

This model is adapted from surveys developed by Missouri Veterinary Medical Association in October 2011 and January 2012.

The introductory material relates to Missouri law and may not be consistent with your state's practice act and regulations. Be sure to change this text to reflect the laws of your state.

_VMA members,

We would like your opinion to help guide our activity on defending/defining the practice of veterinary medicine.

The current definition for veterinary medicine is:

Veterinary medicine", the science of diagnosing, treating, changing, alleviating, rectifying, curing or preventing any animal disease, deformity, defect, injury or other physical or mental condition, including, but not limited to, the prescription or administration of any drug, medicine, biologic, apparatus, application, anesthesia or other therapeutic or diagnostic substance or technique on any animal, including, but not limited to, acupuncture, dentistry, animal psychology, animal chiropractic, theriogenology, surgery, both general and cosmetic surgery, any manual, mechanical, biological or chemical procedure for testing for pregnancy or for correcting sterility or infertility or to render service or recommendations with regard to any of the procedures in this paragraph;

The major exception to this is that the owners themselves can treat animals they own except immunize animals for zoonotic disease:

"...(does not prohibit)... The owner of any animal or animals and the owner's full-time employees from caring for and treating any animals belonging to such owner, with or without the advice and consultation of a licensed veterinarian..."

We anticipate significant efforts this legislative session by some parties to carve out specific procedures as EXCEPTIONS to the definition of veterinary medicine. Therefore, we wish to poll our members on the following procedures.

Please indicate your practice type:

Please indicate what you feel is the appropriate procedure classification for each of the following:

Branding:

Husbandry

Husbandry for livestock only

- Should be veterinary medicine
- No opinion at this time

Ear Notching:

- Husbandry
- Husbandry for livestock only
- Should be veterinary medicine
- No opinion at this time

Farriery:

- Husbandry
- Husbandry for livestock only
- Should be veterinary medicine
- No opinion at this time

Grooming:

- Husbandry
- Husbandry for livestock only
- Should be veterinary medicine
- No opinion at this time

Preparing Semen:

- Husbandry
- Husbandry for livestock only
- Should be veterinary medicine
- No opinion at this time

Freezing Semen:

- Husbandry
- Husbandry for livestock only
- Should be veterinary medicine
- No opinion at this time

Collecting semen for diagnostic analysis:

- Husbandry
- Husbandry for livestock only
- Should be veterinary medicine
- No opinion at this time

Pregnancy Checking:

- Husbandry
- Husbandry for livestock only
- Should be veterinary medicine
- No opinion at this time

Embryo Transfer:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Husbandry | <input type="checkbox"/> Husbandry for livestock only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Should be veterinary medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion at this time |

Nutrition, Feeds, and Feeding:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Husbandry | <input type="checkbox"/> Husbandry for livestock only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Should be veterinary medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion at this time |

Tail docking:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Husbandry | <input type="checkbox"/> Husbandry for livestock only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Should be veterinary medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion at this time |

Deworming:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Husbandry | <input type="checkbox"/> Husbandry for livestock only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Should be veterinary medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion at this time |

Artificial Insemination:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Husbandry | <input type="checkbox"/> Husbandry for livestock only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Should be veterinary medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion at this time |

Training of animals:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Husbandry | <input type="checkbox"/> Husbandry for livestock only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Should be veterinary medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion at this time |

Dehorning:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Husbandry | <input type="checkbox"/> Husbandry for livestock only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Should be veterinary medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion at this time |

Castration:

- Husbandry Husbandry for livestock only
- Should be veterinary medicine No opinion at this time

Teeth floating with hand float:

- Husbandry Husbandry for livestock only
- Should be veterinary medicine No opinion at this time

Teeth floating with power tools:

- Husbandry Husbandry for livestock only
- Should be veterinary medicine No opinion at this time

Given the above issues, should horses be designated as livestock?

- Yes No No opinion at this time

In regards to acts of veterinary practice that some consider animal husbandry, do you prefer the _VMA to: (check one)

- Relinquish acts of veterinary practice to non-veterinarians.
- Maintain a passive position, protecting the current Practice Act when threats occur, trying to keep the Practice Act from being opened.
- Actively pursue the enforcement of the current Practice Act by engaging the licensing board to issue cease and desist orders, though it may increase the chances that the opposition will get the Practice Act opened.
- Other. Please explain: _____