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RULE SUMMARY: This rule is necessary to correctly define terms as adopted by the Board related to "Pregnancy evaluation"; "Sterility evaluation" and "Fertility evaluation".

#### CHANGES TO RULE:

875-005-0005  
Definitions ¶¶

- (1) "Agency": Any animal control department, humane society, or facility which contracts with a public agency or arranges to provide animal sheltering services and is registered by the Oregon State Board of Pharmacy.¶¶
- (2) "Board": The Oregon State Veterinary Medical Examining Board (OVMEB).¶¶
- (3) "Board of Pharmacy": The Oregon State Board of Pharmacy (BOP).¶¶
- (4) "Certified Euthanasia Technician (CET)": A person who is employed by, or a volunteer at, a humane society or animal control agency and is certified by the Board pursuant to ORS 475.190(4). ¶¶
- (5) "Client": An entity, person, group, or corporation, that has entered into an agreement with a veterinarian for the purpose of obtaining veterinary medical services.¶¶
- (6) "Comprehensive": Pertaining to all animal species.¶¶
- (7) "Conviction of Cruelty to Animals": For purposes of ORS 686.130(11), is defined to include but not limited to animal abuse in the first or second degree, aggravated animal abuse in the first degree, and animal neglect in the first degree.¶¶
- (8) "Designated Agent": A CET who is responsible for the withdrawal and return of sodium pentobarbital from the drug storage cabinet.¶¶
- (9) "Diagnostics": Imaging, testing, and samples collected used to provide information for patient care.¶¶
- (10) "Facility Owner": Any person, corporation, partnership, or other similar organization, private, or not-for-profit, holding title to a facility where licensed veterinarian(s) practice or where the practice of veterinary medicine occurs.¶¶
- (11) "Facility Registration": A registration issued by the Board to operate a veterinary medical facility when the

premises meet minimum standards established by the Board. Premises includes, but is not limited to, any building, structure, unit, office, land, vehicle, motor or mobile home, utilized in the practice of veterinary medicine or where the practice of veterinary medicine occurs.¶

(12) "Good Standing and Repute": As used in ORS 686.045(1), means:¶

(a) A university accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA); or¶

(b) A foreign school listed by the AVMA whose graduates are eligible to apply for a certificate through the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG) committee of the AVMA, or other programs approved by the Board.¶

(13) "Herd or Flock Animal": Animals, (four or more, of the same species), managed as a group, including, but not limited to, breeding, sale, show, food production, or racing. The veterinarian shall have the discretion to determine 'herd or flock' status for provision of veterinary medical care and recordkeeping.¶

(14) "Licensee Portal": Licensee access point for maintaining personal and facility information and for processing registrations and renewals. Located on the Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board website.¶

(15) "Managing Veterinarian": An Oregon veterinarian, licensed in good standing, who has been designated by the facility owner to be accountable to the Board for the facility's compliance with the laws and rules governing the practice of veterinary medicine in this state. Designation of a Managing Veterinarian shall be according to the procedures in OAR 875-010-0031(3).¶

(16) "Medical Records": Systematic documentation of a single patient or patients' medical history, physical examination, diagnosis, treatment, notes, and care across time, pursuant to OAR 875-015-0030.¶

(17) "Principal": A person who has controlling authority over the licensed facility, including but not limited to:¶

(a) Managers or other persons who have decision-making authority and whose primary duties include control over the operation of the licensed facility;¶

(b) Officers or directors who have some degree of responsibility for the operation of the licensed facility;¶

(c) General Partners, limited and joint ventures;¶

(d) Sole proprietors;¶

(e) Stockholders holding a majority of outstanding shares of stock; and¶

(f) Members of a Limited Liability Company.¶

(18) "Satellite Unit" A mobile or house call facility operated under the license of a registered fixed location facility. Satellite Units do not require individual facility registration. A mobile satellite unit must maintain sufficient capacity to address medical emergencies.¶

(19) Surgery Procedure¶

(a) "Aseptic Surgery": Aseptic surgical technique exists when everything that comes in contact with the surgical field is sterile and precautions are taken to ensure sterility during the procedure.¶

(b) "Antiseptic Surgery": Antiseptic surgical technique exists when care is taken to avoid bacterial contamination.¶

(20) "Supervision" means that each act shall be performed by any employee or volunteer in the practice only after receiving specific directions from a licensed veterinarian.¶

(a) "Direct" supervision under this provision means both the certified veterinary technician and the licensed veterinarian are on the premises at the same time;¶

(b) "Immediate" supervision under this provision means that the supervising veterinarian is in the immediate vicinity of where the work is being performed and is actively engaged in supervising this work throughout the entire period it is being performed;¶

(c) "Indirect" supervision under this provision means that a CVT may, after receiving specific direction from an Oregon-licensed veterinarian, perform duties permitted under OAR 875-030-0040 at a client's home or other location where the animal is kept. A valid VCPR must exist in order for a CVT to perform duties under indirect supervision.¶

(21) "Veterinary Client Patient Relationship (VCPR)": Except where the patient is a wild or feral animal or its owner is unknown; a VCPR shall exist when the following conditions exist: The veterinarian must have sufficient knowledge of the animal to initiate at least a general or preliminary diagnosis of the medical condition of the animal. This means that the veterinarian has seen the animal within the last year and is personally acquainted with the care of the animal by virtue of a physical examination of the animal or by medically appropriate and timely visits to the premises where the animal is kept. The VCPR, once established, extends to other veterinarians licensed by the Board who are practicing within the same registered facility, and who have access to, and have reviewed, the medical history and records of the animal.¶

(22) "Veterinary Medical Facility": Any premises, unit, structure, or vehicle where veterinary medicine is practiced, except when used for the practice of veterinary medicine pursuant to an exemption under ORS 686.040.¶

(a) "Fixed Location Facility": A veterinary medical facility including but not limited to a building, unit or structure, at a fixed location, where animals are received and/or confined, and where the practice of veterinary medicine is

practiced,¶

(b) "Mobile Facility": A veterinary medical facility including but not limited to any vehicle, trailer, camper, motor, or mobile home, used in the practice of veterinary medicine. Mobile facilities must maintain sufficient capacity to address medical emergencies.¶

(c) "House Call Facility": A veterinary medical facility at a non-fixed location where veterinarian(s) practice. It must include a designated location for drug and record storage..¶

(23) "Veterinary Technician": a person licensed by the Board as a Certified Veterinary Technician.¶

(24) For purposes of meeting work experience eligibility requirements for intern, veterinarian and certified veterinary technician licensure, a year is defined as at least 2,000 hours in any 52-week period.¶

(25) "Pregnancy evaluation": As used in ORS 686.030, an examination and judgment concerning whether an animal is or is not gestating. This includes but is not limited to the use of ultrasound, radiography, and hormone testing to determine if the animal is gestating. ¶

(26) "Sterility evaluation": As used in ORS 686.030, an examination and judgment concerning whether a male or female animal is capable or incapable of producing offspring. This includes but is not limited to: ¶

(a) An examination to evaluate abnormalities in the reproductive organs, body condition and overall health; ¶

(b) Testing and evaluation of the reproductive tract; and ¶

(c) Semen analysis to evaluate semen quality. ¶

(27) "Fertility evaluation": As used in ORS 686.030, an examination and judgment regarding the animal's likelihood to conceive or give birth to offspring. This includes but is not limited to: ¶

(a) An examination to check for and evaluate abnormalities in the reproductive organs, body condition, and overall health; ¶

(b) Any testing to evaluate hormone levels that assess reproductive cycle function; ¶

(c) Any testing to determine the number of eggs available for fertilization; ¶

(d) Cytology to evaluate cell samples from the reproductive tract to look for infections or abnormalities or determine the best time for breeding; and ¶

(e) Any direct visualization or imaging to evaluate the reproductive organs.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 686.210, ORS 475.190, 609.405, 686.130, 686.255, 686.510

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 475.190, 609.405, 686.130, 686.255, 686.510

AMEND: 875-015-0035

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RULE SUMMARY: Amend OAR 875-015-0035 to allow a VCPR, once established, to extend to other veterinarians licensed by the Board who are practicing within the same registered facility, and who have access to, and have reviewed, the medical history and records of the animal; to clarify when VTM may be used prior to an initial visit; and to simplify language related to CVTs providing VTM with valid VCPR.

CHANGES TO RULE:

875-015-0035

Minimum Standards for Veterinary Telemedicine

(1) Veterinary Telemedicine (VTM) occurs in Oregon when either the animal who is receiving the care is located in Oregon when receiving VTM or the person providing the care to the animal is located in Oregon when providing VTM, pursuant to the provisions of ORS 686.020. VTM may be provided only under a valid VCPR.¶¶

(2) VTM may be used when a veterinarian has a VCPR only when it is possible to make a diagnosis and create a treatment plan without a new physical exam.¶¶

(3) VTM may be used ~~prior to an initial visit~~ with an existing client when there has not been a previous physical examination for the purpose of prescribing sedation for an aggressive or fractious patient. ¶¶

(4) Prescriptions may only be issued when VTM occurs if the veterinarian has evaluated the safety of doing so via VTM, and in compliance with all state and federal laws.¶¶

(5) A veterinarian shall not substitute VTM for a physical exam when a physical exam is warranted or necessary for an accurate diagnosis of any medical condition or creation of an appropriate treatment plan. ¶¶

(6) When practicing VTM in Oregon, licensees must conform to all minimum standards of practice and applicable laws. Licensees are fully responsible and accountable for their conduct when using VTM under the Board's statutes and rules.¶¶

(7) Whenever VTM is practiced in Oregon, a veterinarian must:¶¶

(a) Ensure that any technology used in the provision of VTM is sufficient and of appropriate quality to provide accuracy of remote assessment and diagnosis. ¶¶

(b) Ensure that medical information obtained via VTM is recorded completely in the patient medical record and meets all applicable requirements of OAR 875-015-0030(1).¶¶

(8) A veterinarian may only delegate the provision of VTM to a Certified Veterinary Technician who is acting under direct or indirect supervision and in accordance with OAR 875-030-0040. A valid VCPR, established by a physical examination conducted by the veterinarian, must exist for the CVT to provide VTM services. ¶¶

(9) Veterinarians and CVTs providing VTM shall at the time of service provide their contact information to the client or practice using the service. All VTM records shall be provided to the client or practice and are subject to the provisions of 875-011-0010 (12), (13).

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 686.210 ~~m~~ ~~IRS 686.040~~, ORS 686.370

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 686.210 ~~m~~ ~~1~~, ORS 686.043 70, ORS 686.370 40