



# Oregon Veterinary Medical Board

## Winter 2017 Newsletter

RENEWAL INFORMATION	Broken Records
<p>Renewal notification has been sent via e-mail.</p> <p><b>This is your final reminder.</b></p> <p><b>Beginning November 15th, you may renew Veterinary, CVT, and Facility licenses on the Board's website, <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/ovmab">www.oregon.gov/ovmab</a>. Renew by December 31st to avoid late fees.</b></p> <p>You may pay by credit card online, or you may enter the required information online and then opt for a paper form that you may print and send in with a check or money order.</p> <p>We cannot accept payment by phone. Paper renewals will not be provided this year.</p> <p>Veterinarians do not need to report CE this year. <b>CVTs must report 15 hours of CE.</b> Those who passed the VTNE and began practicing in 2017 do not have to report CE.</p> <p>All CVT CE may be obtained online and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Attendance at scientific workshops or seminars approved by the Board or by the American Association of Veterinary Boards Registry of Approved Continuing Education (RACE).</li><li>● A maximum of two hours for reading approved scientific journals.</li><li>● A maximum of three hours for workshops or seminars on non-scientific subjects such as communication skills, practice management, stress management, or chemical impairment.</li><li>● CE sponsored by the following organizations:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA); local and regional VMAs; AAHA.</li><li>✓ U.S. and Canadian veterinary schools accredited by AVMA.</li><li>✓ All federal, state or regional veterinary medical academies or centers.</li></ul></li></ul>	<p>Inadequate veterinary patient records continue to be the most common violation found by the Board in consumer complaint investigation. Please review record requirements online at <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/ovmab">www.oregon.gov/ovmab</a> (click on 'Veterinary Practice Act', then on 'Oregon Administrative Rules' and scroll to Division 15, Minimum Standards for Veterinary Medical Facilities and Veterinary Practice. Here are frequent problems seen in veterinary patient records:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Incomplete or illegible entries. Rule: <i>875-015-0030(1) Medical Records: A <b>legible</b> individual record shall be maintained for each animal.</i> (Records for representative animals of herds/flocks/litters still need to be readable.)</li><li>● Incomplete patient status information: <i>875-015-0030(1) (T) Progress of the case while in the veterinary medical facility.</i> (E.g., if your patient bites another patient, it should be noted in both patients' records.)</li><li>● If you make a recommendation that's rejected, include it in the record. <i>875-015-0030(1) (V) If a client waives or declines any examinations, tests, or other recommended treatments, such waiver or denial shall be noted in the records.</i></li><li>● Don't neglect to offer recommendations based on knowledge or assumptions about a client, lest you run afoul of: <i>Unprofessional or Dishonorable Conduct, 875-011-0010(7) Failure to use generally accepted diagnostic procedures and treatments, without good cause.</i> Even if you know a client will reject your recommendations, you need to offer and document them. Just say the Board made you do it. 👍</li><li>● When a client or another veterinarian requests a copy of the patient record you must provide it. (See new rule amendments, over.)</li></ul> <p style="text-align: right;">↘</p>

# Administrative Rules Update

The following Administrative Rule amendments are now in effect. New language is in **bold type**.

## ■ 875-005-0005 Definitions

**(18) 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.**

## ■ 875-010-0050 Supervision of Interns

(3) The supervising veterinarian shall notify the Board within **10** calendar days if an intern is no longer under that veterinarian's supervision.

**(4) An intern licensee shall notify the Board within 10 calendar days of any change in supervision.**

## ■ 875-011-0010 Unprofessional or Dishonorable Conduct

**(13) Failure to provide to a client, or another veterinarian retained by the client, upon request by either, a copy of the patient's medical record (including copies of imaging) within 72 hours or immediately for emergencies. A reasonable copying fee, e.g., comparable to local commercial copying rates, may be charged; however, copy requests may not be denied for nonpayment of fees or outstanding bills.**

## ■ 875-015-0005 Responsibilities for Veterinary Medical Practices

This amendment changes 'doctor' to 'veterinarian' throughout the section.  
See full text at [www.oregon.gov/ovmeb](http://www.oregon.gov/ovmeb).

## ■ 875-015-0030 Minimum Veterinary Practice Standards

**(h) Required examinations. Unless exempted under (1) of this section or the animal's temperament precludes examination, a physical examination is required:**

- 1. To establish or maintain a VCPR;**
- 2. Each time an animal is presented with a new health problem;**
- 3. Within 24 hours of scheduled anesthesia; and**
- 4. If an animal is presented for euthanasia. (May be limited to elements necessary for the humane application of the procedure, such as a weight estimate and visual assessment if necessary due to the patient's condition or temperament.)**

**Examinations waived due to exemption or temperament must be noted in the record. The veterinarian may waive examinations not required by this section.**

