

Reverted to VME 3-1992, filed & certified effective 10/09/1992

Renumbered from 875-010-0025

875-030-0041

Emergency Animal Care

(1) Emergency animal care may be rendered by a Certified Veterinary Technician under the indirect supervision of a veterinarian.

(a) Under emergency conditions, a CVT may render the following lifesaving aid or emergency treatment:

1. Application of tourniquets or pressure bandages to control hemorrhage.
2. Resuscitative oxygen procedures.
3. Establishment of open airways, including the use of intubation appliances, but excluding surgical procedures.
4. External cardiac resuscitation (CPR).
5. Application of temporary splints or bandages to prevent further injury to bones or soft tissues.
6. Application of appropriate wound dressings and external supportive treatment in severe burn cases.
7. External supportive treatment in heat prostration cases.

(b) The following tasks may only be performed under the direct supervision of a veterinarian licensed or otherwise authorized to practice in this state:

8. Administration of a drug or controlled substance to prevent or manage pain, control seizures, sedate an animal for examination, prevent further injury, or control shock, including administration of parenteral fluids.

If the above changes are made it is also recommended to amend other rule chapters as follows:

875-030-0050

Practice Limitations for Individuals Not Certified as Veterinary Technicians

(1) Individuals not certified as veterinary technicians may, under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian, perform acts that a CVT may perform except:

(a) Induce anesthesia as prescribed by the supervising veterinarian (OAR 875-030-0040(2)(b)(E)).

(b) Place an endotracheal tube for delivery of oxygen and anesthetic gas to a patient requiring inhalant anesthesia (OAR 875-030-0040(2)(b)(G)).

(c) Operate X-ray equipment unless the individual has completed 20 hours of training in radiograph safety as required by the Oregon State Health Division (OAR 333).

(d) Perform dental extractions (OAR 875-030-0040(2)(e)(G)).

(e) Perform suturing, stapling, or gluing of an existing surgical skin incision or suturing of a gingival incision.

(f) Administer rabies vaccine (2) (e) (H)

(g) Perform duties under indirect supervision as defined in OAR 875-005-0005.

875-005-0005

Definitions

(28) External Supportive Treatment

“External supportive treatment” means providing cool water baths or sprays, especially to large blood vessels, for evaporative cooling measures and environmental control, with close monitoring of body temperature.

Feedback and Input from Interested Parties

Stakeholders across Oregon’s veterinary ecosystem—including shelter CVTs, biomedical research veterinarians, private practice doctors, educators, regulatory experts, and practicing CVTs—have provided input urging modernization of the Certified Veterinary Technician (CVT) scope of practice. Stakeholders consistently recommend aligning Oregon’s administrative rules with accredited CVT education, national standards, and evolving workforce needs.

Major themes include:

- **Expanded CVT authority**, particularly in preventive care, emergency triage, diagnostics, anesthesia, dentistry, and imaging.
- **Greater flexibility in supervision**, especially in shelters where limited veterinarian availability restricts timely care.
- **Formal inclusion of specialized CVT sectors**, such as biomedical research and radiology safety.
- **Improved title recognition and full title protection**, with many suggesting updated terminology (e.g., Licensed/Registered Veterinary Technician, Registered Veterinary Nurse).
- **Modernization of OAR 875-030**, removal of ambiguous “gray areas,” and clear delineation of allowable duties.
- **Use of experienced CVTs to expand access to care**, including performing wellness exams and establishing VCPRs under structured conditions.

Collectively, the feedback urges the Workgroup /Board to adopt a forward-looking regulatory framework that leverages CVTs as essential clinical professionals, improves Oregon’s veterinary workforce capacity, and protects public health and animal welfare.

1. Introduction

The Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board (OVMEB) requested stakeholder feedback to support a comprehensive review of the Certified Veterinary Technician (CVT) Scope of Practice under OAR 875-030. This report consolidates all submitted comments and identifies shared themes, opportunities, and recommendations.

2. Shelter and Public Health Sector Input

A. Rabies Vaccination Access & Shelter Workflow Improvements

- Shelters with part-time or contracted veterinarians experience delays in **rabies vaccination**, slowing adoption processes.
 - Weekly veterinarian visits, vacations, and emergencies create processing bottlenecks.
 - Recommendation: Allow CVTs to **administer rabies vaccines without direct supervision** in shelter environments to expedite animal placement and reduce operational constraints.
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3. Biomedical Research Sector Input

A. Representation of Research CVTs in Workgroup

- Oregon hosts numerous CVTs who work in laboratory animal medicine, providing specialized clinical care, anesthesia support, welfare monitoring, and protocol execution.
 - Recommendation: Ensure **research CVT representation** in the workgroup so rule revisions reflect all practice settings.
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4. Comprehensive Scope Modernization Based on Accredited CVT Education

A. Alignment of Legal Scope with Training & Competencies

- CVTs are academically prepared for advanced clinical duties not currently permitted under Oregon's rules.
 - Identified gaps include anesthesia adjustments, emergency triage, diagnostic imaging expansions, advanced lab interpretation, dental procedures, and minor surgical assistance.
 - Recommendation: Modernize rules to align with AVMA-accredited curriculum, clarify ambiguous rule language, and expand explicit authorizations.
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5. Expanding Access to Care Through Structured CVT-Led Wellness Services

A. Wellness Exams & VCPR Establishment by Experienced CVTs

- Small, single-doctor practices struggle with severe workforce shortages and need expanded team-based care capacity.
 - Recommendation: Allow **CVTs with ≥5 years of experience** to conduct annual wellness exams and establish VCPRs for preventive care, enabling veterinarians to focus on diagnosis and treatment when needed.
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6. Regulatory Expertise & Continuity in Workgroup Representation

A. National Practice Act Knowledge & Multi-state Experience

- Brings extensive experience with the OVTAA, NAVTA, and comparative analysis of practice acts across multiple states.
 - Recommendation: Include regulatory experts to support alignment with **AAVSB Model Practice Act** and national standards.
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7. Imaging, Radiation Safety, and Worker Protection

A. Contribution from Radiology Safety Educators

- Specialized experience in veterinary x-ray safety training.
 - Recommendation: Ensure updated rules appropriately reflect **radiation protocols, operator training, and CVT imaging authority**. [\[Mel Bocchi...oup Update | PDF\]](#)
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8. Title Protection and Professional Terminology Modernization

A. Rename CVT Credential & Establish Full Title Protection

- The term “Certified” may not communicate the full professional rigor involved in CVT training and licensure.
- Suggested alternatives include **Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT)**, **Licensed Veterinary Technician (LVT)**, or **Registered Veterinary Nurse (RVN)** (used internationally).

- Oregon lacks **full title protection**, allowing uncredentialed individuals to call themselves “vet techs,” harming public understanding and professional integrity.
 - Recommendation: Update terminology and enact full title protection under state law.
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9. Consolidated Themes Across All Feedback

A. Workforce Solutions

- Expand CVT authority in preventive care, triage, and diagnostics.
- Increase CVT autonomy where training supports it.

B. Scope Modernization

- Remove ambiguous rule language.
- Align legal scope with national standards and accredited training.

C. Public Health & Shelter Efficiency

- Expand CVT rabies vaccination authority.
- Improve throughput in high-volume shelter environments.

D. Title Protection & Professional Identity

- Modernize CVT terminology.
- Implement full title protection.

E. Representation & Expertise

- Include CVTs from all environments: shelters, research, radiology, private practice, regulatory committees.
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10. Recommendations for the Workgroup

1. **Adopt expanded CVT competencies** that mirror accredited education.
2. **Revise OAR 875-030** to clearly define permitted duties and remove gray areas.
3. **Evaluate supervision requirement modernization**, especially in public shelter settings.
4. **Authorize structured CVT-led wellness exams** for experienced technicians.
5. **Include biomedical research and radiology experts** in the rule-making process.

6. **Implement full title protection** and evaluate adoption of updated professional terminology.
 7. **Ensure alignment with the AAVSB Model Practice Act** and national trends.
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Conclusion

Stakeholder feedback strongly supports a modernized regulatory approach that elevates CVTs to the full level of their education, enhances Oregon's veterinary workforce capacity, protects public health, and ensures professional clarity. The workgroup is encouraged to adopt these insights as it begins drafting revised rule language.

Veterinary Medical Examining Board

Chapter 875

Division 30

CERTIFIED VETERINARY TECHNICIANS

875-030-0000

Introduction

Prior to the adoption of these rules, OAR 875-030-0000 through 875-030-0050, the Board referred to the license issued to animal health technicians, pursuant to ORS 686.350 through 686.370 and OAR 875-010-0025, as certificate and to the holders as certified animal health technicians. The Board shall continue to refer to such licenses as certificates, but, from now on, shall refer to the holders as certified veterinary technicians. All individuals who were certified animal health technicians immediately prior to the adoption of these rules shall be considered to be certified veterinary technicians hereafter.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 686.210

875-030-0010

Criteria for Becoming a Certified Veterinary Technician (CVT)

In order to be licensed as a CVT, an individual must:

- (1) Pass the examinations referred to in OAR 875-030-0020; and
- (2) Hold a certificate in veterinary technology (or a comparable certificate) from a college accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association, or other program approved by the Board; or
- (3) Have been actively licensed or registered in good standing as a veterinary technician in another state or states for a minimum of four years within the last eight years of application, and:
 - (a) Worked as a licensed veterinary technician or instructor of veterinary technology performing duties substantially equivalent to those in OAR 875-030-0040 for a minimum of four years within the last eight years of application; and
 - (b) Pass the examinations referred to in OAR 87-030-0020; and
 - (c) Provide notarized letters confirming clinical competency as a veterinary technician or instructor from at least a veterinarian or college official who supervised the applicant pursuant to (a) of this section; and

- (d) Provide W2 federal tax forms or other Board-approved proof of employment or experience as a licensed veterinary technician or instructor; and
- (e) Provide proof of CE as required in OAR 875-010-0090 that is current at the time of application.
- (4) A graduate of a veterinary school that is not AVMA-accredited may be eligible for licensure as a CVT if the individual:
 - (a) Provides notarized documentation of graduation with the doctor of veterinary medicine degree or its equivalent in the country where the degree was conferred; and
 - (b) Passes the examinations referred to in OAR 875-030-0020.
- (5) The Board may conduct background checks on initial and renewing CVT license applicants. Applicants and licensees shall be required to provide any police and court records for any arrests and convictions.
- (6) The Board may refuse to issue a license or permit to an applicant for any of the following:
 - (a) Violations of veterinary practice laws and rules in Oregon and other states, provinces or countries;
 - (b) Violations of other laws substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of veterinary medicine;
 - (c) Evidence of previous incompetence or negligence in the care of animals[;
 - (d) Performing duties limited to CVTs prior to licensure;
 - (e) Impairment as defined in ORS 676.303;
 - (f) Conviction of a crime, subject to ORS 670.280; or
 - (g) Making a misrepresentation or material omission on application or otherwise to the Board.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 686.210

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 686.350 - 686.370

875-030-0020

Examinations for Certified Veterinary Technicians

(1) Applicants for licensure as CVTs shall pass the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE) with a criterion score of 425 or greater. The Board will accept VTNE scores transferred to Oregon through the Veterinary Information Verifying Agency (VIVA) if the examination was taken in another state.

(2) In addition to the VTNE, applicants must successfully complete an open book examination on the Oregon Veterinary Practice Act (ORS 686) with a passing score of at least 95 percent, and the Regional Disease Test, with a passing score of 100 percent.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 686.210

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 686.350 - 686.370

875-030-0025

Application for Certified Veterinary Technicians

(1) Applications for certification shall include:

- (a) An application form available from the Board office completed by the applicant;
- (b) The application fee payable to the Board;
- (c) An official transcript or verification of standing and impending graduation from school.
- (d) Completion of the Oregon Jurisprudence Exam and Regional Disease Test;
- (e) The VTNE score report if the examination was taken in another state; and
- (f) Letters of good standing from any other state the applicant is or has been licensed in as a veterinary or animal health technician.

(2) All applications for the VTNE must be made directly to the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB, www.aavsb.org). The application fee for certification if the VTNE was taken in another state is a fee payable to the Board.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 686.210

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 686.225 & 686.350 - 686.370

875-030-0030

Issuance of Licenses, Fees, Renewals for Certified Veterinary Technicians

(1) Upon filing a complete application and meeting all the criteria of OAR 875-030-0010, the Board will issue the applicant a Certified Veterinary Technician (CVT) license.

(2) Each CVT license shall expire on December 31st of each renewal cycle.

(3) Prior to the expiration of the CVT license, the Board will send renewal instructions to the mailing address and/or email address of the CVT on file with the Board. CVTs shall keep the Board advised of their address at all times. The Board shall be entitled to rely on its records, regardless of whether the CVT keeps the Board so advised.

(4) CVTs may be renewed without re-examination upon timely application. A renewal application accompanied by the fee must be submitted to the Board postmarked no later than December 31st of each renewal cycle in order to be considered timely filed.

(a) Renewal forms received or postmarked between January 1st and 31st will incur a late fee.

(b) Renewal forms received or postmarked between February 1st and February 28th or 29th will incur additional late fees.

(c) Renewal forms received or postmarked between March 1st and April 30th will incur additional late fees.

(d) If the CVT license lapses, a 21-month grace period begins. The CVT may renew the license within the 21-month period by paying the maximum delinquent fee and the current renewal fee, and by providing documentation of veterinary technician activities, including having completed 15 hours of approved continuing education, during the interim. After 21 months, the license may be revoked and the CVT may have to re-qualify for licensure by taking an examination specified by the Board.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 686.210

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 686.255 & 686.350 - 686.370

875-030-0040

Supervision of Certified Veterinary Technicians

(1) All duties of CVTs must be performed under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

(2) CVTs may perform the following acts:

(a) Obtain and record information:

(A) Complete admission records, including recording the statements made by the client concerning the patient's problems and history. The CVT may also record the technician's

own observations of the patient. However, the CVT cannot state or record his or her opinion concerning diagnosis of the patient;

(B) Maintain daily progress records, surgery logs, X-ray logs, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) logs, and all other routine records as directed by the supervising veterinarian.

(b) Prepare patients, instruments, equipment and medicant for surgery:

(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) Induce anesthesia as prescribed by the supervising veterinarian;

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

(G) Place an endotracheal tube for the purpose of delivering oxygen and anesthetic gas to the patient requiring inhalant anesthesia.

(c) Collect specimens and perform laboratory procedures:

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

(B) Collect blood samples for laboratory analysis;

(C) Collect skin scrapings;

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

(d) Apply and remove wound and surgical dressings, casts, and splints;

(e) Assist the veterinarian in diagnostic, medical, and surgical proceedings:

(A) Monitor and record the patient's vital signs;

(B) Medically bathe the patient;

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

(D) Operate X-ray equipment and other diagnostic imaging equipment;

- (E) Take electrocardiograms, electroencephalograms, and tracings;
 - (F) Perform dental prophylaxis, including operating ultrasonic dental instruments pursuant to OAR 875-015-0050.
 - (G) Perform extractions under the immediate supervision of a licensed veterinarian.
 - (H) Administer rabies vaccine under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.
 - (I) Administer a permanent identification device.
 - (J) Under indirect supervision, carry out an Oregon-licensed veterinarians' home care instructions for duties permitted under OAR 875-030-0040. A valid VCPR must exist in order for a CVT to perform duties under indirect supervision.
- (3) CVTs may perform other acts not specifically enumerated herein under the supervision of a veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Oregon. However, nothing in this section shall be construed to permit a CVT to do the following:
- (a) Make any diagnosis;
 - (b) Prescribe any treatments;
 - (c) Perform surgery, except as an assistant to the veterinarian;
 - (d) Sign a rabies vaccination or any other animal health certificate.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 686.210

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 686.350 - 686.370

875-030-0045

Unprofessional or Dishonorable Conduct

The Board interprets "unprofessional or dishonorable conduct" to include, but is not limited to the following:

- (1) Gross negligence in the performance of duties as a Certified Veterinary Technician (CVT).
- (2) A pattern, practice or continuous course of negligence, ignorance, incompetence or inefficiency in practice as a CVT. The incidents may be dissimilar.
- (3) Diagnosing, prescribing, or performing other activities that may be done only by a licensed veterinarian.
- (4) Handling animals in an inhumane manner or with unnecessary force.

- (5) Theft or diversion of legend or controlled drugs.
- (6) Failure to respond or appear as requested, without good cause, within the time required by the Board.
- (7) Failure to comply with any rule or order of the Board or as required by OAR 875-005-0010.
- (8) Altering or falsifying medical records.
- (9) Making a misrepresentation or omission on a license renewal application.
- (10) Violations of veterinary laws in other states that would constitute violations of Oregon law.
- (11) Violations of other laws that relate to the practice of veterinary medicine.
- (12) Failure without good cause to notify the Board within 30 days if contact information changes.
- (13) Providing false, misleading or deceptive information to the Board.
- (14) Failure to report unprofessional or prohibited conduct as described in ORS 676.150.
- (15) "Prohibited conduct" means conduct by a licensee that:
 - (a) Constitutes a criminal act against a patient or client; or
 - (b) Constitutes a criminal act that creates a risk of harm to a patient or client.
- (16) "Unprofessional conduct" means conduct unbecoming a licensee or detrimental to the best interests of the public, including conduct contrary to recognized standards of ethics of the licensee's profession or conduct that endangers the health, safety or welfare of a patient or client.
- (17) Unless state or federal laws relating to confidentiality or the protection of health information prohibit disclosure, a licensee who has reasonable cause to believe that another licensee has engaged in prohibited or unprofessional conduct shall report the conduct to the Board. The reporting licensee shall report the conduct without undue delay, but in no event later than 10 working days after the reporting licensee learns of the conduct.
- (18) A licensee who is convicted of a misdemeanor or felony or who is arrested for a felony crime shall report the conviction or arrest to the Board within 10 days after the conviction or arrest.

(19) The Board shall investigate in accordance with the Board's rules. If the Board has reasonable cause to believe that the licensee has engaged in prohibited conduct, the Board shall present the facts to an appropriate law enforcement agency without undue delay, but in no event later than 10 working days after the Board finds reasonable cause to believe that the licensee engaged in prohibited conduct.

(20) A licensee who fails to report prohibited or unprofessional conduct as required by subsection (2) of this section or the licensee's conviction or arrest as required by subsection (3) of this section is subject to discipline by the Board.

(21) A licensee who fails to report prohibited conduct as required by subsection (2) of this section commits a Class A violation.

(22) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a report under subsection (2) or (3) of this section is confidential under ORS 676.175. A board may disclose a report as provided in ORS 676.177.

(23) Except as part of an application for a license or for renewal of a license and except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, the Board may not require a licensee to report the licensee's criminal conduct.

(24) The obligations imposed by this section are in addition to and not in lieu of other obligations to report unprofessional conduct as provided by statute.

(25) A licensee who reports to the Board in good faith as required by subsection (2) of this section is immune from civil liability for making the report.

(26) The Board and the members, employees and contractors of the Board are immune from civil liability for actions taken in good faith as a result of a report received under subsection (2) or (3) of this section.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 686.210, ORS 686.350 - 686.370, OR 686-120 - 686.130, ORS 686.260 & ORS 686.130

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 686.210 & ORS 686.130

875-030-0050

Practice Limitations for Individuals not Certified as Veterinary Technicians

(1) Persons who are not licensed by this Board as CVTs may, under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian, perform all acts that a CVT may perform except:

- (2) Induce anesthesia, except to place an endotracheal tube to establish an airway in emergencies (OAR 875-030-0040(2)(b)(E);
- (3) Operate X-ray equipment unless the person has completed 20 hours training in radiograph safety (2)(b)(G) as required by the Oregon State Health Division (OAR 333);
- (4) Perform dental extractions (2)(e)(G);
- (5) Administer rabies vaccine (2)(e)(H); and
- (6) Perform any duties under indirect supervision as defined in OAR 875-005-0005(20)(c).

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 686.210

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 686.350 - 686.370