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State		Specified Duties: Veterinary Technicians	Specified Duties: Veterinary Assistants	Exceptions for Providing Emergency Care
<b>Alabama</b>	<p>A veterinary technician is a person who is validly and currently licensed to practice as a veterinary technician in Alabama.</p> <p>An unlicensed assistant is an individual who is not a licensed veterinary technician or veterinarian and is employed by a licensed veterinarian.</p>	<p>Indirect supervision (direct supervision if patient is anesthetized):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dental Prophylaxis.</li> <li>▪ Enemas.</li> <li>▪ Electrocardiography.</li> <li>▪ Application of bandages.</li> <li>▪ Catheterization of the unobstructed bladder and inserting indwelling catheter.</li> <li>▪ Gavage.</li> <li>▪ Ear flush.</li> <li>▪ Surgical site preparation.</li> <li>▪ Diagnostic imaging:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Patient preparation and positioning.</li> <li>◆ Operation of X-ray and ultrasound machines.</li> <li>◆ Oral and rectal administration of radio-opaque materials.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Injections of medications not otherwise prohibited:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Intramuscular.</li> <li>◆ Subcutaneous.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Immediate supervision of a licensed veterinarian or a licensed veterinary technician:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Blood administration and collection.</li> <li>▪ Placement of a device to allow vascular access</li> <li>▪ Gavage.</li> <li>▪ Diagnostic imaging:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Patient preparation and positioning.</li> <li>2. Film exposure.</li> <li>3. Oral and rectal administration of radio-opaque materials.                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Intravenous injections of medications not otherwise prohibited.</li> </ul> </li> </ol> </li> <li>▪ Exfoliative cytology preparation</li> <li>▪ Application of bandages</li> <li>▪ Ear Flush</li> <li>▪ Electrocardiography</li> <li>▪ Removal of sutures</li> <li>▪ Euthanasia</li> <li>▪ Assist during surgery and diagnostics</li> <li>▪ Place Endotracheal Tube</li> </ul> <p>Indirect Supervision of a</p>	<p>Tasks performed by a certified veterinary technician under conditions of an emergency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Application of tourniquets or pressure bandages, or both, to control hemorrhage.</li> <li>▪ Administration of pharmacological agents and parenteral fluids shall only be performed after direct communication with a veterinarian authorized to practice in this state and the veterinarian is either present or in route to the location of the distressed animal.</li> <li>▪ Resuscitative oxygen procedures.</li> <li>▪ External cardiac massage.</li> <li>▪ Application of temporary splints or bandages to prevent further injury to bones or soft tissue.</li> <li>▪ Application of appropriate wound dressings and external supportive treatment in severe burn cases.</li> <li>▪</li> </ul> <p>Licensed/certified technicians are not liable for damages to the owner of the animal who</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Intravenous.</li> <li>◆ Intradermal</li> <li>▪ Oral medications.</li> <li>▪ Topical medication.</li> <li>▪ Laboratory: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Collection of tissue during or after a veterinarian has performed necropsy.</li> <li>◆ Urinalysis.</li> <li>◆ Hematology.</li> <li>◆ Parasitology.</li> <li>◆ Exfoliative cytology.</li> <li>◆ Microbiology.</li> <li>◆ Blood chemistry.</li> <li>◆ Serology.</li> <li>◆ Coprology.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Administration of pre-anesthetic drugs.</li> <li>▪ Oxygen therapy.</li> <li>▪ Removal of partially exposed foreign objects from skin and feet.</li> <li>▪ Removal of sutures.</li> <li>▪ Euthanasia.</li> <li>▪ Administration of immunological agents.</li> <li>▪ Blood collection for diagnostic purposes</li> <li>▪ Cystocentesis</li> <li>▪ Placement of a device to allow vascular access</li> <li>▪ Handling of biohazard waste materials</li> </ul>	<p>licensed veterinarian or a licensed veterinary technician:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Blood Collection for diagnostic purposes</li> <li>▪ Fecal Sample Collection</li> <li>▪ Surgical Site Preparation</li> <li>▪ Administration of previously prescribed medications</li> <li>▪ Handling of biohazardous waste materials</li> </ul>	<p>gratuitously and in good faith give emergency treatment to a sick or injured animal at the scene of an accident or emergency in the absence of gross negligence</p>
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<b>Alaska</b>	<p>A veterinary technician must be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ licensed by the board;</li> <li>▪ the employee of a veterinarian licensed under AS 08.98; and</li> <li>▪ knowledgeable in</li> </ul>	<p>Supervision required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ advanced animal care services</li> <li>▪ dispensing of medicine</li> </ul> <p>A licensed veterinary technician may provide</p>	<p>A person who is obtaining on-the-job training [while pursuing a veterinary technician license] may perform veterinary technician duties only under the direct supervision of a licensed</p>	<p>A veterinarian or a person working under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian, who renders emergency care to an injured or ill animal that reasonably appears to the veterinarian or supervised person to be in immediate need of emergency aid in order to avoid</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ the care and handling of animals;</li> <li>○ the basic principles of animal health; and</li> <li>○ Routine laboratory and clinical procedures.</li> </ul>	care to an animal under the remote direction of a veterinarian in communities that do not have an established veterinary practice.	veterinarian or licensed veterinary technician	serious harm or death is not liable for civil damages as a result of an act or omission in rendering emergency aid.
<b>Arizona</b>	<p>A certified veterinary technician means a person who either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ has graduated from a minimum two year AVMA accredited program in veterinary technology who has passed a national and a state veterinary technician examination or;</li> <li>▪ was certified in or before December 31, 2010 pursuant to the rules adopted by the board.</li> </ul> <p>Veterinary assistant means a person who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ provides care under the direct or indirect supervision of a veterinarian or certified veterinary technician.</li> </ul>	Certified veterinary technician may perform the tasks delegated by a licensed veterinarian while under the direction, supervision, and control of the licensed veterinarian	A veterinary assistant employed by a licensed veterinarian performing duties other than diagnosis, prognosis, prescription, or surgery under the direct supervision or indirect supervision of such veterinarian who shall be responsible for such assistant's performance.	<p>A technician may render emergency care or first aid if the technician is supervised telephonically by a licensed veterinarian or until a licensed veterinarian arrives</p> <p>Any person licensed or certified pursuant to this chapter who gratuitously and in good faith gives emergency treatment to a sick or injured animal at the scene of an emergency shall not be liable in damages to the owner of such animal in the absence of gross negligence.</p>
<b>Arkansas</b>	Veterinary technician means a person who:	Tasks should be performed under the	A veterinarian may utilize the services of an	NONE SPECIFIED

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Has received a diploma or its equivalent from a college-level program accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association; and</li> <li>▪ Provides veterinary services under the supervision and direction of a licensed veterinarian who is responsible for the performance of that technician.</li> </ul>	supervising veterinarian within the scope of practice of the supervising veterinarian	employee to perform services not requiring the skill and judgment of a veterinary technician, which services are performed under the direct personal supervision of the veterinarian	
<b>California</b>	<p>A veterinary technician is one who has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Met certain educational requirements</li> <li>▪ Passed the written and practical exam</li> <li>▪ Is registered by the board</li> </ul> <p>A veterinary assistant means any individual who is not an R.V.T. or a licensed veterinarian.</p>	<p>Direct Supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Induce anesthesia;</li> <li>▪ Apply casts and splints;</li> <li>▪ Perform dental extractions;</li> <li>▪ Suture cutaneous and subcutaneous tissues, gingiva and oral mucous membranes,</li> <li>▪ Create a relief hole in the skin to facilitate placement of an intravascular catheter</li> </ul> <p>Indirect Supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Administer controlled substances.</li> </ul>	<p>Direct Supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Effective January 1, 2015, administer a controlled substance if certain conditions are met.</li> <li>▪ May perform auxiliary animal health care tasks under the direct or indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian or the direct supervision of an R.V.T.</li> </ul>	<p>Under conditions of an emergency, a registered veterinary technician may render such lifesaving aid and treatment as may be prescribed under regulations adopted by the board. Such emergency aid and treatment if rendered to an animal patient not in the presence of a licensed veterinarian may only be continued under the direction of a licensed veterinarian.</p> <p>Any registered veterinary technician registered in this state who in good faith renders emergency animal health care at the scene of the emergency, or his or her employing veterinarian or agency, shall not be liable for any civil damages as the result of acts</p>

				or omissions by a registered veterinary technician rendering the emergency care.
<b>Colorado</b>	<p>A veterinary technician means a person who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Has received a degree in animal technology or a comparable degree from a school, college, or university recognized by the board; or</li> <li>▪ Has received a diploma as an animal technician on or before July 1, 1975.</li> </ul>	<p>Veterinary personnel may perform veterinary medicine duties under the direction and supervision of a licensed veterinarian.</p> <p>Indirect supervision is acceptable in limited circumstances when certain conditions are met.</p> <p>Immediate Supervision is required when veterinary personnel are assisting in surgical procedures.</p> <p>Direct Supervision is required when veterinary personnel are assisting in dentistry.</p>	NONE SPECIFIED	<p>In a life-threatening emergency, the supervising licensed veterinarian may provide verbal instructions necessary for stabilizing the patient prior to examining the patient provided the supervising licensed veterinarian subsequently and timely examines the patient and documents the instruction provided in the patient's record.</p>
<b>Connecticut</b>	NOT SPECIFIED	NONE SPECIFIED	NONE SPECIFIED	<p>The provisions of [the practice of veterinary medicine, surgery or dentistry] shall not apply to any person who furnishes medical or surgical assistance without compensation in an emergency,</p>
<b>Delaware</b>	<p>A veterinary technician means a person who has received a degree from a veterinary technician program or its equivalent.</p>	<p>Immediate supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ induction of anesthesia</li> </ul> <p>Direct Supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ intubation,</li> <li>▪ anesthesia maintenance;</li> </ul>	<p>Immediate supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ intubation,</li> <li>▪ urethral catheterization (except in the case of known urinary blockage or pre-existing urethral or</li> </ul>	<p>Under conditions of emergencies, the following activities, which would be otherwise prohibited in the absence of veterinary supervision, may be performed by veterinary technicians or support personnel prior to the</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ arterial catheterization;</li> <li>▪ urethral catheterization (except in the case of known urinary blockage or pre-existing urethral or urinary bladder disease);</li> <li>▪ cystocentesis;</li> <li>▪ dental extractions with no periosteal elevation, no sectioning of tooth and no re-sectioning of bone;</li> <li>▪ dental procedures including, but not limited to, removal of calculus, soft deposits, plaque and stains, smoothing, filing, polishing of teeth.</li> <li>▪ "Technicians" may assist registered practitioners who dispense controlled substances with the filling process, but only under direct supervision of the practitioner.</li> </ul>	<p>urinary bladder disease);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ dental extractions with no periosteal elevation, no sectioning of tooth and no re-sectioning of bone.</li> </ul> <p>Direct supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ anesthesia maintenance</li> <li>▪ dental procedures including, but not limited to, removal of calculus, soft deposits, plaque and stains, smoothing, filing, polishing of teeth.</li> </ul>	<p>veterinarian's initial examination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ application of tourniquets and/or pressure bandages to control hemorrhage,</li> <li>▪ administration of pharmacological agents, only to be performed after communication with a veterinarian authorized to practice in Delaware, and such veterinarian is either present or enroute to the distressed animal,</li> <li>▪ administration of parenteral fluids,</li> <li>▪ resuscitative procedures,</li> <li>▪ application of temporary splints or bandages to prevent further injury to bones or soft tissues,</li> <li>▪ application of appropriate wound dressings and external supportive treatment in severe wound and burn cases,</li> <li>▪ external supportive treatment in heat prostration cases,</li> <li>▪ any other reasonable treatments necessary to an animal's welfare in an emergency situation.</li> </ul>
<b>District of Columbia</b>	A veterinarian technician means a person certified by the Mayor to perform acts relating to maintenance of the health or treatment of an animal, except for the performance of surgery, diagnosis, or prescribing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A certified veterinary technician may provide services as prescribed by the Mayor through rulemaking, and only under the general supervision of a veterinarian licensed in the District, defined as</li> </ul>	Drugs may be administered only by a veterinarian or a veterinary assistant properly trained by a veterinarian in the manner of such administration of drugs and under the immediate direction of a veterinarian.	NONE SPECIFIED

	<p>of medication for any animal.</p> <p>A veterinary assistant is a person trained in animal care and who performs duties under the supervision of a veterinarian.</p> <p>A person shall not engage in activities related to maintaining the health or treatment of an animal unless certified by the Board of Veterinary Medicine as a veterinary technician. (2004 rulemaking)</p>	<p>under direction a veterinarian, and the veterinarian is accessible and available to the technician via a telephone communication device or on the premises.</p>		
<b>Florida</b>	<p>A certified veterinary technician is a person who has graduated from a veterinary technology training program that is accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association Committee on Veterinary Technicians Education and Activities (CVTEA) and has successfully completed the examinations required by the Florida Veterinary Medical Association's Technician Committee.</p>	<p>The administration of anesthesia and tranquilization by a veterinary aide, nurse, laboratory technician, intern, or other employee of a licensed veterinarian requires immediate supervision</p> <p>The administration of any vaccination by a veterinary aide, nurse, technician, intern or other employee of a licensed veterinarian which is not specifically prohibited requires immediate</p>	<p>All tasks which may be delegated to a veterinary aide, nurse, laboratory technician, intern, or other employee of a licensed veterinarian shall be performed only under the "immediate supervision" of a licensed veterinarian with the exception of the following tasks which may be performed without the licensed veterinarian on the premises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The administration of medication and treatment, excluding</li> </ul>	NONE SPECIFIED



		supervision	<p>vaccinations, as directed by the licensed veterinarian;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The obtaining of samples and the performance of those diagnostic tests, including radiographs, directed by the licensed veterinarian.</li> </ul> <p>The administration of anesthesia and tranquilization by a veterinary aide, nurse, laboratory technician, intern, or other employee of a licensed veterinarian requires "immediate supervision"</p> <p>The administration of any vaccination by a veterinary aide, nurse, technician, intern or other employee of a licensed veterinarian which is not specifically prohibited requires immediate supervision</p>	
<b>Georgia</b>	A veterinary technician means a person who engages in the practice of veterinary technology and on the basis of his or her qualifications is validly and currently registered by the board for such purpose.	Any veterinary technician must at all times be under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian whenever practicing veterinary technology in this state. The level of supervision shall be consistent with the	Any veterinary assistant must at all times be under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian whenever practicing veterinary technology in this state. The level of supervision shall be consistent with the	Any person who gratuitously and in good faith administers emergency treatment to a sick or injured animal at the scene of an accident or emergency shall not be in violation of this chapter and shall not be liable to the owner of such animal in any civil action for damages.

	A veterinary assistant means a person who engages in certain aspects of the practice of veterinary technology but is not registered by the board for such purpose.	delegated animal health care task. Subject to certain provisions, a licensed veterinarian may in his or her discretion delegate any animal health care task to a veterinary technician.	delegated animal health care task. Subject to certain provisions, a licensed veterinarian may in his or her discretion delegate any animal health care task to a veterinary assistant.	
<b>Hawaii</b>	NOT SPECIFIED	NONE SPECIFIED	NONE SPECIFIED	Nothing in the Veterinary Practice Act prohibits any person from gratuitously treating animals in case of emergency.
<b>Idaho</b>	<p>A certified veterinary technician means a person who has fulfilled the certification requirements prescribed by board rule and has been certified by the board to practice veterinary technology in this state.</p> <p>A veterinary assistant means any individual who is employed by an actively licensed veterinarian to perform acts pertaining to the practice of veterinary medicine.</p>	<p>Indirect supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Routine procedures in the practice of veterinary technology [including but not limited to taking radiographs, weight, and temperature or as determined by the standard of practice for the area]</li> <li>▪ Administering previously prescribed antibiotics and medications</li> </ul> <p>Direct supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Administering previously prescribed injectable controlled substances, injectable tranquilizers, injectable sedatives, and injectable or inhalant anesthetics</li> </ul>	NONE SPECIFIED	In emergency situations where the animal has been placed in a life-threatening condition and immediate treatment is necessary to sustain life, and in order to stabilize the animal, the veterinarian, while en route to the location of the distressed animal, may prescribe treatment and delegate appropriate procedures pertaining to the practice of veterinary medicine under indirect supervision. Such emergency treatment and procedures may only be continued under indirect supervision until the veterinarian arrives at the animal's location.

<p><b>Illinois</b></p>	<p>Certified veterinary technician means a person who is validly and currently licensed to practice veterinary technology in this state.</p>	<p>Direct Supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Performing cast application BUT does not include setting bones</li> </ul> <p>Direct or Immediate Supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ anesthesia induction;</li> <li>▪ anesthesia endotracheal intubation;</li> <li>▪ anesthesia maintenance;</li> <li>▪ anesthesia monitor signs;</li> <li>▪ cut down with needle;</li> <li>▪ central line without cut down;</li> <li>▪ dental prophylaxis;</li> <li>▪ skin closure;</li> <li>▪ perform local nerve blocks;</li> <li>▪ splint application;</li> <li>▪ female canine urinary catheterization;</li> <li>▪ fine needle aspiration;</li> <li>▪ puncture abscess with needle;</li> <li>▪ decapitation for rabies tests submission;</li> <li>▪ dehorning calves;</li> <li>▪ docking sheep/pig tails; and</li> <li>▪ urinary catheterization for blocked male cat.</li> </ul>	<p>NONE SPECIFIED</p>	<p>A person may, provide emergency veterinary care in an emergency or disaster situation so long as he or she does not represent himself or herself as a veterinarian or use a title or degree pertaining to the practice of veterinary medicine and surgery.</p>
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<p><b>Indiana</b></p>	<p>Registered veterinary technician means a veterinary technician registered under this article to work under the direct or indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian.</p> <p>Veterinary assistant means an individual who is not a licensed veterinarian or registered veterinary technician who performs tasks related to animal health care under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian or registered veterinary technician.</p>	<p>A supervising veterinarian shall determine and is responsible for determining the appropriate level of supervision, except where prohibited by law, if the tasks being delegated are commensurate with employee's training, experience, and skills.</p> <p>Registered veterinary technicians may, under direct or indirect supervision, perform routine food animal management practices if a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship exists</p> <p>In the performance of delegated veterinary tasks, a registered veterinary technician shall do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Accept only those delegated veterinary tasks for which there are mutually approved protocols, written standing orders, or verbal directions.</li> <li>▪ Accept only those delegated veterinary</li> </ul>	<p>A supervising veterinarian shall determine and is responsible for determining the appropriate level of supervision, except where prohibited by law, if the tasks being delegated are commensurate with employee's training, experience, and skills.</p> <p>In the performance of delegated veterinary tasks, a veterinary assistant shall do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Accept only those delegated veterinary tasks for which there are mutually approved protocols, written standing orders, or verbal directions.</li> <li>▪ Accept only those delegated veterinary tasks that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ the registered veterinary technician or veterinary assistant is competent to perform based on education, training, or experience; and</li> <li>◆ are not prohibited by law.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Consult with the</li> </ul>	<p>In an emergency, in the absence of the licensed veterinarian employer, an employee of a licensed veterinarian may perform the duties it is lawful for the employee to perform under the direct supervision of the licensed veterinarian according to the rules of the board and the written authority of the licensed veterinary employer.</p>
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<b>Iowa</b>	<p>Veterinary technician means any citizen of the United States who shall have graduated in veterinary technology from a two-year AVMA accredited school of veterinary technology; or in lieu thereof has assisted a licensed veterinarian for five years prior to 1980, or worked under the direction of a licensed veterinarian for at least three years,</p>	NONE SPECIFIED	<p>Any veterinary assistant employed by a licensed veterinarian from performing duties other than diagnosis, prescription, or surgery under the direct supervision of such veterinarian which assistant has been issued a certificate by the board.</p> <p>Veterinary assistants must act under the direct supervision of a licensed</p>	<p>Under conditions of an emergency, a veterinary assistant including a registered veterinary technician may render without supervision such lifesaving aid and treatment as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ administration of oxygen;</li> <li>▪ maintenance of airways including the nonsurgical insertion of an endotracheal tube; and control of hemorrhage.</li> </ul> <p>Under conditions of emergency, a registered veterinary technician</p>

	<p>including at least one year of formal training approved by the board, in veterinary technology prior to 1981; and who shall have successfully passed an examination prescribed by the board.</p> <p>Veterinary assistant means an assistant employed by a licensed veterinarian for a purpose other than performing diagnosis, issuing prescriptions or performing surgery and includes, among other assistants, registered veterinary technicians.</p>		<p>veterinarian.</p>	<p>but not an unregistered veterinary assistant may render such additional lifesaving aid and treatment as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ placement of an IV catheter and the administration of fluids;</li> <li>▪ external cardiac massage; and the administration of corticosteroids.</li> </ul> <p>Emergency aid and treatment, if rendered to an animal not in the presence of a licensed veterinarian, shall only be continued under the direction of a licensed veterinarian, which in the case of emergency may include telephone or radio contact by a veterinarian en route to the site, until the veterinarian arrives in a timely manner.</p>
<b>Kansas</b>	<p>Registered veterinary technician means a person who is a graduate veterinary technician, has passed the examinations required by the board for registration and is registered by the board.</p>	<p>Each veterinarian shall provide direct supervision of any employed assistant who participates in the practice of veterinary medicine, except that a veterinarian may provide indirect supervision of any employee who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ is following the written instructions for treatment of the animal patient on the veterinary</li> </ul>	<p>Each veterinarian shall provide direct supervision of any employed assistant who participates in the practice of veterinary medicine, except that a veterinarian may provide indirect supervision of any employee who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ is following the written instructions for treatment of the animal patient on the veterinary premises; or</li> </ul>	<p>The Veterinary Practice Act does not prohibit a person from gratuitously giving aid, assistance or relief in veterinary emergency cases if such person does not represent themselves to be veterinarians or use any title or degree appertaining to the practice thereof.</p>

		<p>premises; or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ has completed three or more years of study in a school of veterinary medicine.</li> </ul> <p>A veterinarian may delegate only those activities within the practice of veterinary medicine to an employee which are consistent with that person's training, experience and professional competence.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ has completed three or more years of study in a school of veterinary medicine.</li> </ul> <p>A veterinarian may delegate only those activities within the practice of veterinary medicine to an employee which are consistent with that person's training, experience and professional competence.</p>	
Kentucky	<p>Veterinary technician means a person who has an associate degree related to veterinary sciences, or its equivalent as approved by the board, and who is registered.</p> <p>Veterinary assistant means a lay person employed by a licensed veterinarian.</p>	<p>The services of a veterinary technologist or veterinary technician shall be limited to the performance of duties under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian except for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ routine administration of drugs, vaccines, parasite control agents, and growth stimulating implants for food animals prescribed by a veterinarian and under the indirect supervision of a veterinarian where a veterinarian-client-patient relationship exists.</li> </ul>	<p>A veterinary assistant may work only under the direct supervision of a veterinarian except for the routine administration of drugs, vaccines, parasite control agents, and growth stimulating implants for food animals prescribed by a veterinarian and under the indirect supervision of a veterinarian where a veterinarian-client-patient relationship exists.</p>	<p>A person may gratuitously treat animals in cases of emergency if they do not represent themselves to be veterinarians or use any title or degree pertaining to veterinary practice.</p>



		A veterinary technologist or veterinary technician may assist a veterinarian in all duties of veterinary medicine and surgery.		
<b>Louisiana</b>	<p>Registered veterinary technician means a skilled person registered by the board as being qualified by academic and practical training to provide veterinary services under the direct supervision and direction of the licensed veterinarian who is responsible for the performance of that veterinary technician.</p> <p>A layperson is an individual who is not registered and/or licensed in any of the categories defined in this Rule.</p>	<p>Tasks not requiring the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ administer medications to boarding if the medication is directed to be used orally or topically and if the licensed veterinarian has recorded the exact treatments to be given in the animal's medical record.</li> <li>▪ administer medications and/or treatments to nonboarding (hospitalized or ill) animals under the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ the licensed veterinarian must chart the precise treatment plan to be used in the animal's medical record. This treatment plan may include oral, topical, and injectable treatments, including fluid therapy;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>A layperson may perform all tasks or procedures under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian, under the following conditions, and with the following exceptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A lay person may administer medications to boarding animals without direct supervision by a licensed veterinarian if the medication is directed to be used orally or topically and if the licensed veterinarian has recorded the exact treatments to be given in the animal's medical record.</li> <li>▪ In branches of veterinary medicine other than equine dentistry and livestock dentistry laypeople and registered veterinary technicians employed by a licensed veterinarian may perform supragingival scaling and</li> </ul>	NONE SPECIFIED

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ no diagnostic decisions or treatment changes may be made by an RVT;</li> <li>◆ the RVT is required to follow the record keeping requirements found in §702.F.3 [shall keep a written record of all treatments which are performed, and that written record shall be incorporated into the animal's medical record.]</li> <li>▪ In branches of veterinary medicine other than equine dentistry and livestock dentistry laypeople and registered veterinary technicians employed by a licensed veterinarian may perform supragingival scaling and polishing of teeth, making and developing dental radiographs, taking impressions, production of dental</li> </ul>	<p>polishing of teeth, making and developing dental radiographs, taking impressions, production of dental models, and the charting of dental pathology. All other dental operations must be performed by a licensed veterinarian.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In the branch of veterinary medicine dealing with equine dentistry laypeople and registered veterinary technicians employed by a licensed veterinarian may perform the rasping (floating) of molar, premolar, and canine teeth, and the removal of deciduous incisor and premolar teeth (caps). All other dental operations, including but not limited to the extraction of teeth, amputation of large molar, incisor, or canine teeth, the extraction of first premolar teeth (wolf teeth) and repair of damaged or diseased teeth must be performed by a licensed veterinarian.</li> </ul>	
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		<p>models, and the charting of dental pathology. All other dental operations must be performed by a licensed veterinarian.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In the branch of veterinary medicine dealing with equine dentistry laypeople and registered veterinary technicians employed by a licensed veterinarian may perform the rasping (floating) of molar, premolar, and canine teeth, and the removal of deciduous incisor and premolar teeth (caps). All other dental operations, including but not limited to the extraction of teeth, amputation of large molar, incisor, or canine teeth, the extraction of first premolar teeth (wolf teeth) and repair of damaged or diseased teeth must be performed by a licensed veterinarian.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In the branch of</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In the branch of veterinary medicine dealing with livestock dentistry laypeople and registered veterinary technicians employed by a licensed veterinarian may perform rasping (floating) of premolar and molar teeth, and the removal of deciduous incisor teeth (caps). All other dental operations, including but not limited to the extraction of teeth, amputation of incisors, premolars, and molar teeth, and repair of damaged or diseased teeth must be performed by a licensed veterinarian.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>An unlicensed veterinarian may only function as a veterinary assistant under direct supervision.</i></b></p>	
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<b>Maine</b>	<p>Licensed veterinary technician means a person who has completed a minimum of 2 years in a college program that is certified according to the standards adopted by the AVMA Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities or an equivalent program, as determined by the board, and who has</p>	<p>A licensed veterinary technician may engage in the practice of veterinary technology on the basis of written or oral instruction of a veterinarian.</p> <p>Practice of veterinary technology" means:</p> <p>A. The performance of patient care or other services that require a</p>	<p>A veterinary assistant may, under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian or a licensed veterinary technician, perform duties of an animal health care nature excluding diagnosing, making prognoses, performing surgery or prescribing treatment.</p> <p>"Direct supervision" means any time when a supervisor</p>	NONE SPECIFIED

	<p>passed an examination for licensure prescribed by the board.</p> <p>A veterinary assistant means a person employed in a veterinary facility to assist a licensed veterinarian or a licensed veterinary technician, but who has neither had the formal training required for licensure nor passed the required examination for licensure as a veterinary technician.</p>	<p>technical understanding of veterinary medicine on the basis of written or oral instructions of a veterinarian. "Practice of veterinary technology" does not include diagnosing, making prognoses, performing surgery or prescribing a drug, medicine, biologic, apparatus, application, anesthetic or other imaging, therapeutic or diagnostic technique or nutritional substance or technique on, for or to any patient;</p> <p>B. The representation directly or indirectly of an ability and willingness to perform an act authorized under paragraph A; and</p> <p>C. The use of any titles, word or abbreviations of letters in a manner or under circumstances that induce the belief that the person using them is legally authorized and qualified to perform any act authorized under paragraph A. That use is prima facie evidence of the intention to represent</p>	<p>is on the premises and is quickly and easily available.</p> <p>"Indirect supervision" means any time when a supervisor is not on the premises is available for consultation on patient care.</p>	
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		oneself as engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine.		
<b>Maryland</b>	Registered veterinary technician means an individual currently registered with the Board as a veterinary technician.	<p>A veterinary technician may not diagnose; offer prognosis; prescribe drugs, medication or appliances; perform surgery; or initiate treatment without prior instruction by a veterinarian.</p> <p>Direct supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Inducing anesthesia by intramuscular injection;</li> <li>▪ Applying casts and splints;</li> <li>▪ Simple dental extractions of loose teeth that do not involve flaps or tooth sectioning;</li> <li>▪ Suturing of existing surgical skin or gingival incisions; and</li> <li>▪ Accessing a small working stock of Schedule II drugs under separate lock.</li> </ul> <p>A registered veterinary technician may administer medication and render other auxiliary or supporting assistance</p>	<p>A veterinarian may permit an assistant to render auxiliary or supporting assistance or administer medication if, when rendering the assistance or administering medication, the employee is under the responsible direct supervision of the veterinarian.</p> <p>In the case of an anesthetized animal, a veterinarian may permit an assistant to monitor the animal's condition and provide other supporting assistance, including the animal's maintenance, once the animal is stabilized.</p>	<p>Under emergency conditions only, the following activities may be performed by a registered veterinary technician before a veterinarian's initial examination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provide supportive care and first aid;</li> <li>▪ Follow written protocols for specific conditions, as established by the veterinarian</li> </ul> <p>If a veterinarian is not available to perform an initial examination of an animal that is presented as an emergency, a registered veterinary technician shall notify the animal's owner of the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Veterinarian's unavailability;</li> <li>▪ Estimated time of arrival of the veterinarian; and</li> <li>▪ Estimated distance to another veterinary hospital.</li> </ul>

		under the responsible direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.		
<b>Massachusetts</b>	NONE SPECIFIED	The nursing care to animals in the establishment or facilities of a registered veterinarian under his general supervision, direction and control, by the employees of the veterinarian or the assisting of a veterinarian during the course of any procedure or treatment.	The nursing care to animals in the establishment or facilities of a registered veterinarian under his general supervision, direction and control, by the employees of the veterinarian or the assisting of a veterinarian during the course of any procedure or treatment.	NONE SPECIFIED
<b>Michigan</b>	The practice as an veterinary technician means the practice of veterinary medicine based on less comprehensive knowledge and skill than that required of a veterinarian and performed under supervision of a veterinarian.	NONE SPECIFIED	NONE SPECIFIED	<p>A veterinarian or veterinary technician is not liable for civil damages as a result of certain acts or omissions if both of the following apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The animal has been brought to the veterinarian or veterinary technician by a person other than the owner of the animal</li> <li>▪ The veterinarian or veterinary technician does not know who owns the animal or is unable to contact the owner of the animal before a decision must be made with respect to emergency treatment or euthanasia.</li> </ul>
<b>Minnesota</b>	N/A	NONE SPECIFIED	NONE SPECIFIED	The Veterinary Practice Act does not prohibit a person from rendering necessary gratuitous assistance in the treatment of any

				animal when the assistance does not amount to prescribing, testing for, or diagnosing, operating, or vaccinating and when the attendance of a licensed veterinarian cannot be procured.
Mississippi	<p>Certified veterinary technician means a veterinary technician certified by the board.</p> <p>Veterinary technologist means a graduate of a four-year accredited program in veterinary technology.</p>	<p>The practice of veterinary technology means to perform patient care or other services that require a technical understanding of veterinary medicine on the basis of written or oral instruction of a veterinarian, excluding diagnosing, prognosing, performing surgery or prescribing drugs, medicine or appliances.</p> <p>Any certified veterinary technician or other employee of a licensed veterinarian performing duties other than diagnosis, prognosis, prescription or surgery under the direction and supervision of the veterinarian who shall be responsible for the performance of the employee.</p>	Any certified veterinary technician or other employee of a licensed veterinarian performing duties other than diagnosis, prognosis, prescription or surgery under the direction and supervision of the veterinarian who shall be responsible for the performance of the employee.	NONE SPECIFIED
<b>Missouri</b>	Registered veterinary technician means a person who is formally	<p>Direct Supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Application of casts</li> </ul>	<p>Immediate Supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Anesthesia monitoring</li> </ul>	Any veterinary technician who gratuitously and in good faith gives emergency treatment to a



	<p>trained for the specific purpose of assisting a licensed veterinarian with technical services under the appropriate level of supervision as is consistent with the particular delegated animal health care task.</p> <p>Unregistered assistant means any individual who is not a registered veterinary technician or licensed veterinarian and is employed by a licensed veterinarian.</p>	<p>and splints; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Placement of indwelling intravenous catheters.</li> </ul> <p>Subject to certain provisions, registered veterinary technicians in a veterinary or animal hospital or clinic setting may perform under the direct or indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian other auxiliary animal health care tasks when done pursuant to the order, control and full professional responsibility of a licensed veterinarian.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Euthanasia</li> <li>▪ Treatment not at facility</li> <li>▪ Biologics</li> <li>▪ Routine dental prophylaxis</li> </ul> <p>Indirect supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Treatment at a facility</li> </ul>	<p>sick or injured animal at the scene of an accident or emergency shall not be liable in any civil action for damages to the owner of such animal.</p>
<b>Montana</b>	<p>Support personnel means any person employed by a licensed veterinarian who assists a licensed veterinarian in the practice of veterinary medicine.</p>	<p>NONE SPECIFIED</p>	<p>Support personnel may only administer anesthesia when the supervising veterinarian is physically present.</p> <p>The supervising veterinarian is responsible for determining the competency of the support personnel to perform animal health care tasks delegated to the support personnel. In addition, the supervising veterinarian shall be responsible for making all decisions</p>	<p>A veterinary support person may, under the general authority and at the responsibility of his/her veterinary employer render emergency care to a patient without direct authorization when it would appear that to delay treatment and care for the time necessary to send the animal to another practitioner would be life threatening. Such care may be rendered only after reasonable efforts have been made to contact the employing veterinarian or another veterinarian who could manage the case within allowable</p>

			relative to the diagnosis, treatment, management and future disposition of the animal patient.	time constraints.
Nebraska	<p>A Veterinary technician means an individual who has received a degree in veterinary technology from an approved veterinary technician program or its equivalent.</p> <p>Unlicensed assistant means an individual who is not a veterinarian or a veterinary technician who is working in veterinary medicine.</p>	<p>Immediate Supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dental extraction not requiring sectioning of a tooth or the re-sectioning of bone;</li> <li>▪ Assist veterinarian in surgery by tissue handling and instrument handling.</li> </ul> <p>Direct Supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Induction of anesthesia;</li> <li>▪ Euthanasia;</li> <li>▪ Blood or blood component collection, preparation and administration for blood transfusions;</li> <li>▪ Dental procedures limited to the following procedures only: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Removal of calculus, soft deposits, plaque, and stains;</li> <li>◆ Smoothing, filing, and polishing of teeth;</li> <li>◆ Flotation or dressing of equine</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Immediate Supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Assist veterinarian in surgery by tissue handling and instrument handling.</li> </ul> <p>Direct Supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Assist with the following radiology procedures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Patient positioning;</li> <li>◆ Operation of x-ray machine after obtaining training in radiation safety</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Administer crystalloid fluid therapy through an established IV catheter;</li> <li>▪ Collection of blood specimens;</li> <li>▪ Patient vital sign monitoring.</li> </ul> <p>Indirect Supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Collection of voided urine specimens;</li> <li>▪ Collection of fecal specimens;</li> <li>▪ Perform automated blood tests or commercial ELISA tests;</li> </ul>	<p>Under conditions of emergency, a licensed veterinary technician or unlicensed veterinary assistant may render the following life-saving aid and treatment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Application of tourniquets and/or pressure bandages to control hemorrhage;</li> <li>▪ Administration of pharmacological agents and parenteral fluids must only be performed after direct communication with a licensed veterinarian and the veterinarian is either present or enroute to the location of the distressed animal;</li> <li>▪ Resuscitative procedures;</li> <li>▪ Application of temporary splints or bandages to prevent further injury to bones or soft tissues;</li> <li>▪ Application of bandages, appropriate wound dressings and external supportive treatment in severe wound and burn cases;</li> <li>▪ External supportive treatment in heat prostration cases.</li> </ul>

		<p>teeth.</p> <p>Indirect Supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Perform preliminary physical examination;</li> <li>▪ Obtain history regarding an animal patient;</li> <li>▪ Client education;</li> <li>▪ Administration and application of treatments, drugs, oxygen therapy, medications and immunological agents by parenteral and injectable routes (subcutaneous, intramuscular, intraperitoneal, and intravenous), except when in conflict with government regulations;</li> <li>▪ Initiation of parenteral fluid administration;</li> <li>▪ Intravenous catheterizations;</li> <li>▪ Radiography including settings, positioning, processing and safety procedures;</li> <li>▪ Electrocardiogram (EKG);</li> <li>▪ Collection of urine by expression,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Obtain history regarding an animal patient;</li> <li>▪ Perform preliminary physical examination;</li> <li>▪ Client education;</li> <li>▪ Administration and application of treatment and drugs, medications and immunological agents by topical, oral, rectal, intramuscular and subcutaneous injectable routes, except when in conflict with government regulations.</li> </ul>	
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		<p>cystocentesis, or catheterization;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Collection and preparation of tissues, cellular, or microbiological samples by skin scraping, impressions, or other non-surgical methods, except when in conflict with government regulations;</li> <li>▪ Routine laboratory test procedures;</li> <li>▪ Supervision of the handling of biohazardous waste materials;</li> <li>▪ Application of bandages and wound management;</li> <li>▪ Patient vital sign monitoring.</li> </ul>		
<b>Nevada</b>	<p>Veterinary technician means a person who is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Licensed by the Board pursuant to NRS 638.122; and</li> <li>▪ Formally trained for the specific purpose of assisting a licensed veterinarian in the performance of professional or technical services in</li> </ul>	<p>Immediate Supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Application of casts for the immobilization of fractures;</li> <li>▪ Removal of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Teeth that have extreme mobility and stage 4 periodontal disease; and</li> <li>◆ Retained deciduous teeth other than retained</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Immediate Supervision of Veterinarian or Veterinary Technician:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Assisting a licensed veterinarian in surgery or in monitoring anesthesia.</li> <li>▪ Application of bandages.</li> <li>▪ Collection of a laboratory specimen for analysis of blood.</li> <li>▪ Collection of tissue</li> </ul>	<p>A person may render aid, assistance or relief to an animal in an emergency without charge if he does not represent himself as holding a license to practice veterinary medicine or as holding a degree in veterinary medicine or other related field.</p> <p>A person may render emergency paramedical services to an animal without charge during the transportation of the animal to a</p>

	<p>the field of veterinary medicine.</p> <p>A veterinary assistant means a person who has less training, knowledge and skills than a licensed veterinary technician and whose basic tasks include, without limitation, feeding, watering, bathing, restraining, transporting and exercising animals.</p>	<p>deciduous canine teeth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Assisting a licensed veterinarian in surgery.</li> <li>▪ Euthanasia.</li> <li>▪ Fluid aspiration from a body cavity</li> <li>▪ Suturing an existing surgical skin incision or gingival incision</li> </ul> <p>Immediate or Direct Supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Induction of anesthesia</li> <li>▪ Endotracheal intubation.</li> <li>▪ Blood administration.</li> <li>▪ Internal anal gland expression</li> <li>▪ Application of casts and splints.</li> <li>▪ Tasks listed in subsection 4, if the animal is anesthetized.</li> <li>▪ External noninvasive ultrasonography and ultrasonography for the purpose described in paragraph (h)</li> <li>▪ Cystocentesis to obtain a urine specimen.</li> <li>▪ Dental prophylaxis.</li> <li>▪ Physical Therapy.</li> </ul> <p>Immediate, Direct, or Indirect Supervision:</p>	<p>during or after a postmortem examination by a licensed veterinarian.</p> <p>Immediate or Direct Supervision of a Veterinarian or Veterinary Technician:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Blood administration with a preplaced catheter.</li> <li>▪ Monitoring of vital signs.</li> <li>▪ Administration of an electrocardiogram.</li> <li>▪ Introduction of food into the stomach through a preplaced tube.</li> <li>▪ Ear cleaning.</li> <li>▪ Positioning of animals for x-rays.</li> <li>▪ Operation of x-ray machines.</li> <li>▪ Starting and restarting of intravenous fluids through a preplaced intravenous catheter.</li> <li>▪ Taking readings of the temperature, pulse, respiration or weight of an animal.</li> </ul> <p>Immediate or Direct Supervision of a</p>	<p>veterinary facility.</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Administration of enemas.</li> <li>▪ Administration of an electrocardiogram.</li> <li>▪ Application of bandages.</li> <li>▪ Catheterization of an unobstructed bladder.</li> <li>▪ Introduction of a stomach tube.</li> <li>▪ Ear flushing with pressure or suction.</li> <li>▪ Positioning of animals for x-rays.</li> <li>▪ Operation of x-ray machines.</li> <li>▪ Administration of oral and rectal radio-opaque materials.</li> <li>▪ Administration of oral and topical medications, including controlled substances.</li> <li>▪ Starting and restarting of intravenous fluids.</li> <li>▪ Collection of a laboratory specimen for analysis, including, but not limited to, blood, urine, skin, parasites and microorganisms.</li> <li>▪ Collection of tissue during or after a postmortem examination by a licensed veterinarian.</li> </ul>	<p>Veterinarian or Veterinary Technician or Indirect Supervision of a Veterinarian:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Administration of oral and topical medications, including controlled substances, dispensed by prescription .</li> <li>▪ Collection of free catch urine or feces and skin scrapings.</li> <li>▪ External anal gland expression.</li> </ul> <p>At the direction of a supervising veterinarian:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Administration of intramuscular, subcutaneous, or intravenous injections through a preplaced catheter, except anesthetics, controlled substances or vaccinations for zoonotic diseases.</li> <li>▪ Preparation of a prescription drug, other than a controlled substance, for dispensing.</li> </ul>	
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<b>New Hampshire</b>	NONE SPECIFIED	NONE SPECIFIED	Any person, not a licensed veterinarian, who assists a veterinarian in the care and treatment of animals shall be the professional responsibility of the veterinarian being assisted, who shall personally train and supervise the assistant/technician. The assistant's/technician's acts and conduct shall be deemed at all times to be the acts and conduct of the licensed veterinarian employing her or him. For the purpose of this rule, assistant and technician shall be deemed	NONE SPECIFIED

			equivalent.	
<b>New Jersey</b>	NONE SPECIFIED	NONE SPECIFIED	NONE SPECIFIED	NONE SPECIFIED
<b>New Mexico</b>	Veterinary technician means a skilled person certified by the board as being qualified by academic and practical training to provide veterinary services under the supervision and direction of the licensed veterinarian who is responsible for the performance of that technician.	Under veterinary supervision, technicians may perform preventive veterinary dental procedures including, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ removal of calculus, soft deposits, plaque, stains;</li> <li>▪ smoothing, filing, polishing of tooth surfaces, or floating or dressing of equine teeth, shall be performed only by licensed veterinarians, or under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.</li> </ul>	NONE SPECIFIED	A registered veterinary technician may perform, upon prior approval of the employing veterinarian in the absence of direct supervision, the following life-saving procedures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ application of tourniquet and/or pressure bandages to control hemorrhage;</li> <li>▪ administration of pharmacological agents to prevent or control shock, including parenteral fluids,</li> <li>▪ resuscitative oxygen procedures;</li> <li>▪ establishing open airways including intubations but excluding surgery;</li> <li>▪ external cardiac resuscitation;</li> <li>▪ application of temporary splints or bandages to prevent further injury to bones or soft tissues;</li> <li>▪ application of wound dressings and external supportive treatment in severe burn cases;</li> <li>▪ external supportive treatment in heat prostration or hypothermal cases.</li> </ul>
<b>New York</b>	To qualify as a veterinary technician: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ File an application with the department;</li> <li>▪ four-year course of</li> </ul>	The functions of a veterinary technician may include, but shall not be limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ collecting of</li> </ul>	An unlicensed person may provide supportive services to a veterinarian including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Administering oral or</li> </ul>	NONE SPECIFIED



	<p>study in a secondary school approved by the board of regents;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Have completed a college-level course of study in, and hold a diploma from a school of veterinary science technology for the training of animal health technicians,</li> <li>▪ Any person who submits an application prior to January first, nineteen hundred eighty-three and who submits evidence of employment by a veterinarian or a veterinary facility prior to that date may be licensed on the basis of this experience if acceptable in the discretion of the board in accordance with the commissioner's regulations and upon the successful completion of the licensing examination required by this section;</li> <li>▪ pass an examination satisfactory to the</li> </ul>	<p>appropriate specimens and performing laboratory procedures in clinical pathology and histopathology;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ exposing radiographic film;</li> <li>▪ preparing and administering medications on medical orders of the supervising veterinarian;</li> <li>▪ assisting in medical procedures;</li> <li>▪ inducing and maintaining anesthesia under the onsite supervision of the licensed veterinarian; and</li> <li>▪ assisting in surgical procedures in the physical presence of the licensed veterinarian.</li> </ul>	<p>topical medications, incidental to and/or concurrent with such veterinarian personally performing a service or procedure, provided such supportive services do not require a knowledge of veterinary science.</p>	
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	<p>board and in accordance with the commissioner's regulations;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Citizenship or immigration status: be a United States citizen or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States</li> <li>▪ Character: be of good moral character as determined by the department; and</li> </ul>			
<b>North Carolina</b>	<p>Veterinary technician means either of the following persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A person who has successfully completed a post-high school course in the care and treatment of animals that conforms to the standards required for accreditation by the American Veterinary Medical Association and who is registered with the Board as a veterinary technician.</li> <li>▪ A person who holds a degree in veterinary medicine from a college of veterinary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ May assist veterinarians in diagnosis, laboratory analysis, anesthesia, and surgical procedures. May not perform any act producing an irreversible change in the animal.</li> <li>▪ Technicians are not prohibited from providing for or assisting in the practice of artificial insemination</li> </ul>	<p>Direct supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ collection of specimen;</li> <li>▪ testing for intestinal parasites;</li> <li>▪ collecting blood;</li> <li>▪ testing for heartworms and conducting other laboratory tests;</li> <li>▪ taking radiographs;</li> <li>▪ cleaning and polishing teeth, provided that the employee has had sufficient on-the-job training by a veterinarian to perform these specified duties in a competent manner.</li> <li>▪ Assistants are not prohibited from providing for or assisting in the practice of artificial</li> </ul>	NONE SPECIFIED

	<p>medicine recognized by the Board for licensure of veterinarians and who is registered with the Board as a veterinary technician.</p>		<p>insemination</p>	
<p><b>North Dakota</b></p>	<p>Licensed veterinary technician means a person who has graduated from an accredited program in veterinary technology or an equivalent program as determined by the board, and who has passed an examination prescribed by the board.</p>	<p>A veterinary technician may perform the following services under the direction, supervision, and control of a licensed veterinarian, provided the licensed veterinarian performs a daily physical examination of the animal being treated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Venipuncture, including insertion of an indwelling catheter when required.</li> <li>▪ Catheterizing the urinary bladder.</li> <li>▪ Injection, including hypodermic injection and parenteral fluids, except when in conflict with a government regulation.</li> <li>▪ Immunization immediately after examination by a licensed veterinarian, except when in conflict with a government regulation.</li> </ul>	<p>Any veterinary technician or other employee of a licensed veterinarian performing duties under the direction and supervision of the veterinarian responsible for the technician's or other employee's performance.</p>	<p>Under emergency conditions, a veterinary technician may perform the following treatments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Applying tourniquets and pressure bandages to control hemorrhage.</li> <li>▪ Administering pharmacological agents and parenteral fluids only after direct communication with a licensed veterinarian, if the veterinarian is present or enroute to the location of the distressed animal.</li> <li>▪ Performing resuscitative oxygen procedures.</li> <li>▪ Applying temporary splints or bandages to prevent further injury to bones or soft tissues.</li> <li>▪ Applying appropriate wound dressings and external supportive treatment in severe burn cases.</li> <li>▪ Providing external supportive treatment in heat prostration cases.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Inducing, maintaining, and monitoring anesthesia under the direct supervision of the licensed veterinarian.</li><li>▪ Exposing and developing radiographic film.</li><li>▪ Collecting and administering whole blood or plasma to an animal.</li><li>▪ Assisting in surgery as directed by the licensed veterinarian.</li><li>▪ Taking electrocardiogram and electroencephalogram tracings.</li><li>▪ Performing routine laboratory procedures, including hematology, serology, microbiology, cytology, chemistry, urinalysis, fecal analysis, and skin scrapings.</li><li>▪ Administering colonic irrigations and wound dressings.</li><li>▪ Operating ultrasonic and polishing instruments for dental prophylaxis.</li><li>▪ Preparing animals for surgery, including</li></ul>		
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		<p>clipping, scrubbing, and disinfecting an operative site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Preparing medicants for dispensing to clients on the direct or written order of the licensed veterinarian.</li> <li>▪ Maintaining surgery, x-ray, and laboratory logs and pharmacy records.</li> </ul> <p>If acting as a surgical assistant, a veterinary technician may assist in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Making a diagnosis.</li> <li>▪ Prescribing a treatment.</li> <li>▪ Performing surgery.</li> </ul>		
<b>Ohio</b>	<p>Registered veterinary technician means a person who is a graduate of a veterinary technology college approved by the state veterinary medical licensing board, has successfully passed an examination approved by the board, and maintains registration eligibility status in accordance with rules adopted by the board.</p> <p>Animal aide means a person who is employed</p>	<p>Veterinary Supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Prepare or supervise the preparation of patients, instruments, equipment, and medications for surgery;</li> <li>▪ Collect or supervise the collection of specimens and perform laboratory procedures as required by the supervising veterinarian;</li> <li>▪ Apply wound dressings, casts, or</li> </ul>	<p>Supervision of a Veterinarian or Veterinary Technician:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Prepare patients, instruments, equipment, and medications for surgery, exclusive of anesthetic agents and controlled substances;</li> <li>▪ Collect and prepare voided specimens and perform laboratory procedures;</li> <li>▪ Administer topical, oral and subcutaneous medications exclusive of</li> </ul>	NONE SPECIFIED

	<p>by a licensed veterinarian and supervised by a licensed veterinarian or a registered veterinary technician to perform duties such as record keeping, animal restraint, and such other duties that the board, by rule, establishes. In adopting the rules, the board shall include rules regarding the degree of supervision required for each duty. The rules shall be consistent with generally accepted standards of veterinary medical practice.</p>	<p>splints as required by the supervising veterinarian;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Assist a veterinarian in immunologic, diagnostic, medical, and surgical procedures;</li> <li>▪ Suture skin incisions;</li> <li>▪ Administer or supervise the administration of topical, oral, or parenteral medication under the direction of the supervising veterinarian;</li> <li>▪ Other ancillary veterinary technician functions that are performed pursuant to the order and control and under the full responsibility of a licensed veterinarian.</li> <li>▪ Any additional duties as established by the board in rule.</li> </ul> <p>Direct Supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Induce and monitor general anesthesia according to medically recognized and appropriate methods;</li> <li>▪ Dental prophylaxis,</li> </ul>	<p>anesthetic agents and controlled substances;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Perform diagnostic radiographic procedures.</li> <li>▪ Venipuncture for the purpose of collecting blood samples only under the direct supervision of a veterinarian</li> </ul>	
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		<p>periodontal care, and extraction not involving sectioning of teeth or resection of bone or both of these;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Equine dental procedures, including the floating of molars, premolars, and canine teeth; removal of deciduous teeth; and the extraction of first premolars or wolf teeth.</li> </ul>		
<b>Oklahoma</b>	<p>Veterinary technician means a person who has graduated from a program accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association, or its equivalent which is recognized and approved by the Board, and who has passed the examination requirements set forth by the Board, is certified to practice under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.</p> <p>Veterinary assistant means an individual who may perform the duties of a veterinary technician or veterinary technologist, however, has not graduated from an</p>	<p>A Registered Veterinary Technician may perform the following procedures listed below as directed by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian without the continuing physical presence of the licensed veterinarian:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Euthanasia of animals;</li> <li>▪ Thoracocentesis;</li> <li>▪ Abdominocentesis;</li> <li>▪ Ocular Tonometry;</li> <li>▪ Animal Massage Therapy;</li> <li>▪ Vaccinations; and</li> <li>▪ Dental Scaling and Polishing</li> <li>▪ Suturing existing skin incisions made by a veterinarian</li> <li>▪ Microchipping or</li> </ul>	<p>Direct Supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ inducing anesthesia by inhalation or intravenous injection;</li> <li>▪ applying casts or splints;</li> <li>▪ performing dental extractions;</li> <li>▪ suturing existing skin incisions; or,</li> <li>▪ administering controlled dangerous substances or veterinary prescription drugs, unless a veterinary-client-patient relationship has been established and previously written orders exist when the licensed veterinarian is not on the premises.</li> </ul>	<p>In situations where a licensed veterinarian is not on the premises, a SDVM, registered veterinary technician or an employed assistant who possesses the training, experience and professional competence may perform the following emergency treatments in a lifesaving situation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ apply tourniquets and/or pressure bandages to control hemorrhage;</li> <li>▪ administer pharmacological agents to prevent or control shock, including parenteral fluids, provided that the SDVM or employee has direct communication with a licensed veterinarian. When direct communication cannot be established with respect to this</li> </ul>

	<p>AVMA-accredited technology program or its equivalent, and has not been certified by the Board.</p>	<p>tattooing for identification purposes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pregnancy checking of farm animals with or without diagnostic equipment, rectal palpation, artificial insemination, correcting of uterine prolapse, uncomplicated fetal extractions excluding fetotomies and c-sections</li> <li>▪ Flotation or dressing of equine teeth</li> <li>▪ Gavage</li> <li>▪ Ear Flush</li> <li>▪ EKG, Ultrasound or other diagnostic imaging or monitoring</li> <li>▪ Administration and management of anesthetic and analgesic agents</li> <li>▪ Application of splints and bandages; and</li> <li>▪ Wound management and care</li> </ul> <p>Direct Supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ inducing anesthesia by inhalation or intravenous injection;</li> <li>▪ applying casts or splints;</li> </ul>		<p>paragraph (e), a SDVM or competent employed assistant may provide emergency care in accordance with pre-established written instructions provided by their employer veterinarian(s);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ initiate resuscitative oxygen procedures;</li> <li>▪ establish open airways including intubation appliances but excluding surgery;</li> <li>▪ perform external cardiac resuscitation;</li> <li>▪ apply temporary splints or bandages to prevent further injury to bones or soft tissues;</li> <li>▪ apply wound dressings and external supportive treatment for severe burns; and</li> <li>▪ provide external supportive treatment in thermal injury cases.</li> </ul>
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<b>Oregon</b>	<p>Veterinary technician means an individual who has received a certificate in veterinary technology, or a comparable certificate, from a recognized college or university approved by the Oregon State Veterinary Medical Examining Board or an individual employed as a veterinary technician who has had at least four calendar years of on-the-job training in the technical procedures certified by a licensed veterinarian who presented the instruction.</p>	<p>Veterinary Supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Obtain and record information:</li> <li>▪ Complete admission records, including recording the statements made by the client concerning the patient's problems and history. The certified veterinary technician may also record the technician's own observations of the patient. However, the certified veterinary technician cannot state or record his or her opinion concerning diagnosis of the</li> </ul>	<p>Persons who are not certified as veterinary technicians may perform under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian all acts that a certified veterinary technician may perform except for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ induce anesthesia, except to place an endotracheal tube to establish an airway in emergencies</li> <li>▪ operate X-ray equipment unless the person has completed 20 hours training in radiograph</li> <li>▪ perform dental extractions</li> <li>▪ administer rabies</li> </ul>	NONE SPECIFIED

		<p>patient;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 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.</li> <li>▪ Prepare Patients, Instruments, Equipment and Medicant for Surgery:</li> <li>▪ Prepare and sterilize surgical packs;</li> <li>▪ Clip, surgically scrub, and disinfect the surgical site in preparation for surgery;</li> <li>▪ Administer pre-anesthetic drugs as prescribed by the supervising veterinarian;</li> <li>▪ Position the patient for anesthesia;</li> <li>▪ Induce anesthesia as prescribed by the supervising veterinarian;</li> <li>▪ Operate anesthetic machines, oxygen equipment, and monitoring equipment.</li> <li>▪ Place an endotracheal</li> </ul>	<p>vaccine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ inject or implant a permanent identification device</li> </ul> <p>A veterinary assistant may perform preventive veterinary dental procedures including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ removal of calculus, soft deposits, plaque, and stains, or the smoothing, filing, or polishing of tooth surfaces under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian</li> </ul>	
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		<p>tube for the purpose of delivering oxygen and anesthetic gas to the patient requiring inhalant anesthesia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Collect specimens and perform laboratory procedures:</li><li>▪ Collect urine, feces, sputum, and all other excretions and secretions for laboratory analysis;</li><li>▪ Collect blood samples for laboratory analysis;</li><li>▪ Collect skin scrapings;</li><li>▪ Perform routine laboratory procedures including urinalysis, fecal analyses, hematological and serological examinations.</li><li>▪ Apply and remove wound and surgical dressings, casts, and splints;</li><li>▪ Assist the veterinarian in diagnostic, medical, and surgical proceedings:</li><li>▪ Monitor and record the patient's vital signs;</li><li>▪ Medically bathe the patient;</li><li>▪ Administer topical, oral hypodermic, and</li></ul>		
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		<p>intravenous medication as directed by the supervising veterinarian</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Operate X-ray equipment and other diagnostic imaging equipment;</li><li>▪ Take electrocardiograms, electroencephalograms , and tracings;</li><li>▪ Perform dental prophylaxis, including operating ultrasonic dental instruments</li><li>▪ Perform extractions under the immediate supervision of a licensed veterinarian.</li><li>▪ Administer rabies vaccine under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.</li><li>▪ Under direct supervision of a veterinarian, inject or implant a permanent identification device</li><li>▪ 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</li></ul>		
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		in order for a CVT to perform duties under indirect supervision.		
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	<p>Certified veterinary technician means an individual who has successfully completed a board-approved post-high school program of veterinary technology accredited by an accrediting agency for veterinary technology programs recognized by the United States Department of Education, is certified by the board as a veterinary technician and who may practice veterinary technology under appropriate supervision of a licensed veterinarian as defined by board regulation.</p> <p>Veterinary assistant means an employee of a veterinarian who does not hold certification as a veterinary technician and whom the veterinarian deems competent to perform tasks involved in the care and treatment of animals as defined by board regulation.</p>	<p>Direct Supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Administer anesthesia -- including induction, intubation, maintenance and recovery and intravenous sedation.</li> <li>▪ Perform dental prophylaxis</li> <li>▪ Establish an open airway</li> <li>▪ Administer resuscitative oxygen procedures</li> <li>▪ Administer external cardiac resuscitation</li> <li>▪ Administer resuscitative drugs, in the event of cardiac arrest.</li> </ul> <p>Indirect Supervision unless the animal is under anesthesia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Perform diagnostic imaging</li> <li>▪ Perform intravenous catheterization</li> <li>▪ Administer immunizations which are not required by law to be administered in</li> </ul>	<p>Noncertified employees may perform the duties enumerated in this subsection under direct veterinary supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Perform ear flushing</li> <li>▪ Perform dental prophylaxis</li> <li>▪ Perform diagnostic imaging</li> <li>▪ Perform intravenous catheterization</li> <li>▪ Administer immunizations which are not required by law to be administered in the presence of a licensed veterinarian</li> <li>▪ Administer and apply medications and treatments by routes, including intramuscular, subcutaneous and previously catheterized vein</li> <li>▪ Apply bandages</li> <li>▪ Perform cardiac monitoring</li> <li>▪ Perform appropriate procedures to control bleeding</li> <li>▪ Maintain anesthesia and monitor recovery from</li> </ul>	<p>Emergency treatment by certified veterinary technicians and non-certified employees is permitted without veterinary supervision when an animal has been placed in a life-threatening condition and immediate treatment is necessary to sustain the animal's life. The certified veterinary technician shall immediately take steps to secure the direct supervision of a veterinarian. Emergency treatment does not include surgery, diagnosing, prognosing, or prescribing treatments, medications or appliances.</p>

		<p>the presence of a licensed veterinarian</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Administer and apply medications and treatments by routes, including intramuscular, intravenous and subcutaneous</li> <li>▪ Apply bandages</li> <li>▪ Perform cardiac monitoring</li> <li>▪ Perform appropriate procedures to control bleeding</li> <li>▪ Apply splints or immobilizing bandages</li> <li>▪ Perform ear flushing</li> <li>▪ Implant an electronic identification device.</li> </ul>	<p>anesthesia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Implant an electronic identification device.</li> </ul> <p>Immediate Supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Administer anesthesia -- including induction, intubation and intravenous sedation</li> <li>▪ Establish an open airway</li> <li>▪ Administer resuscitative oxygen procedures</li> <li>▪ Administer external cardiac resuscitation</li> <li>▪ Administer resuscitative drugs, in the event of cardiac arrest.</li> </ul>	
<b>Rhode Island</b>	NONE SPECIFIED	NONE SPECIFIED	<p>The nursing care to animals in the establishment or facilities of a registered veterinarian under his or her general supervision, direction, and control by the employees of the veterinarian or the activities of a person assisting a veterinarian during the course of any procedure or treatment.</p>	<p>The Veterinary Practice Act does not prohibit the gratuitous giving of aid or relief to an animal in any accident or emergency; provided, the person giving the aid or relief does not represent himself or herself as a registered veterinarian.</p>
<b>South Carolina</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Licensed veterinary technician means a person who has received a degree in animal health</li> </ul>	<p>Immediate Supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Surgical assistance to a licensed veterinarian.</li> <li>▪ Floatation or dress</li> </ul>	<p>Unlicensed Veterinary Assistants may do the following with immediate supervision:</p>	<p>A licensed veterinary technician working under the indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian may provide the</p>

	<p>technology from an American Veterinary Medical Association accredited school offering a program in animal health technology and who has been licensed to practice in this State.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Veterinary aide means a nurse, attendant, intern, technician, or other employee of a veterinarian, other than a licensed veterinary technician.</li> </ul>	<p>equine teeth.</p> <p>Direct Supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Induction, maintenance and recovery of anesthesia.</li> <li>▪ Perform dental procedure including, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ prophylaxis,</li> <li>◆ procedures not altering the shape, structure, or positional location of teeth in the dental arch.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Perform euthanasia.</li> <li>▪ Administer blood or blood components as related to blood transfusions.</li> <li>▪ Apply splints, bandages and slings.</li> <li>▪ Perform non-emergency intubations.</li> <li>▪ Measure medication quantities as prescribed by a licensed veterinarian.</li> <li>▪ Perform arterial catheterization/arterial collection.</li> <li>▪ Perform central venous catheterization.</li> <li>▪ Administer vaccines as allowed by law.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Surgical assistance to a licensed veterinarian.</li> <li>▪ Induce anesthesia.</li> <li>▪ Apply splints and slings.</li> <li>▪ Collect urine by cystocentesis.</li> <li>▪ Collect, prepare and administer blood or blood component as related to blood transfusion.</li> </ul> <p>Direct supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Collect and prepare tissue, cellular or microbiological samples by skin scrapings, impressions or other non-surgical methods, except when in conflict with other state or federal regulation.</li> <li>▪ Blood collection for diagnostic laboratory tests.</li> <li>▪ Maintenance of and recovery from anesthesia.</li> <li>▪ Dental procedures including, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ prophylaxis, and</li> <li>◆ procedures not altering the shape, structure, or positional location of teeth in the</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>following emergency patient care:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Application of tourniquets and/or pressure bandages to control hemorrhage.</li> <li>▪ Resuscitative procedures.</li> <li>▪ Application of temporary splints or bandages to prevent further injury to bones or soft tissues.</li> <li>▪ Application of appropriate wound dressings and external supportive treatment in severe wound and burn cases.</li> <li>▪ Perform external supportive treatment in heat prostration cases.</li> <li>▪ Administer pharmacological agents and fluids only: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ in the presence of a licensed veterinarian;</li> <li>◆ by protocol established by a licensed veterinarian; or</li> <li>◆ after direct communication with a licensed veterinarian.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>In emergency conditions, an unlicensed veterinary assistant may perform the following under indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Life-saving aid and treatment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Apply tourniquets and/or pressure bandages to control hemorrhage.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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		<p>Indirect Supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Administration and application of treatments, drugs, medications and immunological agents by parenteral (to include subcutaneous, intradermal, intramuscularly, intraperitoneal and intravenous) and non-parenteral routes, except when in conflict with government regulations.</li> <li>▪ Initiate of parenteral fluid administration.</li> <li>▪ Perform peripheral venous catheterizations.</li> <li>▪ Perform radiography including settings, positioning, exposing, processing and safety procedures.</li> <li>▪ Collect venous blood specimen as allowed by law.</li> <li>▪ Collect urine by free catch, expression, cystocentesis or catheterization.</li> <li>▪ Collect and prepare tissue, cellular or microbial samples by</li> </ul>	<p>dental arch.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Placement of intravenous catheters.</li> <li>▪ Administer parenteral fluids.</li> <li>▪ Radiography including patient restraint, processing, and safety procedures.</li> <li>▪ Supervise handling of bio hazardous waste materials.</li> <li>▪ Administer and apply treatments, drugs, and medications, and immunological agents by parenteral and non-parenteral routes as allow by law.</li> <li>▪ Routine laboratory test procedures.</li> <li>▪ Collect urine by catheterization.</li> </ul> <p>Indirect supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Collect feces</li> <li>▪ Collect urine by free catch only</li> <li>▪ Groom</li> <li>▪ Non-invasive topical treatments.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Resuscitative procedures</li> <li>◆ Apply temporary splints or bandages to prevent further injury to bones or soft tissues.</li> <li>◆ Apply appropriate wound dressings and external supportive treatment in severe wound and burn cases.</li> <li>◆ Perform external supportive treatment in heat prostration cases.</li> <li>◆ Place intravenous catheters and administer pharmacological agents and fluids.</li> </ul>
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		<p>skin scrapings, impressions or other non-surgical methods.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Perform routine diagnostic laboratory tests.</li> <li>▪ Supervise handling of bio hazardous waste materials.</li> <li>▪ Collect and prepare blood or blood components as related to blood transfusions.</li> <li>▪ Other services under the appropriate degree of supervision of a licensed veterinarian.</li> </ul>		
<b>South Dakota</b>	<p>Veterinary technicians shall possess the following qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Have successfully completed an approved high school course of study or its equivalency;</li> <li>▪ Have submitted proof of good moral character by affidavits of at least two reputable persons attesting thereto;</li> <li>▪ Have successfully completed a veterinary technician course of study in a school approved by the board</li> <li>▪ Have appeared</li> </ul>	NONE SPECIFIED	NONE SPECIFIED	NONE SPECIFIED

	<p>before at least two members of the board for a personal interview and answered all questions relative to their qualifications;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Have submitted to a written or oral examination given by the board and successfully passed it with a score of at least 75 percent.</li> </ul>			
<b>Tennessee</b>	<p>Licensed veterinary technician means a person who has successfully completed the examination requirements prescribed by the board and has been issued a license.</p>	<p>Any licensed veterinarian may assign to a licensed veterinary technician regularly employed by the veterinarian any task or procedure to be performed for which the veterinarian exercises responsible supervision and full responsibility except those procedures requiring professional judgment or skill as prescribed by board rule.</p> <p>The scope of practice for veterinary technicians is limited to procedures that are assigned or delegated by the supervising veterinarian and do not involve diagnosing, prescribing, or performing surgical</p>	<p>An employee of the veterinarian may be permitted to float teeth using non-motorized equipment without the physical presence of a licensed veterinarian as long as the employee is functioning under the supervision, control, and responsibility of the licensed veterinarian within the context of a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship.</p>	<p>NONE SPECIFIED</p>

<p><b>Texas</b></p>	<p>"Licensed veterinary technician" means a person licensed as a veterinary technician by the board</p> <p>"Veterinary assistant" means a person who: (A) is employed by a licensed veterinarian; (B) performs tasks related to animal care; and (C) is not a certified veterinary assistant or a licensed veterinary technician</p> <p>"Certified veterinary assistant" means a person who has been certified as a certified veterinary assistant by the Texas Veterinary Medical Association and is employed by a licensed Veterinarian</p>	<p>procedures.</p> <p>Under the direct or immediate supervision of a veterinarian, a licensed veterinary technician may:</p> <p>(i) suture to close existing surgical skin incisions and skin lacerations; (ii) induce anesthesia; and (iii) in dogs and cats, extract loose teeth or dental fragments with minimal periodontal attachments by hand and without the use of an elevator.</p> <p>Except where otherwise prohibited by law, under general veterinary supervision, a licensed veterinary technician may:</p> <p>(i) draw blood; and (ii) take samples for purposes of testing and diagnosis.</p> <p>A non-veterinarian shall <b>not</b> perform the following health care services:</p>	<p>Under the immediate supervision of a veterinarian, an unlicensed employee of a veterinarian may:</p> <p>(i) suture to close existing surgical skin incisions and skin lacerations; and (ii) induce anesthesia.</p> <p>An unlicensed employee of a veterinarian may perform other tasks assigned by the supervising veterinarian under a level of supervision determined by the supervising veterinarian.</p> <p>An unlicensed employee may not, under any level of veterinary supervision, extract loose teeth or dental fragments from a dog or cat.</p> <p>Under the immediate supervision of a licensed veterinary technician, an unlicensed employee of a veterinarian may:</p> <p>(1) suture to close existing skin incisions and skin lacerations;</p>	<p>Exception for Emergency Care. In an emergency situation where prompt treatment is essential for the prevention of death or alleviation of extreme suffering, a veterinarian may, after determining the nature of the emergency and the condition of the animal, issue treatment directions to a non-veterinarian by means of telephone, electronic mail or messaging, radio, or facsimile communication. The Board may take action against a veterinarian if, in the Board's sole discretion, the veterinarian uses this authorization to circumvent this rule. The veterinarian assumes full responsibility for such treatment. However, nothing in this rule requires a veterinarian to accept an animal treated under this rule as a patient under these circumstances.</p> <p>Exception for Care of Hospitalized Animals. A non-veterinarian may, in the absence of direct supervision, follow the oral or written treatment orders of a veterinarian who is caring for a hospitalized animal, so long as the veterinarian has examined the animal(s) and a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship exists.</p>
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		<p>(1) surgery;  (2) invasive dental procedures except as allowed for licensed equine dental providers under §573.19 of this title, and as allowed for licensed veterinary technicians under subsection (d)(1) of this section;  (3) diagnosis and prognosis of animal diseases and/or conditions;  (4) prescribing drugs and appliances; or  (5) initiate treatment without prior instruction by a veterinarian, except in an emergency without expectation of compensation.</p> <p>(g) Euthanasia may be performed by a non-veterinarian only under the immediate supervision of a veterinarian.</p> <p>(h) A non-veterinarian may administer a rabies vaccine only under the direct supervision of a veterinarian, and only after the veterinarian has</p>	<p>(2) induce anesthesia;  (3) draw blood;  (4) take samples for the purpose of testing and diagnosis and;  (5) perform other tasks in veterinary medicine, not otherwise prohibited by other subsections of this section or other laws, as assigned by the supervising veterinarian and according to a protocol established by the supervising veterinarian.</p>	
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		<p>properly established a veterinarian-client-patient relationship.</p> <p>(i) The use of a veterinarian's signature stamp or electronic signature pad on an official health document by a non-veterinarian shall be authorized only under the direct supervision of the vaccinating veterinarian.</p>		
<b>Utah</b>	<p>Unlicensed assistive personnel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ means any unlicensed person, regardless of title, to whom tasks are delegated by a veterinarian licensed under this chapter as permitted by administrative rule and in accordance with the standards of the profession; and</li> <li>▪ includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ a veterinary assistant, if working under immediate supervision;</li> <li>▪ a veterinary technician who:</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>It is not considered unprofessional conduct to do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ delegating to a veterinary technologist, while under the indirect supervision of a veterinarian licensed under this chapter, patient care and treatment that requires a technical understanding of veterinary medicine if written or oral instructions are provided to the technologist by the veterinarian;</li> <li>▪ delegating to a veterinary technician, while under the direct supervision of a veterinarian licensed</li> </ul>	<p>It is not considered unprofessional conduct to do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ delegating to a veterinary assistant, under the immediate supervision of a licensed veterinarian, tasks that are consistent with the standards and ethics of the profession.</li> </ul>	NONE SPECIFIED

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ has graduated from a program of veterinary technology accredited by the AVMA that is at least a two-year program; and</li> <li>who is working under direct supervision; and</li> <li>▪ a veterinary technologist who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ has graduated from a four-year program of veterinary technology accredited by the AVMA; and</li> <li>◆ is working under indirect supervision.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	under this chapter, patient care and treatment that requires a technical understanding of veterinary medicine if written or oral instructions are provided to the technician by the veterinarian; and		
<b>Vermont</b>	NONE SPECIFIED	NONE SPECIFIED	The Veterinary Practice Act does not prohibit any employee of a licensed veterinarian performing duties other than diagnosis, prescription, or surgery under the direct on-premise supervision of the veterinarian who is responsible for his or her performance.	A veterinarian licensed by the board or any other person who, in good faith, provides care and treatment to an animal during an emergency shall not be held liable for civil damages by the owner of the animal, unless his or her acts constitute gross negligence or unless he or she will receive or expects to receive remuneration.
<b>Virginia</b>	NONE SPECIFIED	The Veterinary Practice	A licensed veterinarian	Any person, including a person

		<p>Act does not prevent or prohibit A licensed veterinary technician from planning or leveling equine teeth for routine dental maintenance under the immediate and direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian, provided the licensed veterinary technician has graduated from an American Veterinary Medical Association accredited program with successful completion of coursework in equine dentistry or can document training comparable to that of an equine dental technician.</p>	<p>may delegate the administration (including by injection) of schedule VI drugs to a properly trained assistant under his direction and supervision.</p> <p>Additional tasks that may be delegated by a licensed veterinarian to a properly trained assistant include but are not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Grooming;</li> <li>▪ Feeding;</li> <li>▪ Cleaning;</li> <li>▪ Restraining;</li> <li>▪ Assisting in radiology;</li> <li>▪ Setting up diagnostic tests;</li> <li>▪ Prepping for surgery;</li> <li>▪ Dental polishing and scaling of teeth above the gum line (supragingival);</li> <li>▪ Drawing blood samples;</li> <li>or</li> <li>▪ Filling of schedule VI prescriptions under the direction of a veterinarian licensed in Virginia.</li> </ul>	<p>licensed to practice veterinary medicine, who in good faith and without compensation renders emergency care or treatment to an injured animal at the scene of an emergency or accident shall not be liable for any injuries to such animals resulting from the rendering of such care or treatment.</p>
<b>Washington</b>	The board shall issue a veterinary technician license to an individual who has:	<p>Immediate supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dental extractions</li> </ul>	<p>Immediate Supervision of a Veterinarian or Veterinary Technician:</p>	<p>Under conditions of an emergency, a licensed veterinary technician and unregistered assistant may render certain</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Successfully passed an examination administered by the board; and</li> <li>▪ Successfully completed a post high school course approved by the board in the care and treatment of animals</li> </ul>	<p>Direct supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Anesthesia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Induction, including pre-anesthesia;</li> <li>◆ Maintenance;</li> <li>◆ Monitoring.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Application of casts and splints;</li> <li>▪ Floating teeth;</li> <li>▪ Intraperitoneal injections;</li> <li>▪ Blood administration;</li> <li>▪ Closure, including suturing, of prepared skin wound or gingival incision;</li> <li>▪ Arterial and central venous catheters.</li> </ul> <p>Indirect Supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Intravenous injections into uncatheterized vein;</li> <li>▪ Centesis, including fine needle aspirates;</li> <li>▪ Unobstructed bladder catheter;</li> <li>▪ Diagnostic procedures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Fecal analysis;</li> <li>◆ Electrocardiograms;</li> <li>◆ Blood pressure;</li> <li>◆ Cytology analysis, including</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Place and secure an intravenous catheter;</li> <li>▪ Monitor vital signs of an anesthetized patient;</li> <li>▪ Dental prophylaxis.</li> </ul> <p>Direct Supervision of a Veterinarian or Veterinary Technician:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Intravenous injection into catheterized vein;</li> <li>▪ Biologics injections (vaccines) with the veterinarian's verification signature on appropriate certificate;</li> <li>▪ Imaging procedures;</li> <li>▪ Removal of sutures, drain tubes and staples;</li> <li>▪ Bandaging;</li> <li>▪ Removal of exposed foreign bodies;</li> <li>▪ Lab sample collection and test preparation (not evaluation) to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Venipuncture;</li> <li>◆ Skin scraping.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Microchip implantation;</li> <li>▪ Enema;</li> <li>▪ Ear flush;</li> <li>▪ Perform electrocardiogram and blood pressure measurements;</li> <li>▪ Intramuscular and subcutaneous injection;</li> </ul>	<p>lifesaving aid to an animal patient.</p> <p>A licensed veterinary technician may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Apply emergency cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid procedures and all tasks as listed in subsections (3), (4), (5), and (6) of this section;</li> <li>▪ Administer pharmacologic agents and parenteral fluids only after communication with a veterinarian.</li> </ul> <p>An unregistered assistant may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Apply noninvasive cardiopulmonary resuscitation and basic first aid procedures;</li> <li>▪ Provide other aid upon the order of a licensed veterinarian as outlined in this section.</li> </ul>
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<b>West Virginia</b>	Registered Veterinary Technician means a person registered by the Board to work under the direct supervision of a veterinarian on the premises.	Direct Supervision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Administer anesthesia including induction, intravenous sedation, and maintenance and recovery from</li> </ul>	A veterinary assistant may perform dental procedures under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.	A registered veterinary technician is permitted without veterinary supervision to use emergency treatment procedures when an animal has been placed in a life threatening condition and immediate treatment is necessary

	<p>A veterinary assistant means a person who has not met the requirements for becoming a registered veterinary technician. The duties and tasks of a veterinary assistant are instructed from and directly supervised by a licensed veterinarian, who is accountable for the veterinary assistant's actions. The supervising veterinarian is responsible for determining the ability and competence of the veterinary assistant to perform the directed task or procedure.</p>	<p>anesthesia;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Perform dental prophylaxis;</li> <li>▪ Establish open airways;</li> <li>▪ Administer resuscitative oxygen procedures;</li> <li>▪ Administer resuscitative drugs, in the event of cardiac arrest;</li> <li>▪ Administer immunizations that are not required by law to be administered by a licensed veterinarian;</li> <li>▪ Prepare or supervise the preparation of patients for surgery;</li> <li>▪ Assist the veterinarian in immunologic, diagnostic, medical, chemotherapeutic and surgical procedures;</li> </ul> <p>and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Perform external suturing</li> </ul> <p>Indirect Supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Perform diagnostic imaging;</li> <li>▪ Perform intravenous catheterization;</li> <li>▪ Administer and apply medications and</li> </ul>		<p>to sustain the animal's life. The registered veterinary technician shall immediately take steps to secure the direct supervision of a veterinarian.</p>
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		<p>treatments by oral intramuscular, intravenous and subcutaneous routes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Apply bandages;</li> <li>▪ Perform cardiac and respiratory monitoring;</li> <li>▪ Perform appropriate procedures to control bleeding;</li> <li>▪ Apply temporary splints or immobilizing bandages;</li> <li>▪ Perform ear flushing;</li> <li>▪ Collect specimens; and</li> <li>▪ Perform laboratory procedures</li> </ul>		
<b>Wisconsin</b>	<p>Veterinary technician means a person duly certified by the examining board to work under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.</p> <p>Unlicensed assistant means a person not holding a license, permit or certificate issued by the board.</p>	<p>Direct Supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Nonsurgical veterinary treatment of animal diseases and conditions, including administration of vaccines.</li> <li>▪ Observations and findings related to animal diseases and conditions to be utilized by a veterinarian in establishing a diagnosis or prognosis, including routine radiographs, nonsurgical specimen collection, drawing of blood for diagnostic</li> </ul>	<p>Direct Supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Basic diagnostic studies, including routine radiographs, nonsurgical specimen collection, and laboratory testing procedures.</li> <li>▪ Monitoring and reporting to the veterinarian changes in the condition of a hospitalized animal patient.</li> <li>▪ Dispensing prescription drugs pursuant to the written order of the veterinarian.</li> </ul> <p>Direct Supervision when the Veterinarian is</p>	<p>A veterinary student, certified veterinary technician or unlicensed assistant employed by a veterinarian may, under the direct supervision of the veterinarian and pursuant to mutually acceptable written protocols, perform evaluative and treatment procedures necessary to provide an appropriate response to life-threatening emergency situations for the purpose of stabilizing the patient pending further treatment.</p>

		<p>purposes, and laboratory testing procedures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Administration of sedatives and pre-surgical medications.</li> <li>▪ Obstetrical treatment.</li> <li>▪ Nutritional evaluation and counseling.</li> </ul> <p>Direct Supervision when the Veterinarian is personally present on the premises where the services are provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Administration of local or general anesthesia, including induction and monitoring.</li> <li>▪ Performing diagnostic radiographic contrast studies.</li> <li>▪ Dental prophylaxis and extractions.</li> </ul>	<p>personally present on the premises where the services are provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Nonsurgical veterinary treatment of animal diseases and conditions, including administration of vaccines, and administration of sedatives and pre-surgical medications.</li> <li>▪ Observations and findings related to animal diseases and conditions to be utilized by a veterinarian in establishing a diagnosis or prognosis, including the drawing of blood for diagnostic purposes.</li> <li>▪ Dental prophylaxis.</li> <li>▪ Nutritional evaluation and counseling.</li> </ul>	
<b>Wyoming</b>	NONE SPECIFIED	NONE SPECIFIED	The Veterinary Practice Act does not prohibit Any veterinary aide, nurse, laboratory technician, intern, or other employee of a licensed veterinarian from administering medication or rendering auxiliary or supporting assistance under the responsible supervision of such practicing	An unlicensed employee may provide immediate treatment under emergency situations in order to sustain life or prevent further injury in the absence of a licensee.

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