

Oregon Veterinary Medical Board

NEWSLETTER

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THIS IS YOUR ONLY LICENSE RENEWAL NOTICE

Veterinarian and CVT licenses expire on December 31st each year.

Online renewal will be available by November 15th at the Board's website, www.oregon.gov/ovmeb. Those who don't wish to renew online with a credit card will find a link to a paper form to print and mail with payment to the Board. Renew before December 31st to avoid late fees. Veterinarians must report 30 hours of CE this year. CVTs do not report CE this year.

Employers: Please ensure that all your veterinarians and CVTs renew on time.

—NEW RULES—

Facility Registration and Designation of Managing Veterinarian

Effective January 2016, all Oregon veterinary facilities must register with the Board and designate a Managing Veterinarian responsible for certifying that the facility meets current Minimum Standards. Detailed instructions and forms will be on the website on or around November 15th. The website address is www.oregon.gov/ovmeb. The annual registration fee is \$150.

As part of this new facility registration process, this year's veterinary license renewal application will include questions about veterinary facilities you may own or practice at.

- ▶ Each veterinarian must indicate if they have an ownership in one or more veterinary facilities in Oregon.
- ▶ Non-owner veterinarians must identify the owner of each facility in which they practice, including corporate-owned and non-profit facilities.

The owner or owners of each Oregon veterinary facility will be responsible for applying for and obtaining a facility registration for their facilities by January 2016.

- ▶ Each Oregon veterinary facility owner must designate a Managing Veterinarian who will be responsible for maintaining compliance with all current facility minimum standards. Owners must give the Managing Veterinarian the authority and resources necessary to meet the minimum standards. Veterinarian owners may designate themselves as the Managing Veterinarian.
- ▶ Mobile veterinary facilities, such as an RV or trailer, that provide interior treatment areas must also register as veterinary facilities, unless they operate out of a registered fixed-location veterinary facility.

Please note that minimum standards have not changed. During the phase-in year of the new law, the Board will review data and may propose new standards specific to different practice types. Current minimum standards, as well as rule language for facility registration, are on the website.

Questions About Facility Registration

Are there new Minimum Standards for facilities?

No. The current standards, which have been in effect for many years, apply to the 2016 registration. Amendments to the current standards may be proposed for 2017 after the Board has considered information gathered during 2016 relative to different practice types and needs.

Do mobile practices need to register?

Yes, unless the vehicle is part of a fixed-location registered facility. For the 2016 registration, review the Minimum Standards and assess/certify compliance with all that apply.

Do non-profit shelters need to register?

Yes.

Are AAHA practices exempt from inspections?

All practices are exempt from routine registration inspections during 2016. Beginning in 2017, the Board may accept current AAHA certification in-lieu-of Board inspection.

Can anyone be designated as a Managing Veterinarian?

Any Oregon-licensed veterinarian may be a Managing Veterinarian; however, the Board may deny designation to licensees who have relevant disciplinary history.

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Citation & Fine Authority

The Legislature has granted the Board authority to issue a citation and fine of up to \$100 in-lieu-of formal discipline for certain violations of the Veterinary Practice Act. This will allow the Board to address noncompliance quickly and without public notice of proposed discipline. The matter remains confidential, i.e., it does not become a part of the licensee's permanent public record. The Board may still choose to propose formal discipline if the conduct is chronic or part of a more serious violation. The licensee may also choose to refuse a citation and instead demand a public notice and hearing.

Here are examples of conduct to which a citation and fine might apply: *

⊙ Dr. Noyb fails to provide the Board with a home address in violation of OAR 875-005-0010 (3), and also fails to notify the Board of a new business address in violation of OAR 875-005-0010(4).

⊙ Dr. Watever fails to post licenses in the facility in violation of OAR 875-015-0020(10).

⊙ Dr. Inahuri fails to have a copy of the license available during mobile practice farm calls in violation OAR 875-015-0020(10).

⊙ Dr. Buzoff fails to timely respond to the Board in violation of OAR 875-010-00(19).

Cite and fine authority will go into effect January 2016. Initially, the Board will continue complaint review with current investigation procedures. In the future, to improve efficiency and use of investigation resources, the Board may delegate specific C&F authority to an inspector.

*And conduct that does not ...

The Board recently reviewed a complaint concerning unprofessional conduct. A licensee pre-signed a book of health certificates for a client without examining the animals. This unhappy veterinarian faces potential fines of \$1,000 for each certificate in violation of ORS 686.130 ("...fraudulent use or misuse of any health certificate...that might lead to the dissemination of disease or the transportation of diseased animals or the sale of inedible food products of animal origin for human consumption").

HAPPY HOLIDAYS, EVERYONE!