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GENERAL PROVISIONS

NAC 638.001 Definitions. ([NRS 638.070](#)) As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in [NAC 638.005](#) to [638.0185](#), inclusive, have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam’rs, eff. 3-19-86; A 7-7-94; R069-01, 10-12-2001; R041-02, 8-7-2003; R074-06, 6-28-2006; R092-20, 12-29-2020)

NAC 638.005 “Board” defined. ([NRS 638.070](#)) “Board” means the Nevada State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam’rs, eff. 3-19-86)

NAC 638.006 “Direct supervision” defined. ([NRS 638.070](#)) “Direct supervision” means that the supervising veterinarian or licensed veterinary technician is on the premises with or in the same area as the animal and the person treating the animal and is quickly and easily available.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam’rs, eff. 3-19-86; A by R074-06, 6-28-2006)

NAC 638.007 “Emergency” defined. ([NRS 638.070](#)) “Emergency” means ~~an animal has a condition which threatens its~~ *a situation in which the life of an animal is threatened* and immediate treatment *or medical aid* is necessary.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam’rs, eff. 3-19-86; *A by R082-22, 12-29-2022*)

NAC 638.008 “General anesthesia” defined. ([NRS 638.070](#)) “General anesthesia” means a controlled state of unconsciousness caused by a drug or combination of drugs that is sufficient to produce a state of unconsciousness or disassociation and a blocked response to pain or alarming stimulus.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam’rs by R063-13, eff. 6-23-2014)

NAC 638.009 “Immediate supervision” defined. ([NRS 638.070](#)) “Immediate supervision” means the supervising veterinarian or licensed veterinary technician is in the immediate area and within visual and audible range of the animal and the person treating the animal.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam’rs, eff. 3-19-86; A 7-7-94; 11-26-96; R069-01, 10-12-2001; R074-06, 6-28-2006)

NAC 638.011 “Indirect supervision” defined. ([NRS 638.070](#)) “Indirect supervision” means the supervising veterinarian is not on the premises with the animal and the person treating the animal, but has given written or oral instructions for treatment of the animal.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam’rs, eff. 3-19-86; A 7-7-94; R074-06, 6-28-2006)

NAC 638.0115 “Licensed veterinarian” defined. ([NRS 638.070](#)) “Licensed veterinarian” has the meaning ascribed to it in [NRS 638.007](#).

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam’rs by R074-06, eff. 6-28-2006)

NAC 638.012 “Licensed veterinary technician” defined. ([NRS 638.070](#)) “Licensed veterinary technician” means a person who is licensed pursuant to [NRS 638.122](#) and formally trained for the specific purpose of assisting a licensed veterinarian in the performance of professional or technical services in the field of veterinary medicine.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam’rs by R069-01, eff. 10-12-2001)

NAC 638.013 “Mobile clinic” defined. ([NRS 638.070](#)) “Mobile clinic” means a veterinary facility operated from a vehicle, including, without limitation, a truck, trailer or motor home.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam’rs, eff. 3-19-86; A by R074-06, 6-28-2006; R073-16, 2-27-2018)

NAC 638.0135 “Prescription drug” defined. ([NRS 638.070](#)) “Prescription drug” means any drug, including a controlled substance as defined in [NRS 0.031](#) or a dangerous drug as defined in [NRS 454.201](#), that may be dispensed only upon a prescription order which is issued by a veterinarian for its use.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam’rs by R116-10, 12-30-2011, eff. 1-1-2012)

NAC 638.014 “School of veterinary medicine” defined. ([NRS 638.070](#)) “School of veterinary medicine” has the meaning ascribed to it in [NRS 638.009](#).

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam’rs by R069-01, eff. 10-12-2001)

NAC 638.016 “Supervising veterinarian” defined. ([NRS 638.070](#)) “Supervising veterinarian” means a veterinarian licensed to practice in this State who employs, supervises, or employs and supervises a veterinary extern, a veterinary graduate

awaiting licensure, a licensed veterinary technician, a veterinary technician in training or a veterinary assistant.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 3-19-86; A 11-26-96; R069-01, 10-12-2001; R041-02, 8-7-2003; R116-10, 12-30-2011, eff. 1-1-2012; R092-20, 12-29-2020)

NAC 638.017 “Vaccination clinic” defined. ([NRS 638.070](#)) “Vaccination clinic” means any location, other than a veterinary facility, where a licensed veterinarian administers vaccinations to dogs, cats or ferrets.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 7-7-94; A by R057-00, 6-20-2000)

NAC 638.0177 “Veterinary assistant” defined. ([NRS 638.070](#)) “Veterinary assistant” means a person who has less training, knowledge and skills than a licensed veterinary technician and whose basic tasks are set forth in [NAC 638.06025](#).

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R041-02, eff. 8-7-2003; A by R074-06, 6-28-2006; R116-10, 12-30-2011, eff. 1-1-2012)—(Substituted in revision for NAC 638.0165)

NAC 638.0178 “Veterinary extern” defined. ([NRS 638.070](#)) “Veterinary extern” means a third-year or fourth-year veterinary student enrolled in a school of veterinary medicine accredited by the Council on Education of the American Veterinary Medical Association that is participating in an externship program administered by the school.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R092-20, eff. 12-29-2020)

NAC 638.018 “Veterinary facility” defined. ([NRS 638.070](#)) “Veterinary facility” means any facility in which veterinary medicine is practiced. The term includes a building, a kennel or a mobile clinic which is controlled by a veterinarian for the practice of veterinary medicine. The term does not include a diagnostic laboratory or educational institution.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 3-19-86; A 5-29-97; R130-04, 1-26-2005; R073-16, 2-27-2018)

NAC 638.0182 “Veterinary graduate awaiting licensure” defined. ([NRS 638.070](#)) “Veterinary graduate awaiting licensure” means a person who is registered as a veterinary graduate awaiting licensure pursuant to [NAC 638.06027](#).

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R092-20, eff. 12-29-2020)

NAC 638.0185 “Veterinary intern” defined. ([NRS 638.070](#)) “Veterinary intern” means a licensed veterinarian in this State who is:

1. Actively enrolled in a specialty degree program approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association and is presently engaged in activities in this State in furtherance of obtaining such specialty degree; or

2. Receiving training in a branch or specialty of veterinary medicine at a veterinary facility.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R069-01, eff. 10-12-2001; A by R021-03, 10-29-2003; R074-06, 6-28-2006; R092-20, 12-29-2020)

NAC 638.* "Owner of an animal" defined. (NRS 638.070)**

1. For the purposes of subsection 5 of NRS 638.015, the Board will interpret the term "owner of an animal" to mean:

2. A person who owns an animal:

(a) As a pet;

(b) For purposes of breeding; or

(c) As livestock;

3. A nonprofit corporation or local government organization that temporarily possesses an animal for the purpose of allowing members of the public to adopt the animal; and

4. A facility or business engaged in clinical or any other type of research that involves animals.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R117-23, 2-27-2024)

NAC 638.* "Physical Examination" defined and interpreted. (NRS 638.070)**

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the Board will interpret the term "physical examination," as used in section 3 of Assembly Bill No. 200, chapter 186, Statutes of Nevada 2021, at page 872 (NRS 638.1521), to mean a physically proximate and hands-on, subjective and objective evaluation of the health status of an animal by a veterinarian through the use of observation, auscultation, palpation, percussion or manipulation.

2. For a group of like animals, the term "physical examination" as used in section 3 of Assembly Bill No. 200, chapter 186, Statutes of Nevada 2021, at page 872 (NRS 638.1521), means that a veterinarian is physically proximate to the group of animals and has subjectively and objectively assessed a representative sample of the animals.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R074-21, 4-18-2022)

NAC 638.020 Deviation from regulations. (NRS 638.070) In special cases, for good cause and if it is not contrary to statute, the Board may permit deviations from this chapter when the ends of justice require.

[Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, Practice Rule 1 § 1.3, eff. 5-1-77]

NAC 638.030 Severability. (NRS 638.070) If any of the provisions of this chapter or any application thereof to any person, thing or circumstance is held invalid, it is intended that such invalidity not affect the remaining provisions, or their application, that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

[Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, Practice Rule 1 § 1.5, eff. 5-1-77]

NAC 638.033 Notification of change of address, place of employment or telephone number. ([NRS 638.070](#)) Each person who is registered or licensed by the Board shall notify the Board, in writing, of any change of business address, place of employment, mailing address or telephone number within 20 days after the change.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 3-19-86; A 11-26-96; R009-04, 4-26-2004)

NAC 638.035 Fees. ([NRS638.070](#), [638.100](#), [638.116](#), [638.122](#), [638.127](#), [628.128](#), [638.132](#))

1. Except as otherwise provided in ~~[subsection]~~ *subsections 2 [.] and 3*, the Board will charge and collect the following fees:

For an application and examination for a license to practice veterinary medicine	\$500
<i>For an application for a license by endorsement to practice veterinary medicine</i>	500
<i>For an application for a license to practice veterinary medicine as a diplomate.....</i>	500
For an application for a license to practice as a veterinary technician.....	220
For an application or examination for a license to practice as a euthanasia technician.....	500
For a 2-year registration to practice as a veterinary technician in training ..	60
For a permit to operate a facility owned by a licensed veterinarian, other than a mobile clinic	500
For a permit to operate a facility not owned by a licensed veterinarian, other than a mobile clinic	700
For a permit to operate a mobile clinic.....	150
For a permit to operate a nonprofit facility.....	200
For a registration to practice animal chiropractic	200
For a registration to practice animal physical therapy	200
For a registration to practice as an equine dental provider.....	220
For a temporary license to practice veterinary medicine.....	150
For the reinstatement of a veterinary or diplomate license	525
For the reinstatement of a veterinary technician license	200
For the biennial renewal of an active license to practice veterinary medicine , <i>including,</i> <i>without limitation, a license by endorsement and a diplomate license</i>	500
For the biennial renewal of an inactive license to practice veterinary medicine.....	275
For the biennial renewal of a license to practice as a veterinary technician	150
For the biennial renewal of a license to practice as a euthanasia technician	250
For the biennial renewal of a registration to practice as an animal physical therapist	200

For the biennial renewal of a registration to practice as an animal chiropractor..... 200

For the biennial renewal of a registration to practice as an equine dental provider..... 200

For the biennial renewal of a permit for a facility owned by a licensed veterinarian, other than a mobile clinic..... 400

For the biennial renewal of a permit for a facility not owned by a licensed veterinarian, other than a mobile clinic..... 700

For the biennial renewal of a permit to operate a mobile clinic..... 100

For the biennial renewal of a permit for a nonprofit facility..... 200

For a duplicate of a license, registration or permit described in this section 20

2. If an applicant or licensee is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a reserve component thereof or the National Guard, the Board will charge and collect one-half of the fee established pursuant to subsection 1.

3. The Board will reduce the fee charged and collected for the application for any license, registration or permit set forth in subsection 1, including any fee reduced pursuant to subsection 2, by 50 percent if the license, registration or permit is issued on or after June 30 of the immediately preceding even-numbered year.

4. The fees charged and collected pursuant to this section are not refundable.

5. For the purposes of this section, a facility is “owned by a licensed veterinarian” if one or more licensed veterinarians hold at least 10 percent of the total ownership interest, solely or jointly, of the facility.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam’rs by R072-09, eff. 4-20-2010; A by R063-13, 6-23-2014; R073-16 & R110-16, 2-27-2018; R092-20, 12-29-2020; **R074-21, 4-18-2022; R082-22, 12-29-2022; R117-23, 2-27-2024**)

NAC 638.040 Communications; payment of fees. ([NRS 638.070](#))

1. All communications, payments or documents must be addressed to the Board and shall be deemed to be filed on the date of the postmark on the envelope in which it was mailed, in accordance with [NRS 238.100](#).

2. Fees and remittances to the Board ~~must~~:

(a) Must be paid by money order, bank draft or check payable to the Board of Examiners in Veterinary Medicine ~~[-Remittances in]; and~~

(b) May not be paid by currency, ~~for~~ coin ~~are made at the risk of the sender and the Board assumes no responsibility for loss. Postage~~ or postage stamps. ~~are not accepted.~~

[Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam’rs, Practice Rule 2 §§ 2.1 & 2.2, eff. 5-1-77; **A by R082-22**]

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

NAC 638.0405 Duties of Executive Director. ([NRS 638.050](#)) The Executive Director of the Board shall:

1. Keep an account and record of all receipts and disbursements of the Board.
2. Keep a record of all persons currently licensed by the Board and all facilities which have been issued a permit to operate by the Board.
3. Employ, direct, evaluate and, if appropriate, discipline or terminate the employment of all personnel who perform clerical and administrative functions for the Board.
4. Approve contracts and expenditures that are for an amount less than **\$10,000** and are within the amount budgeted by the Board for that year.
5. Administer, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, the operations of the Board and the policies and procedures concerning its budget.
6. Review each complaint before it is investigated.
7. Report directly to the Board.
8. Perform such other duties that are directed by the Board or are otherwise necessary to protect and promote the interest of the public relating to the practice of veterinary medicine.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 5-29-97; **A by R117-23, 2-27-2024**)

CONTINUING EDUCATION

NAC 638.041 Prerequisites for renewal of license; effect of noncompliance. ([NRS 638.070](#))

1. As a prerequisite for each renewal of his or her license to practice veterinary medicine or to practice veterinary medicine as a diplomate licensed pursuant to [NRS 638.105](#), a licensee must complete ~~1~~ :

(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), at least 40 hours of continuing education approved by the Board, not more than 20 hours of which may be completed in distance learning or correspondence courses, during the 24-month period immediately preceding the beginning of the new period of licensing; or

*(b) If his or her license was issued after October 1 of the immediately preceding even numbered year, at least 20 hours of continuing education approved by the Board, not more than 10 hours of which may be completed in distance learning or correspondence courses, during the 12-month period immediately preceding the beginning of the new *period of* licensing. ~~1 year, at least 20 hours of continuing education approved by the Board. Not more than 10 hours may be completed in distance learning or correspondence courses.~~*

2. ~~1A~~ *As a prerequisite for each renewal of his or her license to practice as a veterinary technician, a licensed veterinary technician must ~~annually~~ complete :*

(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), at least 20 hours of continuing education approved by the Board, not more than 10 hours of which may be completed in distance learning or correspondence courses, during the 24-month period immediately preceding the beginning of the new period of licensing; or

(b) If his or her license was issued after October 1 of the immediately preceding even numbered year, at least 10 hours of continuing education approved by the Board ~~has a prerequisite for renewal of his or her license. Not~~, not more than 5 hours of which may be completed in distance learning or correspondence courses ~~+~~, during the 12-month period immediately preceding the beginning of the new period of licensing.

3. A licensee who does not comply with the requirements of this section may be subject to disciplinary action.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 3-19-86; A 11-26-96; R115-99, 12-7-99; R069-01, 10-12-2001; R130-04, 1-26-2005; R074-06, 6-28-2006; R072-09, 4-20-2010; R116-10, 12-30-2011, eff. 1-1-2012; R063-13, 6-23-2014; **R074-21, 4-18-2022**)

NAC 638.042 Courses deemed approved by Board. ([NRS 638.070](#)) A course of continuing education shall be deemed to be approved by the Board if the course is provided or approved by:

1. The American Veterinary Medical Association;
2. A specialty group of the American Veterinary Medical Association;
3. The Western Veterinary Conference, the Wild West Veterinary Conference or any other regional veterinary conference;
4. The State Department of Agriculture;
5. The United States Department of Agriculture;
6. The American Animal Hospital Association;
7. The American Association of Veterinary State Boards;
8. The Nevada Veterinary Medical Association;
9. An institution of the Nevada System of Higher Education;
10. A school of veterinary medicine that is accredited by the Council on Education of the American Veterinary Medical Association; or
11. A program for veterinary technicians that is approved by the Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

12. A board that licenses veterinarians or veterinary technicians in another state;

13. An association or organization consisting of veterinarians or veterinary technicians that is organized on a statewide basis in another state or on a regional basis.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R130-04, eff. 1-26-2005; A by R074-06, 6-28-2006; **R082-22 12-29-2022**)

NAC 638.0423 Attestation to compliance with requirements; maintenance of documentation of completion. ([NRS 638.070](#))

1. A licensee must attest to his or her compliance with the requirements for continuing education set forth in [NAC 638.041](#) at the time for the renewal of his or her license. The attestation must be made on a form provided by the Board.

2. A licensee shall maintain documentation of the hours of continuing education he or she completed to comply with the requirements for continuing education set forth in [NAC 638.041](#) for 4 years after the completion of those hours.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R130-04, eff. 1-26-2005; A by R063-13, 6-23-2014)

NAC 638.0425 Audits of licensees to ensure compliance with requirements. ([NRS 638.070](#))

1. The Board may perform random audits of licensees to ensure compliance with the requirements for continuing education.

2. If the Board chooses to conduct an audit of a licensee, the Board will notify the licensee, in writing, of its decision to conduct an audit.

3. If audited by the Board:

(a) A licensed veterinarian or a person who is licensed by the Board as a diplomate pursuant to [NRS 638.105](#) shall, not later than 30 days after receiving written notice, provide proof that he or she has participated in at least 20 hours of continuing education during the 12 months immediately preceding the beginning of the new licensing year by submitting to the Board copies of the documentation of completion maintained pursuant to [NAC 638.0423](#).

(b) A veterinary technician shall, not later than 30 days after receiving written notice, provide proof that he or she has participated in at least 10 hours of continuing education during the 12 months immediately preceding the beginning of the new licensing year by submitting to the Board copies of the documentation of completion maintained pursuant to [NAC 638.0423](#).

4. Each copy of the documentation submitted to the Board pursuant to subsection 3 must include:

(a) The name and license number of the licensee;

(b) The number of hours of continuing education that were awarded to the licensee;

(c) A description of the continuing education that was received by the licensee; and

(d) The date on which and place where the course or the meeting, as applicable, was conducted.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R130-04, eff. 1-26-2005; A by R063-13, 6-23-2014)

NAC 638.043 Renewal of license without meeting requirements. ([NRS 638.070](#)) If, upon application, the Board finds that the failure of the licensee to complete the required hours of continuing education was because of the licensee's disability, military service or absence from the United States, or because of other circumstances

beyond the control of the licensee which are deemed sufficient by the Board, the licensee may have his or her license renewed without meeting the requirements for continuing education.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 3-19-86)

NAC 638.0431 Credit granted for instruction or presentation; restrictions. (NRS 638.070)

1. The Board will grant credit for continuing education to a licensee who provides instruction or presents at a course of continuing education approved by the Board.

2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection and subsection 3, the credit granted by the Board pursuant to subsection 1 will include the actual time the licensee spent preparing for the instruction or presentation. The Board will grant not more than 2 hours of credit for each hour the licensee spent providing instruction or presenting.

3. Any credit granted by the Board pursuant to subsections 1 and 2 may be counted only once toward the hours of continuing education required by subsection 1 or 2 of [NAC 638.041](#), as applicable, even if the instruction or presentation is given more than once during the applicable period of licensing set forth in subsection 1 or 2 of [NAC 638.041](#).

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R063-13, eff. 6-23-2014)

NAC 638.0432 Credit granted for attending portion of Board meeting relating to complaints; restrictions. (NRS 638.070)

NAC 638.0432 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the Board will grant credit for continuing education, not to exceed:

(a) Four hours during a period of licensing toward the hours of continuing education required by subsection 1 of NAC 638.041, to a licensed veterinarian for attending ~~the portion of~~ a meeting of the Board ; ~~relating to complaints before the Board;~~ and

(b) Two hours during a period of licensing toward the hours of continuing education required by subsection 2 of NAC 638.041, to a licensed veterinary technician for attending ~~the portion of~~ a meeting of the Board . ~~relating to complaints before the Board.~~

2. The Board will grant credit pursuant to subsection 1 if the meeting of the Board for which credit for continuing education is being sought is not a hearing in which the licensed veterinarian or licensed veterinary technician is participating as the result of a disciplinary action.

3. One hour of credit will be given for each hour spent attending ~~the relevant portion of the~~ a meeting of the Board as described in subsection 1.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R063-13, eff. 6-23-2014; *A by R082-22, 12-29-2022*)

LICENSING

NAC 638.0433 Practice without license: Issuance of citation; assessment of administrative fine. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.1471](#))

1. In addition to any other penalty provided by law, the Board may issue a citation to a person who practices veterinary medicine without a license issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter or chapter 638 of NRS.
2. The Board may assess *for each violation. In determining the appropriate amount of the administrative fine, the Board will consider:*
 - (a) *The veterinary services performed by the person who practiced veterinary medicine without a license;*
 - (b) *The degree of physical harm suffered by the animal;*
 - (c) *The number and types of similar:*
 - (1) *Complaints received against the person by the Board; and*
 - (2) *Violations committed by the person in this State;*
 - (d) *The person's history or record of similar violations committed outside of this State; and*
 - (e) *Any other facts or circumstances that the Board determines is relevant to protect animals and the public from any future harm by the person.*

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R091-06, eff. 11-13-2006; **A by R117-23, 2-27-2024**)

NAC 638.0435 Additional requirements for licensure; exception to examination requirement. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.100](#), [638.110](#))

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, in addition to the requirements of [NRS 638.100](#), an applicant for a license to practice veterinary medicine must submit to the Executive Director of the Board proof that the applicant has passed, within the 5 years immediately preceding the date on which he or she submitted his or her application:
 - (a) The North American Veterinary Licensing Examination of the International Council for Veterinary Assessment; or
 - (b) Any other examination approved for this purpose by the Board pursuant to [NRS 638.110](#).
2. In addition to the requirements of subsection 1, an applicant for a license to practice veterinary medicine who is a graduate of a school of veterinary medicine that is not accredited by the Council on Education of the American Veterinary Medical Association must submit to the Board a verified copy of the educational certificate required pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of [NRS 638.100](#).
3. An applicant is not required to provide proof to the Executive Director of the Board pursuant to subsection 1 if the applicant:
 - (a) Has continuously been licensed and practiced veterinary medicine in another state for at least 5 years immediately preceding the date on which he or she submitted his or her application; and
 - (b) Has not been disciplined in any other state.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 2-28-97; A by R057-00, 6-20-2000, eff. 10-1-2000; R021-03, 10-29-2003; R092-20, 12-29-2020)

*NAC 638.*** Licensure by endorsement (NRS 638.070, 638.100, 638.110)*

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the Board may issue a license by endorsement to an applicant for licensure as a veterinarian who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a license if the applicant:

(a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license as a veterinarian in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

(b) Possesses qualifications that are substantially similar to the qualifications required for issuance of a license as a veterinarian in this State;

(c) Except as otherwise provided in NAC 638.0435, has successfully completed the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination administered by the International Council for Veterinary Assessment, or its successor organization, or a similar examination that was in effect at the time the applicant obtained his or her initial license to engage in the practice of veterinary medicine in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States; and

(d) Has actively engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine as a veterinarian in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States for not less than 5 years immediately preceding the date on which the applicant submitted his or her application.

2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must submit to the Board:

(a) An application on a form provided by the Board;

(b) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and any accompanying material is true and complete;

(c) The fees prescribed in NAC 638.035;

(d) A complete set of his or her fingerprints and written permission authorizing the Board to forward the fingerprints to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its report or proof that the applicant has previously passed a comparable criminal background check, as required pursuant to NRS 622.530; and

(e) The statement required by NRS 425.520.

3. The Board will not issue a license by endorsement pursuant to this section:

(a) If the applicant has been convicted of, or entered a plea of nolo contendere to, a felony related to the practice of veterinary medicine, or any offense involving moral turpitude, unless the Board has previously taken disciplinary action against the applicant relating to the matter; and

(b) Unless the applicant:

(1) Has not been disciplined by the corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or any state or territory in which the applicant currently holds or has held a license as a veterinarian;

(2) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States for misconduct relating to the practice of veterinary medicine;

(3) Has not had a license as a veterinarian suspended or revoked in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

(4) Has not been refused a license as a veterinarian in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States for any reason; and

(5) Does not have pending any disciplinary action concerning his or her license as a veterinarian in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States.

4. A license by endorsement as a veterinarian issued pursuant to this section may be issued at a meeting of the Board or in between meetings of the Board by the President and Executive Director of the Board. Such action is deemed to be an action of the Board.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R117-23 eff. 2-27-2024)

NAC 638.0436 Temporary licensure: Application; location and period of validity; limitation on issuance. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.110](#))

1. A person who holds a current and active license in good standing to practice veterinary medicine issued by another state, a territory of the United States or the District of Columbia and meets the requirements for licensure set forth in [NRS 638.100](#) and [638.103](#) may apply for a temporary license to practice veterinary medicine in this State.

2. To apply for a temporary license, the applicant must submit an application to the Executive Director of the Board. An applicant must submit an application for a temporary license not later than 30 days before the applicant intends to practice veterinary medicine in this State unless the President or Vice President of the Board authorizes, upon a showing of good cause, an applicant to file an application for a temporary license less than 30 days before the applicant intends to practice veterinary medicine in this State.

3. An application for a temporary license must be on a form prescribed by the Board and include, without limitation:

(a) Proof that the applicant satisfies the requirements set forth in [NRS 638.100](#) and [638.103](#);

(b) Documentation of every license to practice veterinary medicine issued to the applicant by another state, territory or the District of Columbia;

(c) A current photograph of the applicant measuring 2 inches by 2 inches;

(d) The specific location at which the applicant intends to practice veterinary medicine in this State;

(e) The dates on which the applicant intends to practice veterinary medicine in this State, which must not exceed 10 consecutive calendar days; and

(f) The fee for a temporary license to practice veterinary medicine prescribed by [NAC 638.035](#), unless the veterinary services that the applicant will provide in this State will be performed without payment or compensation, in which case the Board will waive the fee.

4. A temporary license to practice veterinary medicine in this State is valid only:
(a) For the licensee to practice veterinary medicine at a specific location designated in the temporary license; and

(b) For a period not to exceed 10 consecutive calendar days. A temporary license may not be extended or renewed.

5. The Board will not grant more than two temporary licenses to the same applicant during any calendar year.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R092-20, eff. 12-29-2020)

NAC 638.0437 Display of license. ([NRS 638.070](#)) A licensee shall display his or her license in a conspicuous manner within the licensee's place of employment.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R074-06, eff. 6-28-2006)

NAC 638.044 Renewal of inactive license. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.128](#)) A licensed veterinarian may renew his or her inactive license annually by submitting to the Executive Director of the Board:

1. An application for renewal of inactive status; and

2. The renewal fee required pursuant to [NAC 638.035](#).

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 7-7-94; A 11-26-96; R049-98, 8-5-98; R072-09, 4-20-2010)

NAC 638.0445 Restoration of inactive license to active status; ground for revocation of license. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.128](#))

1. A licensed veterinarian whose license has been placed on inactive status may apply to the Board to have his or her license restored to active status by submitting to the Executive Director of the Board:

(a) An application for the restoration of his or her license, signed by the licensed veterinarian; ~~and notarized;~~

(b) The fee required pursuant to [NAC 638.035](#);

(c) Proof that he or she has completed at least 20 hours of continuing education approved by the Board in the year immediately preceding the filing of the application; and

(d) If the licensed veterinarian is licensed or has been licensed in any other state, a letter of good standing from the licensing agency of each state in which he or she is licensed or has been licensed. Each letter must, if applicable, include detailed information concerning any disciplinary action that has been taken against the licensed veterinarian or that is pending in that state.

2. If a licensed veterinarian files an application pursuant to this section which contains any false information, the Board may immediately revoke his or her license.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 7-7-94; A 11-26-96; 2-28-97; R009-04, 4-26-2004; R072-09, 4-20-2010; **R074-21, 4-18-2022**)

NAC 638.0447 Reinstatement of forfeited license; ground for revocation of license. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.127](#))

1. A veterinarian or veterinary technician whose license is forfeited pursuant to [NRS 638.127](#) may apply to the Board to have the license reinstated if, in addition to complying with the provisions of [NRS 638.127](#), he or she files with the Executive Director of the Board:

(a) An application for reinstatement of the license which is signed by the veterinarian or veterinary technician; ~~and notarized;~~

(b) Proof that he or she has:

(1) If he or she is a veterinarian:

(I) Completed at least 20 hours of continuing education approved by the Board in the year immediately preceding the filing of the application; and

(II) Passed, within the 5 years immediately preceding the filing of the application, the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination of the ~~{National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners}~~ *International Council for Veterinary Assessment* for an initial license, or any other examination required by the Board; or

(2) If he or she is a veterinary technician, completed at least 10 hours of continuing education in the year immediately preceding the filing of the application; and

(c) If he or she is licensed or has been licensed in any other state, a letter of good standing from the licensing agency of each state in which he or she is licensed or has been licensed. Each letter must, if applicable, include detailed information concerning any disciplinary action that has been taken against the licensed veterinarian or veterinary technician or that is pending in that state.

2. If a veterinarian or veterinary technician files an application pursuant to this section which contains any false information, the Board may immediately revoke his or her license.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 2-28-97; A by R057-00, 6-20-2000, eff. 10-1-2000; R021-03, 10-29-2003; R063-13, 6-23-2014; *R074-21, 4-18-2022*)

PROFESSIONAL AND ETHICAL STANDARDS

NAC 638.045 Malpractice, negligence and incompetence. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.140](#))

1. Malpractice in the practice of veterinary medicine will be interpreted by the Board to include, without limitation, conduct which falls below the standard of care required of a licensed veterinarian under the circumstances which causes injury to an animal.

2. Negligence will be interpreted by the Board to mean a departure from the standard of practice of veterinary medicine.

3. Incompetence will be interpreted by the Board to mean a lack of knowledge, skill or ability in discharging a professional obligation.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 3-19-86; A 7-7-94; R115-99, 12-7-99)

NAC 638.046 Adoption by reference of “Principles of Veterinary Medical Ethics”; violation cause for disciplinary action. ([NRS 638.070](#))

1. The Board adopts by reference the November 2003 revision of the “Principles of Veterinary Medical Ethics” of the American Veterinary Medical Association as a standard for professional conduct. A violation of the provisions of the principles constitutes cause for disciplinary action.

2. The November 2003 revision of the “Principles of Veterinary Medical Ethics” of the American Veterinary Medical Association is available from the Board at its office, or at the Internet address <https://nvvetboard.nv.gov>, free of charge.

3. A veterinarian may decline to treat an animal and does not violate the provisions of the principles adopted by reference pursuant to subsection 1 if the veterinarian:

(a) Notifies the owner of an animal or the person delivering the animal for treatment that the veterinarian may deny to treat the animal if the owner or person exhibits conduct that is threatening, harmful, dangerous or abusive towards the veterinarian or any member of the staff at a veterinary facility; and

(b) Believes that the behavior of the owner of the animal or person delivering the animal for treatment is threatening, harmful, dangerous or abusive. The belief of a veterinarian may be based on one or more incidents.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam’rs, eff. 3-19-86; A 11-26-96; R115-99, 12-7-99; R073-16, 2-27-2018; [R117-23, 2-27-2024](#))

NAC 638.0465 Adoption by reference of “Veterinary Technician Code of Ethics”; effect of violation. ([NRS 638.070](#))

1. The Board adopts by reference the “Veterinary Technician Code of Ethics” of the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America as a standard for professional conduct for veterinary technicians. A violation of the provisions of the “Veterinary Technician Code of Ethics” constitutes cause for disciplinary action.

2. The “Veterinary Technician Code of Ethics” of the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America is available, free of charge:

(a) By mail from the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America, P.O. Box 1227, Albert Lea, Minnesota 56007; or

(b) On the Internet at <http://www.navta.net>.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam’rs by R063-13, eff. 6-23-2014)

NAC 638.047 Neglect or discontinuance of services. ([NRS 638.070](#)) A veterinarian, having undertaken the care of an animal, shall not neglect that animal and, unless the veterinarian has been discharged, shall give adequate notice before discontinuing his or her professional services.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam’rs, eff. 3-19-86; A 7-7-94)

NAC 638.0475 Maintenance and availability of records; required contents of records; cessation of practice without providing for continuation of treatment. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.1408](#))

1. Each licensed veterinarian shall maintain in this State for at least 4 years a separate medical record of each animal receiving veterinary services, including, without limitation, an examination conducted pursuant to NAC 638.610, from the licensed veterinarian or under his or her supervision. The records must be available for inspection by the Board or its representative or the owner of the animal during normal business hours at least 5 *business* days each week. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the licensed veterinarian shall provide a copy of that record to the Board or its representative or the owner of the animal receiving veterinary services not later than 5 *business days* after receiving a request from the Board or its representative or the owner of the animal. The licensed veterinarian is not required to provide a copy of any radiographs or other diagnostic images in the medical record to the owner of the animal receiving veterinary services.

2. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 10, the* medical record must contain the following information, in legible form:

- (a) The name, address and telephone number of the animal's owner;
- (b) The name or identifying number, or both, of the animal;
- (c) The age, sex, weight and breed of the animal;
- (d) The dates of care, custody or treatment of the animal;
- (e) Documentation of the informed consent of the client for medical treatment of the animal;
- (f) A short history of the animal's condition as it pertains to the animal's medical status;
- (g) The results of and notations from an examination of the animal, including, without limitation, the temperature, pulse and respiration rate of the animal and laboratory data pertaining to the animal;
- (h) The diagnosis or condition at the beginning of custody of the animal, including, without limitation, results of tests;
- (i) The immunization record of the animal;
- (j) All clinical information pertaining to the animal, including, without limitation, sufficient information to justify the diagnosis or determination of the medical status of the animal and to warrant any treatment recommended for or administered to the animal;
- (k) The notes taken during surgery, including, without limitation:
 - (1) The name and quantity of any drug administered for anesthesia and preanesthesia;
 - (2) The procedure performed;
 - (3) The times at which the surgery begins and ends;
 - (4) If the surgery is performed in a veterinary facility using general anesthesia:
 - (I) The vital signs of the animal at the beginning and end of the surgery that

are appropriate to the species and condition of the animal at the time of surgery, which may include, without limitation, the temperature, pulse, heart rate, respiration, blood pressure, capillary refill time and oxygen levels of the animal; ~~and~~

(II) The vital signs of the animal recorded at least every 5 minutes during the surgery, including, without limitation, the pulse, heart rate and respiration of the animal; *and*

(III) If any of the information required pursuant to this subparagraph is generated by an automated device, an indication that the information generated by the automated device was regularly reviewed and analyzed by a veterinarian, veterinary technician or veterinary assistant during the surgery;

(l) Any medication and treatment administered, including, without limitation, the amount and frequency;

(m) The progress and disposition of the case;

(n) The name of each person who is not an employee of the veterinarian who provided professional advice or performed treatments, examinations or other services pertaining to the animal;

(o) The signature, initials or other identifying mark of the person who made the entry in the medical record;

(p) Any radiographs other than intraoral dental radiographs. Each radiograph other than an intraoral dental radiograph must be labeled on the image as follows:

(1) The name of the veterinarian or facility that took the radiograph;

(2) The name or identifying number, or both, of the animal;

(3) The name of the animal's owner;

(4) The date on which the radiograph was taken; and

(5) The anatomical orientation depicted by the radiograph; and

(q) Any intraoral dental radiographs or other diagnostic images. For each intraoral dental radiograph or other diagnostic image, the medical record must include the information set forth in subparagraphs (1) to (5), inclusive, of paragraph (p) with regard to the intraoral dental radiograph or other diagnostic image. That information may be included:

(1) In a hard copy of the medical record if the medical record is maintained as a written record; or

(2) In the computer file which contains the intraoral dental radiograph or other diagnostic image if the medical record is maintained as a computer record.

3. The Board or its representative will evaluate each medical record inspected pursuant to subsection 1 for compliance with the provisions of this chapter and chapter 638 of NRS.

4. Each radiograph or other diagnostic image is the property of the veterinarian who caused it to be prepared. A radiograph or other diagnostic image may be released to the owner of the animal. A radiograph or other diagnostic image must be released within 48 hours after the request is made to another veterinarian who has the

authorization of the owner of the animal to which it pertains. The radiograph or other diagnostic image must be returned within a reasonable time to the veterinarian to whom it belongs.

5. The medical records required by this section must be written records or computer records. If the medical records are computer records:

(a) The security of the computer must be maintained.

(b) The computer records must be backed-up daily and cumulatively backed-up monthly using technology designed to store data permanently.

(c) The computer records must be inalterable or clearly indicate when they have been altered and the manner in which they have been altered.

(d) The computer records must not contain information relating to a physical examination that is automatically generated by the computer.

(e) Any such computer records relating to the administration, prescribing or dispensing of a prescription drug must contain the initials of the person who administered, prescribed or dispensed the prescription drug. The initials of the person who administered, prescribed or dispensed the prescription drug may be manually entered into the computer record or automatically generated by the computer.

6. If a medical record is a written record, information contained in the medical record must not be removed, erased, redacted or otherwise made unreadable. Any addition, supplementation or other alteration to a written record must include, without limitation, the date on which the addition, supplementation or other alteration was made and the signature, initials or other identifying mark of the person who made the addition, supplementation or other alteration to the written record.

7. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 10 and in* addition to the requirements of subsection 2, if a licensed veterinarian is not associated with a veterinary facility, and any controlled substances or prescription drugs are administered to the animal, the medical record required by this section must include the same information that a veterinary facility which:

(a) Maintains a stock of controlled substances for administration and dispensing is required to ensure is contained in a log for the veterinary facility pursuant to paragraphs (d) and (e) of subsection 3 of NAC 638.0628; and

(b) Dispenses prescription drugs is required to ensure is contained in the medical records of the animal pursuant to paragraph (e) of subsection 1 of NAC 638.0629.

8. In a practice concerned with herds of animals, records must be kept on each herd and may be kept on individual animals.

9. If a veterinarian ceases his or her practice without providing for the continuation of treatment of the animals under the veterinarian's care, the President of the Board may appoint a master to supervise his or her records, the treatment of those animals and the mailing of notices to the owners of the animals which had been under his or her care.

10. *If, during an emergency, a veterinary facility requests the medical*

record of an animal from another veterinary facility, the veterinary facility that is in possession of the medical record must provide the medical record to the other veterinary facility as soon as practicable. Such a medical record:

(a) Does not need to comply with the requirements of subsections 2 and 7, as applicable; and

(b) May be sent to the veterinary facility requesting the medical record in the current state of completion that the medical record is at the time of the request.

11. The medical record of an animal is confidential and may not be released except:

(a) As otherwise provided in subsections 1 and 10;

(b) In response to a court order; or

(c) As required to ensure compliance with any federal, state and local statutes, regulations or ordinances.

12. Nothing in this section is intended to prevent the sharing of veterinary medical information among veterinarians, law enforcement officials, and members, agents or officers of a society for the prevention of cruelty to animals who are acting to protect the welfare of an animal.

13. As used in this section, “other diagnostic image”:

(a) Includes, without limitation, an ultrasound, magnetic resonance imaging and computerized axial tomography scan; and

(b) Does not include a radiograph.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam’rs, eff. 3-19-86; A 7-7-94; R049-98, 8-5-98; R115-99, 12-7-99; R130-04, 1-26-2005; R074-06, 6-28-2006; R116-10, 12-30-2011, eff. 1-1-2012; R063-13, 6-23-2014; R073-16, 2-27-2018; **R082-22, 12-29-2022; R117-23, 2-27-2024**)

NAC 638.048 Prohibited acts. (NRS 638.070) A veterinarian shall not:

1. Falsify records of health care;
2. Falsify records so as to indicate his or her presence at a time when he or she was not in attendance or that procedures were performed by the veterinarian which were in fact not performed by him or her;
3. Write a prescription for a controlled substance in such an excessive amount as to constitute a departure from prevailing standards of acceptable veterinary medical practice;
4. Consistently use veterinary medical procedures, services or treatments which constitute a departure from the prevailing standards of acceptable veterinary medical practice;
5. Render professional services to an animal while the veterinarian is under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance or is in any impaired mental or physical condition;
6. Acquire any controlled substances from any pharmacy or other source by misrepresentation, fraud, deception or subterfuge;
7. Operate a veterinary facility in a manner that violates a provision of [chapter 574](#) of NRS; ~~or~~

8. Prescribe, dispense, deliver or order another person to deliver any prescription drug, including, without limitation, any controlled substance in schedules I to V, inclusive, as described in [chapter 453](#) of NRS, and any dangerous drug, referred to in [NRS 454.181](#) to [454.371](#), inclusive, unless the veterinarian first:

(a) Establishes a veterinarian-client-patient relationship; and

(b) Makes a medical determination that the prescription drug is therapeutically indicated for the health and well-being of the animal~~††~~;

9. Intentionally or knowingly make a false or misleading statement on an application for a license or registration with the Board, including an application to renew such a license or registration; or

10. Make a false or misleading statement to a staff member of the Board, a member of the Board or the Board during an investigation or disciplinary action.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 3-19-86; A 7-7-94; R057-00, 6-20-2000; R069-01, 10-12-2001; **R082-22, 12-29-2022**)

*NAC 638.*** Surgical removal or implantation of ovum or embryo by a veterinarian; exemption for owner or person under the direction of owner to perform nonsurgical tasks related to livestock management.*

1. Only a licensed veterinarian may perform surgery to remove an ovum from an animal, implant an ovum into an animal or implant a potentially viable embryo into an animal.

2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not prohibit the owner of an animal or any person acting under the direction of the owner from using nonsurgical means to artificially inseminate an animal or remove an embryo from an animal by flushing as accepted livestock management practices.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 12-29-2022)

NAC 638.0485 Alteration of or failure to maintain records: Rebuttable presumption of violation. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.1408](#)) If the Board determines that a licensee has altered or failed to maintain records relating to the diagnosis, treatment or care of an animal which is the subject of a disciplinary action, there is a rebuttable presumption that the licensee committed the violation which the Board determines to have arisen from that diagnosis, treatment or care.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 7-7-94)

NAC 638.049 Grounds for disciplinary action: "Willfully committing any inhumane or cruel act on any animal" interpreted. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.1408](#)) As used in NRS 638.1408, the Board will not interpret "willfully committing any inhumane or cruel act on any animal" to include:

1. Any emergency treatment given to an ill or injured animal without the consent of an owner if the owner is not available;

2. The performance of euthanasia on such an animal if necessary to relieve

pain and suffering;

3. The performance of any essential service on an animal without the consent of an owner if necessary to save the life or relieve the suffering of the animal; or

4. The declination of treatment of an animal by a veterinarian pursuant to NAC 638.046.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 11-17-88; *A by R117-24, 2-27-2024*)

NAC 638.0495 Consultation with another veterinarian. ([NRS 638.070](#))

1. A licensed veterinarian may consult with another veterinarian, but the licensed veterinarian who sought the consultation shall retain responsibility for any medical decisions he or she makes regarding the animal.

2. As used in this section, "consult" means to seek advice or assistance that is given in person, or by telephone or other electronic means, or by any other method of communication, from a veterinarian whose expertise, in the opinion of the veterinarian seeking the advice or assistance, would benefit an animal.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R063-13, eff. 6-23-2014)

NAC 638.0505 Use of "veterinary specialist" title. ([NRS 638.070](#)) Except for a person described in subsection 3 of [NRS 638.015](#), only a person who is a diplomate from an approved specialty board of the American Veterinary Medical Association and is licensed to practice veterinary medicine pursuant to subsection 2 of [NRS 638.105](#) may use the title "veterinary specialist."

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R063-13, eff. 6-23-2014)

NAC 638.051 Abandoned animals. ([NRS 638.070](#))

1. ~~If an~~ *An* animal ~~is delivered to any~~ *in the possession of a* veterinarian ~~pursuant to any written or oral agreement between the veterinarian and the owner of the animal or the person delivering the animal, and the owner or person delivering the animal does not claim the animal within 10 days after the day the animal was due to be claimed, the animal~~ *or veterinary facility* shall be deemed abandoned ~~if~~ *if*:

(a) The animal is left with the veterinarian or veterinary facility by a person whose identity is unknown or who cannot be reasonably contacted;

(b) The animal is left with the veterinarian or veterinary facility by the owner or person delivering the animal, the veterinarian or veterinary facility has provided the notice required pursuant to subsection 3 and the owner or person has not:

(1) Paid for the services provided by the veterinarian or veterinary facility; or

(2) Claimed the animal; or

(c) The owner or person delivering the animal relinquishes ownership of the animal in writing to the veterinarian or veterinary facility.

2. Unless otherwise provided in a contract between a veterinarian *or veterinary facility* and the owner of an animal or the person delivering the animal, the veterinarian *or veterinary facility* may ~~dispose~~ :

(a) *Treat or decline to treat the animal in the manner the veterinarian or veterinary facility determines appropriate;*

(b) *Dispose of an abandoned animal if the animal is not claimed within the period set forth in the notice ~~+~~, if required, pursuant to subsection 3; or*

(c) *During an emergency, provide emergency care or humane euthanasia to relieve the suffering of the animal in the manner the veterinarian determines appropriate in accordance with the “Principles of Veterinary Medical Ethics” of the American Veterinary Medical Association as adopted by reference in NAC 638.046.*

3. ~~Before~~ *Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, before a veterinarian ~~disposes~~ or veterinary facility may dispose of an abandoned animal ~~, he or she must send, by certified mail, a notice~~, the veterinarian or veterinary facility:*

(a) *If the identity of the owner of the animal or the person who delivered the animal is known or may be determined by scanning a microchip, must notify the owner of the animal or the person who delivered the animal by telephone, electronic mail, text message or regular mail to the last known contact information or address of the owner of the animal or the person who delivered the animal . ~~to the veterinarian.~~ The notice must state that the veterinarian *or veterinary facility* will dispose of the animal if it is not claimed ~~within 10 days after~~ *by the date specified in the notice ~~is mailed.~~, which must not be sooner than 5 days after the animal was left with the veterinarian or the veterinary facility.**

(b) *If the owner of the animal or person who delivered the animal cannot be identified or if ownership of the animal was relinquished pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 1, may dispose of the animal pursuant to subsection 4.*

4. The veterinarian *or veterinary facility* shall dispose of the animal in a humane manner ~~+~~, *which may include, without limitation, euthanasia, adoption, fostering or sending the animal to an animal rescue organization.*

5. *For each animal disposed of pursuant to subsection 4, the veterinarian or veterinary facility shall maintain a separate record in accordance with the requirements of NRS 638.0475 that contains:*

(a) *A physical description of the animal, which may include, without limitation, a photograph;*

(b) *The date the animal was delivered to the veterinarian or at the veterinary facility;*

(c) *A description of the attempts made by the veterinarian or veterinary facility to contact the owner, if applicable;*

(d) *A list of any treatments or care provided by the veterinarian or veterinary facility; and*

(e) *A description of the disposition of the animal and the date of the disposition.*

6. As used in this section, ~~["claim"]~~ *"claimed"* means to remove the animal from the custody of the veterinarian.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 11-17-88; *A by R082-22, 12-29-2022*)

NAC 638.052 Retaining possession of animals. ([NRS 638.070](#)) A veterinarian may retain possession of an animal until all money owed to the veterinarian for the care of the animal is paid. If the veterinarian retains possession of the animal, he or she shall continue to care for it in a humane manner.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 11-17-88)

VETERINARY TECHNICIANS

NAC 638.0525 Veterinary technician in training: Supervision; requirements for registration; fee; issuance of letter of registration; duration of registration. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.124](#))

1. A person may perform the tasks of a veterinary technician under the immediate supervision of a supervising veterinarian or licensed veterinary technician while the person is receiving the training and experience required by paragraph (h) of subsection 2 if he or she is registered with the Board pursuant to this section.

2. To be registered as a veterinary technician in training, a person must:

- (a) Submit to the Board an application on a form prescribed by the Board;
- (b) Submit to the Board a letter of recommendation written by the veterinarian in charge of the *veterinary* facility where the person is employed or will be employed;
- (c) Be 18 years of age or older;
- (d) Have a high school diploma or equivalent certificate;
- (e) Be of good moral character;
- (f) Be a citizen of the United States or lawfully entitled to remain and work in the United States;

(g) Be:

(1) A fourth-year student enrolled in a 4-year program, a second-year student enrolled in a 2-year program or a student enrolled in an accelerated program and the program of training must be accredited by the Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities of the American Veterinary Medical Association or be approved by the Board;

(2) A person who has graduated from a program of training described in subparagraph (1) and is scheduled to take, or has taken but not yet received a score for, the Veterinary Technician National Examination; *or*

(3) *A person who has received a bachelor of science degree and has:*
(I) Completed at least 1,000 hours of work experience at one or more veterinary facilities; and

(II) Satisfied the requirements of section 1 of this regulation;

(h) Participate in training while on the job and acquire experience that is commensurate with the duties of his or her employment, *which must be documented in writing, on a form provided by the Board, by each supervising veterinarian or licensed veterinary technician who supervises the person while he or she is participating in such training and acquiring such experience;* and

(i) Pay to the Board the fee required pursuant to NAC 638.035.

3. After confirming that an applicant complies with all the requirements of subsection 2, the Executive Director of the Board shall, unless he or she has good cause to deny the registration, issue a letter of registration for a veterinary technician in training to the veterinarian in charge of the *veterinary* facility where the trainee is employed or will be employed.

4. A registration issued pursuant to this section between:

(a) January 1 and August 31 of any year expires on September 1 of the next subsequent year; and

(b) September 1 and December 31 of any year expires on September 1 of the year immediately following the next subsequent year,

↳ unless, *pursuant to subsection 5 or 6*, the Board grants an extension of the period of registration *for not more than 1 year*.

5. The Board may grant a veterinary technician in training who satisfies the requirements of subparagraph (1) of paragraph (g) of subsection 2 an extension of the period of registration if the veterinary technician in training appears before the Board to apply for an extension.

6. The Board may grant a veterinary technician in training who satisfies the requirements of subparagraph (2) or (3) of paragraph (g) of subsection 2 an extension of the period of registration if the veterinary technician in training submits an application on a form prescribed by the Board not less than 30 days before the date on which the registration will expire. The application must be accompanied by satisfactory proof that the applicant:

(a) Is scheduled to take, or has taken but not yet received a score for, the Veterinary Technician National Examination;

(b) Has completed at least 10 hours of continuing education related to the practice of a veterinary technician; and

(c) Has satisfied the requirements of subsections 2 and 3 of NAC 638.0527.

7. The Board may grant a veterinary technician in training who satisfies the requirements of subparagraph (2) or (3) of paragraph (g) of subsection 2 only three extensions of the period of registration pursuant to subsection 6. A veterinary technician in training who has received three extensions of the period of registration must appear before the Board to apply for a subsequent extension.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R057-00, eff. 6-20-2000; A by R069-01, 10-12-2001; R009-04, 4-26-2004; R074-06, 6-28-2006; R075-06, 11-13-2006; R072-09, 4-20-2010; **R83-22, 12-29-2022; R117-23, 2-27-2024**)

NAC 638.0527 Additional requirements for licensure. (NRS 638.070, 638.122, 638.123, 638.124)

1. In addition to the requirements of [NRS 638.122](#), an applicant for a license to practice as a veterinary technician must submit to the Executive Director of the Board proof that he or she has passed:

(a) The Veterinary Technician National Examination; or

(b) Any other examination approved for this purpose by the Board pursuant to [NRS 638.123](#).

2. In addition to the requirements of subsection 1, an applicant for a license to practice as a veterinary technician must submit to the Board satisfactory proof that the applicant has:

(a) Received a degree as a veterinary technician from a college accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association or the appropriate state agency in the state where the college is located;

(b) Received a bachelor of science;

(c) *Received a degree from outside the United States that has been reviewed and approved by the Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence administered by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards; or*

(d) Completed an accelerated program for veterinary technicians approved by the Board.

3. Each applicant who received:

(a) A bachelor of science degree *pursuant to* paragraph (b) of subsection 2 or completed an accelerated program *as* described in paragraph (d) of subsection 2 must submit, on a form provided by the Board, proof of completion of at least 4,000 hours of supervised clinical experience in a veterinary facility *located in the United States* that is verified by *one or more* actively practicing *veterinarians who supervised the applicant*. Not less than 2,001 hours of that supervised clinical experience must have been earned within the 5 years immediately preceding the date on which the applicant submitted his or her application.

(b) A bachelor of science degree pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 must satisfy the requirements of section 1 of this regulation.

4. Each application for a license to practice as a veterinary technician must include:

(a) One letter of recommendation from a person associated with the practice of veterinary medicine; and

(b) A letter of good standing from the licensing agency of each state in which the applicant is licensed or has been licensed, if any. Each such letter must, if applicable, include detailed information concerning any disciplinary action which has been taken against the applicant or which is pending in that state.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R130-04, eff. 1-26-2005; A by R072-09, 4-20-2010; **R83-22, 12-29-2022**)

*NAC 638.*** Bachelor of Science requirements*

1. An applicant for registration as a veterinary technician in training or an applicant for a license to practice as a veterinary technician who has received a bachelor of science degree in accordance with subparagraph (3) of paragraph (g) of subsection 2 of NAC 638.0525 or paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NAC 638.0527, as applicable, must:

(a) Receive a score of 300 points or more, as determined pursuant to this section, based upon a review of his or her official transcripts and proof of satisfactory completion of any continuing education courses that meet the requirements of subparagraph (3) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1; and

(b) Include with his or her application:

(1) An official transcript from each school at which the applicant completed a college course as part of his or her bachelor of science degree.

(2) The course description or syllabus for each college course or continuing education course to be considered for scoring. For a college course to be considered for scoring, the applicant must have earned a grade of not less than a C- in the course.

(3) Proof of satisfactory completion for each in-person continuing education course the applicant completed that was offered by a provider approved by the Registry of Approved Continuing Education of the American Association of Veterinary State Boards.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the total points an applicant receives for the purposes of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 will be determined as follows:

(a) For each semester unit completed, the applicant will receive 15 points.

(b) For each quarter unit completed, the applicant will receive 10 points.

(c) For each continuing education course that meets the requirements of subparagraph (3) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1, the applicant will receive 1 point for each hour of continuing education completed.

3. Of the 300 or more points an applicant is required to receive pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1, the applicant:

(a) Must receive at least 100 points for courses specifically related to animal sciences; and

(b) May not receive more than 200 points for courses in the basic sciences.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R083-22 eff. 12-29-2022)

NAC 638.053 Prohibited tasks; tasks authorized under immediate, direct or indirect supervision; tasks authorized under off-site supervision. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.124](#))

1. A licensed veterinary technician may not perform the following tasks of animal health care:

(a) Surgery.

(b) Diagnosis and prognosis of animal diseases.

(c) Except as authorized by a veterinarian, administer, prepare to dispense or dispense drugs, medicines or appliances.

(d) Any other activity which represents the practice of veterinary medicine or which requires the knowledge, skill and training of a licensed veterinarian.

2. A licensed veterinary technician may perform the following tasks under the immediate supervision of a supervising veterinarian:

(a) Application of casts or splints for the immobilization of fractures.

(b) Removal of:

(1) Teeth that have extreme mobility and stage 4 periodontal disease; and

(2) Retained deciduous teeth other than retained deciduous canine teeth.

(c) Assisting a licensed veterinarian in surgery.

(d) Fluid aspiration from a body cavity.

(e) Suturing an existing surgical skin incision or gingival incision.

(f) Placement of external drainage.

3. A licensed veterinary technician may perform the following tasks under the immediate or direct supervision of a supervising veterinarian:

(a) Induction of anesthesia.

(b) Endotracheal intubation.

(c) Blood administration.

(d) Application of casts and splints.

(e) Tasks listed in subsection 4, if the animal is anesthetized.

(f) External noninvasive ultrasonography and ultrasonography for the purpose described in paragraph

(g) Cystocentesis to obtain a urine specimen, performed with or without the aid of ultrasonography.

(h) Dental prophylaxis.

(i) Regional anesthesia, paravertebral blocks and local blocks.

(j) Placement of intraosseous and nasal catheters.

(k) Euthanasia.

4. A licensed veterinary technician may perform the following tasks under the immediate, direct or indirect supervision of a supervising veterinarian:

(a) Administration of enemas.

(b) Administration of an electrocardiogram.

(c) Application of bandages.

(d) Catheterization of an unobstructed bladder.

(e) Nonsurgical placement of a nasoesophageal, nasogastric, oroesophageal or orogastric tube.

(f) Ear flushing with pressure or suction.

(g) Positioning of animals for radiographs or other diagnostic images.

(h) Operation of radiographic or other diagnostic imaging machines.

(i) Administration of oral and rectal radio-opaque materials.

(j) Administration of oral and topical medications, including controlled

substances.

(k) Starting and restarting of intravenous fluids.

(l) Collection of a laboratory specimen for analysis, including, but not limited to, blood, urine, skin, parasites and microorganisms.

(m) Collection of tissue during or after a postmortem examination by a licensed veterinarian.

(n) Administration of intramuscular, subcutaneous or intravenous injections.

(o) Placement of an intravenous catheter.

(p) Implantation of a subcutaneous identification microchip into the animal.

(q) Monitoring of vital signs.

(r) External anal gland expression.

(s) Administration of a therapeutic laser.

(t) *Animal physical therapy.*

(u) *Internal anal gland expression*

↪ No examination within the previous 12 hours is required for the collection of laboratory specimens.

5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, a licensed veterinary technician may perform the following tasks outside of a veterinary facility under the off-site supervision of a supervising veterinarian if a veterinarian-client-patient relationship has been established by the supervising veterinarian and a diagnosis has been made for the specific treatment of an animal:

(a) Application and changing of bandages *and removal of sutures or staples.*

(b) Administration of oral and topical medications.

(c) Starting and administering of intravenous or subcutaneous fluids.

(d) Collection of a laboratory specimen for analysis, including, but not limited to, blood, urine, skin, parasites and microorganisms.

(e) Administration of intramuscular, subcutaneous or intravenous injections, except for vaccinations.

(f) Appropriate implantation of an identification microchip into an animal other than a horse.

(g) Monitoring of vital signs.

(h) External anal gland expressions.

(i) Administration of a therapeutic laser.

(j) Animal physical therapy.

↪ No examination within the previous 12 hours is required for the collection of laboratory specimens.

6. A licensed veterinary technician may not perform any act under the off-site supervision of a supervising veterinarian without first taking the animal's temperature, pulse and respiration rate. A veterinary technician in training shall not perform any act under the off-site supervision of a supervising veterinarian unless supervised by a licensed veterinary technician.

7. As used in this section:

(a) “Off-site supervision” means the supervising veterinarian is not at the same physical location as the animal and the person treating the animal, but has given written or oral instructions for treatment of the animal and is available by telephone to immediately respond to any inquiry or concern from the person treating the animal during the course of treating the animal.

(b) “Other diagnostic image” has the meaning ascribed to it in NAC 638.0475.

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NAC 638.057 Duties of supervising veterinarian; effect of noncompliance. (NRS 638.070, 638.124)

1. The supervising veterinarian:

(a) Is responsible for determining the competency of the licensed veterinary technician, *veterinary technician in training or veterinary assistant under his or her supervision* to perform delegated tasks of animal health care.

(b) Shall ensure that the licensed veterinary technician, *veterinary technician in training or veterinary assistant* performs the tasks of animal health care delegated to the licensed veterinary technician, *veterinary technician in training or veterinary assistant* in a manner which is consistent with good veterinary medical practice.

(c) Shall make all decisions relating to the diagnosis, treatment, management and future disposition of *an* animal.

(d) Shall examine *an* animal before delegating any tasks to the licensed veterinary technician, *veterinary technician in training or veterinary assistant*. The examination must be conducted at such time as good veterinary medical practice requires, consistent with the particular task of animal health care which is delegated.

(e) Is responsible for ensuring that:

(1) *Unlicensed personnel* do not perform duties that are specific to licensed veterinary technicians or licensed veterinarians;

(2) *A person does not perform tasks as a veterinary technician in training unless the person is registered pursuant to NAC 638.0525; and*

(3) *A person does not perform tasks as a veterinary assistant except as provided in NAC 638.0602 and 638.06025.*

2. A supervising veterinarian who does not comply with the requirements of this section may be subject to disciplinary action.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam’rs, eff. 3-19-86; A 7-7-94; 11-26-96; 2-28-97; R069-01, 10-12-2001; R075-06, 11-13-2006; **R83-22, 12-29-2022**)

NAC 638.059 Licensed veterinary technician employed by animal control agency or society for prevention of cruelty to animals. (NRS 638.070, 638.124)

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a licensed veterinary technician who is an employee of an animal control agency or a society for the prevention of cruelty to animals that is in compliance with the provisions of chapter 574 of NRS may, before an animal is examined by a licensed veterinarian and in accordance with written protocols for first-aid treatments which must be approved by each veterinarian employed by or contracted with the agency or society:

- (a) Obtain initial vital signs of the animal when the animal enters the custody of the agency or society;
- (b) Apply bandages to the animal *and remove sutures or staples*;
- (c) Administer topical and oral medications, other than controlled substances and intravenous fluids, to the animal;
- (d) Collect clinical specimens from the animal;
- (e) Administer vaccinations *orally*, by injection or nasal installation to the animal; and
- (f) Implant subcutaneous identification microchips into the animal.

2. A licensed veterinary technician described in subsection 1 may not perform the tasks described in subsection 1 unless the employing agency or society has:

- (a) Applied to the Board for authorization for licensed veterinary technicians employed by the society or agency to perform the tasks described in subsection 1; and
- (b) Received such authorization from the Board.

3. The Board may revoke any authorization granted pursuant to subsection 2 after inspecting any agency or society that has received such authorization.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R088-07, eff. 4-17-2008; *A by R116-23, 2-27-2024*)

NAC 638.060 Performance of certain tasks in emergency. (NRS 638.070, 638.124) In an emergency, a licensed veterinary technician may render the following aid and treatment to save a life:

1. Application of tourniquets or pressure bandages to control hemorrhage.
2. Administration of pharmacological agents to prevent or control shock, including parenteral fluids after direct communication with a licensed veterinarian or veterinarian authorized to practice in this State. The veterinarian must be present or en route to the location of the distressed animal.
3. Resuscitative oxygen procedures.
4. Establishing open airways, including intubation appliances but excluding surgery.
5. External cardiac resuscitation.
6. Application of temporary splints or bandages to prevent further injury to bones or soft tissues.
7. Application of appropriate wound dressings and external treatment in severe burn cases.

8. External treatment in heat prostration cases.

[Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, Practice Rule 13 § 13.5, eff. 5-1-77]—(NAC A 11-26-96; R069-01, 10-12-2001)

*NAC 638.*** Prohibited Acts. (NRS 638.070) A veterinary technician or veterinary technician in training shall not:*

1. Falsify records of health care;

2. Falsify records so as to indicate his or her presence at a time when he or she was not in attendance or that procedures were performed by the veterinary technician or veterinary technician in training which were in fact not performed by him or her;

3. Render professional services to an animal while the veterinary technician or veterinary technician in training is under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance or is in any impaired mental or physical condition;

4. Acquire any controlled substances from any pharmacy or other source by misrepresentation, fraud, deception or subterfuge;

5. Perform or fail to perform any service in a manner that violates a provision of chapter 574 of NRS;

6. Perform services which are not authorized by this chapter or chapter 638 of NRS for a veterinary technician or veterinary technician in training or that exceed the training or competence of the veterinary technician or veterinary technician in training;

7. Make a false or misleading statement on an application for a license or registration with the Board, including an application to renew such a license or registration; or

8. Make a false or misleading statement to a staff member of the Board, a member of the Board or the Board during an investigation or disciplinary action.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R082-22, eff. 12-29-2022)

VETERINARY INTERNS AND EXTERNS

NAC 638.0601 Identification as intern. ([NRS 638.070](#)) Before a veterinary intern performs any service regarding an animal for which he or she is studying or receiving training, the veterinary intern shall identify himself or herself as a veterinary intern.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R069-01, eff. 10-12-2001; A by R074-06, 6-28-2006; R092-20, 12-29-2020)

NAC 638.06015 Identification as extern; direct supervision of extern. ([NRS 638.070](#))

1. Before performing any service regarding an animal, a veterinary extern shall identify himself or herself as a veterinary extern.

2. While performing any service regarding an animal, a veterinary extern shall be under the direct supervision of a supervising veterinarian who:

- (a) Is in good standing with the Board;
- (b) Is responsible for all actions taken by the veterinary extern regarding the animal; and
- (c) Is subject to disciplinary action for any violation of this chapter or [chapter 638](#) of NRS by the veterinary extern.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R092-20, eff. 12-29-2020)

VETERINARY ASSISTANTS

NAC 638.0602 Requirements for supervision. ([NRS 638.070](#))

1. A veterinary assistant may perform the tasks described in [NAC 638.06025](#):

- (a) Under immediate, direct or indirect supervision as set forth in [NAC 638.06025](#); or
- (b) At the direction of his or her supervising veterinarian as set forth in [NAC 638.06025](#).

2. The supervising veterinarian is responsible for determining the competency of the veterinary assistant to perform delegated tasks of animal health care.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R041-02, eff. 8-7-2003; A by R074-06, 6-28-2006; R116-10, 12-30-2011, eff. 1-1-2012)

NAC 638.06025 Tasks requiring supervision. ([NRS 453.375](#), [638.070](#))

1. A veterinary assistant may perform the following tasks under the immediate supervision of a supervising veterinarian or a licensed veterinary technician:

- (a) Assisting a licensed veterinarian in surgery or in monitoring anesthesia.
- (b) Application of bandages.
- (c) Collection of a laboratory specimen for analysis of blood.
- (d) Collection of tissue during or after a postmortem examination by a licensed veterinarian.

2. A veterinary assistant may perform the following tasks under the immediate or direct supervision of a supervising veterinarian or a licensed veterinary technician:

- (a) Blood administration with a preplaced catheter.
- (b) Monitoring of vital signs.
- (c) Administration of an electrocardiogram.
- (d) Introduction of food into the stomach through a preplaced tube.
- (e) Ear cleaning.
- (f) Positioning of animals for radiographs or other diagnostic images.
- (g) Operation of radiographic or other diagnostic imaging machines.
- (h) Starting and restarting of intravenous fluids through a preplaced intravenous catheter.
- (i) Taking readings of the temperature, pulse, respiration or weight of an animal.
- (j) *Internal anal gland expression.*

3. A veterinary assistant may perform the following tasks under the immediate or direct supervision of a supervising veterinarian or a licensed veterinary technician or the indirect supervision of a supervising veterinarian:

(a) Administration of oral and topical medications, including controlled substances dispensed by prescription, if the client has authorized, in a written agreement, the veterinary assistant to administer such medications as the client's agent while the animal is retained at the veterinary facility for hospitalization or otherwise housed at the veterinary facility.

(b) Collection of free catch urine or feces.

(c) External anal gland expression.

4. A veterinary assistant may perform the following tasks at the direction of a supervising veterinarian:

(a) Administration of intramuscular, subcutaneous or intravenous injections through a preplaced catheter, except anesthetics, controlled substances or vaccinations for zoonotic diseases.

(b) Preparation of a prescription drug, other than a controlled substance, for dispensing.

(c) *Cold laser therapy.*

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R041-02, eff. 8-7-2003; A by R074-06, 6-28-2006; R075-06, 11-13-2006; R116-10, 12-30-2011, eff. 1-1-2012; **R082-22, 12-29-2022; R116-23, 2-27-2024**)

VETERINARY GRADUATES AWAITING LICENSURE

NAC 638.06027 Registration: Application; period of validity; extension. ([NRS 638.070](#))

1. A veterinary graduate awaiting licensure must be registered with the Board as evidenced by a certificate of registration issued by the Board.

2. To register as a veterinary graduate awaiting licensure, the applicant must submit to the Board:

(a) An application for registration as a veterinary graduate awaiting licensure that includes, without limitation, a list of the veterinary facilities in this State where he or she will perform services;

(b) An application for a license to practice veterinary medicine pursuant to [NRS 638.100](#) and the information required pursuant to [NRS 638.103](#); and

(c) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

(1) Has graduated from a school of veterinary medicine and is scheduled to take, or has taken but not yet received a score for, the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination administered by the International Council for Veterinary Assessment;

(2) Has graduated from a school of veterinary medicine that is not accredited by the Council on Education of the American Veterinary Medical Association and who is presently completing a postgraduate, evaluated clinical year at a school of veterinary

medicine that is accredited by the Council on Education of the American Veterinary Medical Association; or

(3) Is scheduled to take, or has taken but not yet received a score for, the clinical proficiency examination administered by the American Veterinary Medical Association for the purpose of acquiring an educational certificate issued by the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates of the American Veterinary Medical Association or its successor organization as described in paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of [NRS 638.100](#).

3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a certificate of registration issued to a veterinary graduate awaiting licensure is valid for 1 year after the date of issuance and may not be renewed. The Board may extend the registration of a veterinary graduate awaiting licensure upon written request and a showing of good cause. Any request to extend the registration of a veterinary graduate awaiting licensure must be received by the Board before the certificate of registration expires.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R092-20, eff. 12-29-2020)

NAC 638.06028 Identification as veterinary graduate awaiting licensure; direct supervision. ([NRS 638.070](#))

1. Before performing any service regarding an animal, a veterinary graduate awaiting licensure shall identify himself or herself as a veterinary graduate awaiting licensure.

2. While performing any service regarding an animal, a veterinary graduate awaiting licensure shall be under the direct supervision of a supervising veterinarian who:

(a) Is in good standing with the Board;

(b) Is responsible for all actions taken by the veterinary graduate awaiting licensure regarding the animal; and

(c) Is subject to disciplinary action for any violation of this chapter or [chapter 638](#) of NRS by the veterinary graduate awaiting licensure.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R092-20, eff. 12-29-2020)

VETERINARY FACILITIES

NAC 638.0603 Permit to operate: Prerequisite to operation of facility; application; fee; issuance; display; change in ownership of facility. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.132](#))

1. It is unlawful for a person to operate a veterinary facility unless the facility is registered with the Board and the Board has issued a permit for its operation.

2. The person in charge of a veterinary facility must be a licensed veterinarian who practices veterinary medicine in this State.

3. The veterinarian who will be in charge of the veterinary facility which seeks a permit to operate must submit to the Board ~~{a notarized}~~ *an* application for registration in the form provided by the Board.

4. Upon receipt of a completed application for registration and the applicable fee required pursuant to [NAC 638.035](#), the Board will issue a permit to operate the facility.

The Board will act upon an application for such a permit within 90 days after receipt of the application.

5. The permit issued to a facility by the Board must be displayed in a conspicuous place within the facility.

6. If a change in the ownership of a facility is anticipated, the veterinarian in charge of the facility for which the permit was issued shall notify the Board, in writing, of the anticipated change 30 days before the date on which the change in ownership is to become effective. The new owner shall register with the Board and apply for a permit to operate the facility pursuant to this section at least 30 days before the date on which the change in ownership is to become effective. The facility shall not, under changed ownership, provide any veterinary services until its permit to operate has been approved.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 5-29-97; A by R075-06, 11-13-2006; R072-09, 4-20-2010; R063-13, 6-23-2014; **R074-21, 4-18-2022**)

NAC 638.0604 Failure to meet minimum standards of practice. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.132](#)) A veterinary facility or a veterinarian who is in charge of a facility that does not meet the minimum standards of practice for veterinary medicine set forth in this chapter and [chapter 638](#) of NRS may be subject to disciplinary action pursuant to the provisions of [NRS 638.147](#).

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 5-29-97; A by R009-04, 4-26-2004; R075-06, 11-13-2006; R072-09, 4-20-2010)

NAC 638.0605 Permit to operate: Expiration date; renewal; fee; effect of failure to renew. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.132](#))

1. Each permit to operate a veterinary facility expires on ~~January 1~~ **June 30** of each **odd-numbered** year.

2. An application to renew the permit must be:

- (a) Submitted in the form established by the Board.
- (b) Signed by the veterinarian in charge of the facility.
- (c) Notarized.
- (d) Accompanied by the fee required pursuant to [NAC 638.035](#).

3. A facility which fails to renew its permit in a timely manner is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to [NRS 638.140](#).

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 5-29-97; A by R072-09, 4-20-2010; **R074-21, 4-18-2022**)

NAC 638.0606 Written notice to Board of change in veterinarian in charge or roster of veterinarians. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.132](#)) The veterinarian who is in charge of a facility shall notify the Board in writing if *the* person registered with the Board as the veterinarian who is in charge of the facility resigns or otherwise leaves that position. The written notice must be submitted to the Board not more than 20 days after any such change is made.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 5-29-97; *A by R117-23, 2-27-2024*)

NAC 638.0607 Licensed veterinarian in charge responsible for certain violations; certain persons with ownership interest responsible for maintenance of minimum standard of practice. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.132](#))

1. The licensed veterinarian who is in charge of a veterinary facility is responsible for any violation of:

(a) A state or local law, regulation or ordinance related to the practice of veterinary medicine at the veterinary facility or the care, safety or maintenance of animals at the veterinary facility; or

(b) A state or federal law or regulation related to controlled substances and dangerous drugs at the veterinary facility.

2. Each person who has a direct or indirect ownership interest of 10 percent or more in a business which practices veterinary medicine shall ensure that the facility maintains the minimum standard of practice of veterinary medicine established by this chapter.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 5-29-97; A by R073-16, 2-27-2018)

NAC 638.0608 Duties of supervising veterinarian: Manner of care of animals; training of staff; provision of veterinary services; notice to owner or designee of boarded animal. ([NRS 638.070](#)) The supervising veterinarian in a veterinary facility where animals are boarded shall ensure that:

1. The animals being boarded are cared for in a manner that does not violate a provision of [chapter 574](#) of NRS;

2. The staff of the veterinary facility is trained in the care of the animals being boarded;

3. The staff of the veterinary facility reports to the supervising veterinarian if an animal being boarded is or appears to be sick or injured;

4. Veterinary services are provided to each sick or injured animal being boarded;

5. Written procedures are developed for the staff of the veterinary facility to use to assess any animal being boarded to ensure that a veterinarian is contacted concerning those animals with certain identifiable conditions and that those animals receive the appropriate treatment; and

6. An owner of an animal being boarded or the owner's designee is notified, in writing, concerning whether the portion of the veterinary facility that provides boarding

services will be staffed 24 hours each day or if there are times when the animal being boarded will be left unattended.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R063-13, eff. 6-23-2014)

NAC 638.061 Examination room required; exemption. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.132](#))

1. A veterinary facility where animals are housed must contain an examination room separate from the reception room or office and other areas of the facility which is of sufficient size to accommodate the doctor, assistant, animal and client.

2. A veterinarian whose practice is restricted to large animals is exempt from the provisions of this section.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 3-19-86; A 7-7-94; R075-06, 11-13-2006)

NAC 638.0615 Requirements if animals are retained for treatment or hospitalization. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.132](#)) In those veterinary facilities where animals are retained for treatment or hospitalization, the following must be provided:

1. Separate compartments for each animal, maintained in a sanitary manner so as to assure comfort.

2. Facilities for the effective separation of animals with contagious and noncontagious diseases.

3. Exercise runs for animals, except cats, which provide effective separation of the animals from their waste. If an animal is kept in a clinic for 24 hours or more, this requirement may be met by walking the animal. All exercise areas must be cleaned daily.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 3-19-86)

NAC 638.062 Lighting. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.132](#)) A veterinary facility must contain adequate indoor lighting in halls, wards, reception areas, examining rooms and surgery rooms.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 3-19-86)

NAC 638.0625 Safety and sanitation; radiological services; laboratories and prescription drugs. ([NRS 453.375](#), [453.381](#), [454.213](#), [638.070](#), [638.132](#))

1. A safe and sanitary environment must be maintained in each veterinary facility which:

(a) Protects the health of the animals and minimizes the possibility of the transmission of infection;

(b) Includes the proper routine disposal of waste materials and proper sterilization or sanitation of all equipment used in diagnosis, treatment or surgery;

(c) Meets the requirements of local and state fire prevention codes;

(d) Ensures the maintenance of a proper temperature and ventilation of the veterinary facility for the comfort of all animals;

(e) Includes sanitary methods for the disposal of deceased animals; and

(f) Includes a freezer to be used when an owner has not given permission for the disposal of a carcass.

2. The veterinary facility must have the capacity to perform an adequate diagnostic radiological series, in the veterinary facility or through another commercial facility. Radiological procedures must be in accordance with standards for the protection of the public health. Laboratories and prescription drugs must be available in the veterinary facility or through another commercial facility.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 3-19-86; A 7-7-94; R075-06, 11-13-2006; R116-10, 12-30-2011, eff. 1-1-2012)

NAC 638.0628 Controlled substances: Requirements for registration; limitations on possession, administration, prescribing and dispensing; maintenance of stock; recordkeeping; maintenance and inspection of records. ([NRS 453.375](#), [453.381](#), [454.213](#), [638.070](#), [638.132](#))

1. A veterinary facility at which controlled substances are possessed, administered, prescribed or dispensed shall ensure that one or more veterinarians who practice at that veterinary facility register and maintain a registration with the Drug Enforcement Administration of the United States Department of Justice and the State Board of Pharmacy. The certificates of registration with each agency must be available for inspection at the veterinary facility.

2. A veterinarian who is not registered with the Drug Enforcement Administration of the United States Department of Justice and the State Board of Pharmacy as described in subsection 1 may possess, administer, prescribe or dispense a controlled substance at a veterinary facility if the veterinarian:

(a) Is an employee or agent of the veterinarian who is registered pursuant to subsection 1;

(b) Practices in the same veterinary facility as the veterinarian who is registered pursuant to subsection 1;

(c) Possesses, administers, prescribes or dispenses the controlled substance in the normal course of his or her employment; and

(d) Complies with all the requirements and duties prescribed by law relating to the possession, administration, prescribing and dispensing of a prescription drug.

3. A veterinary facility which maintains a stock of controlled substances for administration or dispensing from that facility shall:

(a) Secure the stock of controlled substances in a locked container that is:

(1) Affixed to the structure and located within a locked room; or

(2) Located within a second locked container which is affixed to the structure.

(b) Ensure that only a veterinarian or a veterinary technician designated by the veterinarian has the keys or combination to unlock the two separate locks at the start of a business day or beginning of a shift, if the veterinary facility has veterinarians on successive shifts.

(c) Restrict access to the controlled substances to veterinarians or veterinary technicians only.

(d) Ensure that each veterinarian or veterinary technician who accesses the secure container which stores controlled substances records in a log:

(1) The name of the veterinarian or veterinary technician who accessed the secure container and the date that he or she accessed the secure container.

(2) The name, strength and quantity of the controlled substance removed from or placed into the secure container and the total amount of all quantities of that particular controlled substance remaining inside the secure container.

(e) Ensure that a veterinarian who intends to destroy an unused portion of a controlled substance records in a log the name and quantity of the controlled substance that will be destroyed and the date and time that the controlled substance will be destroyed. An entry made pursuant to this paragraph must be verified by an employee of the veterinary facility.

(f) Ensure that the purchasing, storage and recordkeeping of controlled substances comply with all applicable state and federal laws.

(g) Ensure that any controlled substance is purchased by a veterinarian or with the knowledge of a veterinarian and that all controlled substances received by the veterinary facility are verified by a veterinarian or with the knowledge of a veterinarian.

(h) Maintain separate files for the records of the purchase of each controlled substance listed in schedule II of controlled substances in [NAC 453.520](#) and records of the dispensing of each controlled substance listed in schedule II of controlled substances in [NAC 453.520](#).

(i) Ensure that each unit of a controlled substance listed in schedule II of controlled substances in [NAC 453.520](#) can be accounted for and that all units of controlled substances listed in schedule III, IV or V of controlled substances in [NAC 453.530](#), [453.540](#) or [453.550](#), respectively, can be accounted for within a variance not to exceed 10 percent for the 6 months immediately preceding the accounting.

4. Any record made pursuant to this section must be maintained for at least 4 years and must be available for inspection by the Board or its representative, the State Board of Pharmacy or its representative or any authorized federal, state or local regulatory agency or law enforcement agency.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R116-10, 12-30-2011, eff. 1-1-2012; A by R073-16, 2-27-2018)

NAC 638.0629 Prescription drugs: Requirements for registration; limitations on dispensing; packaging and labeling for use within facility; recordkeeping; labeling of vials or containers; maintenance of stock; maintenance and inspection of records. ([NRS 453.375](#), [453.381](#), [454.213](#), [638.070](#), [638.132](#))

1. A veterinary facility that dispenses prescription drugs:

(a) Shall ensure that at least one veterinarian who practices at that veterinary facility registers and maintains a registration with the Drug Enforcement Administration of the United States Department of Justice and the State Board of Pharmacy pursuant to [NAC 638.0628](#).

(b) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c), may allow only veterinarians, veterinary technicians or veterinary technicians in training at that veterinary facility to prepare a prescription drug for dispensing.

(c) May allow veterinary assistants at that facility to prepare a prescription drug, other than a controlled substance, for dispensing.

(d) Shall ensure that a prescription drug which is new for an animal is not dispensed unless a veterinarian or veterinary technician is at the veterinary facility or is otherwise available at the time the prescription drug is dispensed.

(e) Shall ensure that a notation is made in the medical record of the animal that contains:

(1) The name, strength and quantity of the prescription drug.

(2) The date the prescription drug was prescribed and dispensed.

(3) The directions for use.

(4) The name, signature or initials of the veterinarian who prescribed the prescription drug.

(5) The name, signature or initials of the veterinarian, veterinary technician or veterinary technician in training who prepared the prescription drug for dispensing.

(6) The name, signature or initials of the veterinarian or veterinary technician who verified the prescription drug before the prescription drug was dispensed.

(f) Shall ensure that each vial or container which contains a prescription drug has affixed to the vial or container a label that contains:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the name or unique identifier of the animal and the name of the owner of the animal for which the prescription drug is prescribed.

(2) The name, strength and quantity of the prescription drug.

(3) The date the prescription drug was dispensed.

(4) The name of the veterinarian who prescribed the prescription drug.

(5) The expiration date of the prescription drug.

(6) A unique number identifying the prescription.

(7) The directions for use.

(g) Shall maintain a stock of prescription drugs necessary to serve the foreseeable needs of the veterinary practice.

(h) Shall ensure that drugs which are inappropriate or unlawful to the practice of veterinary medicine are not ordered or maintained in the stock of prescription drugs of the veterinary facility.

(i) Shall ensure that every prescription drug within the possession of the veterinary facility:

(1) Is safe and effective for use, as indicated by the expiration date on the label; and

(2) Has been properly stored or refrigerated as indicated on the label.

2. A veterinarian or veterinary technician may package and label prescription drugs in quantities suitable for use within a veterinary facility. The label of each such package must contain:

- (a) The generic or trade name, strength and form of dosage of the prescription drug.
- (b) The lot number of the prescription drug.
- (c) The expiration date of the prescription drug.
- (d) If the unit dose is not equal to the unit of use, the quantity of the prescription drug contained in the package.

3. A veterinary facility at which prescription drugs are packaged pursuant to subsection 2 must maintain a record of the drugs packaged pursuant to that subsection which contains:

- (a) The generic or trade name, strength and form of dosage of the prescription drug.
- (b) The manufacturer of the prescription drug.
- (c) The lot number of the prescription drug.
- (d) The expiration date of the prescription drug.
- (e) If a package contains more than one tablet or capsule, the quantity of the prescription drug contained in the package.
- (f) The number of packages made.
- (g) The date of packaging.
- (h) The initials of the packaging veterinarian or veterinary technician.

4. A label affixed to a vial or container that contains a prescription drug being dispensed by a veterinary facility may contain a generic identifier for a group of animals of the same species in place of the name or unique identifier of one animal if:

- (a) The group of animals identified on the label is owned by the same person;
- (b) The prescription drug is dispensed for more than one of the animals in the group; and
- (c) The directions for use of the prescription drug are the same for each animal in the group for which the prescription drug is dispensed.

5. The authorization to possess a prescription drug is not transferable upon the sale or other transfer of the animal or animals for which the prescription drug was dispensed.

6. Any record made pursuant to this section must be maintained for at least 4 years and must be available for inspection by the Board or its representative, the State Board of Pharmacy or its representative or any authorized federal, state or local regulatory or law enforcement agency.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R116-10, 12-30-2011, eff. 1-1-2012; A by R073-16, 2-27-2018)

NAC 638.063 Equipment; sterilization. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.132](#))

1. A veterinary facility must maintain the following equipment at all times:

- (a) Surgical packs including drapes, sponges and proper instrumentation.
- (b) Anesthetic equipment in accordance with the level of surgery performed.
- (c) Oxygen.

(d) A library of current journals or textbooks which provides readily accessible reference materials.

2. All appropriate equipment must be sterilized, and surgical packs must be properly prepared for sterilization by heat or gas which is sufficient to kill bacterial spores for each sterile surgical procedure. Separate sterile surgical packs which are dated and have proof of internal and external sterilization must be used for each sterile procedure.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 3-19-86; A by R075-06, 11-13-2006)

NAC 638.0635 Mobile clinics: General requirements. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.132](#))

1. In addition to the requirements of [NAC 638.063](#), a mobile clinic ~~[-, except one used only by a veterinarian whose practice is limited to large animals,]~~ *used as an examination and treatment site*, must have:

- (a) Hot and cold water;
 - (b) A 110-volt power source for diagnostic equipment;
 - (c) A collecting tank for disposal of waste material;
 - (d) Adequate lighting;
 - (e) Tabletops and countertops, such as Formica or stainless steel, which can be cleaned and disinfected;
 - (f) Floor coverings which can be cleaned and disinfected;
 - (g) Adequate heating, cooling and ventilation;
 - (h) Instruments which meet the requirements of the level of surgery to be performed;
- and
- (i) Separate compartments for the transportation or holding of animals.

2. A mobile clinic ~~[used only by a veterinarian whose practice is limited to large animals]~~ *that will not be used as an examination and treatment site* must be equipped with ~~[cold]~~, *or have access to, clean* water and a secure and sanitary area for the storage of *any* instruments and drugs ~~[-]~~ *that the veterinarian determines may be necessary for a veterinary appointment.*

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 3-19-86; A by R075-06, 11-13-2006; *R082-22, 12-29-2022*)

NAC 638.064 Mobile clinics: Operation and use. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.132](#))

1. A mobile clinic may be operated from a veterinary facility which is the licensee's principal place of business.

2. A veterinarian is not required to use a mobile clinic when treating animals away from a stationary veterinary facility.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 3-19-86; A 5-29-97)

NAC 638.065 Inspection of facility by Board. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.077](#), [638.132](#))

The Board may inspect any veterinary facility at any time during which the facility is open for business. The inspector must be accompanied by a licensed veterinarian or employee

associated with the facility, unless permission is provided by a licensed veterinarian associated with the facility for the inspector to proceed unaccompanied.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 3-19-86; A by R075-06, 11-13-2006)

NAC 638.0655 Notice required if animal will be left unattended. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.132](#)) A person who operates a veterinary facility where animals are retained for treatment or hospitalization during the hours that the veterinary facility is not regularly open to the public shall notify, in writing, an owner of an animal or his or her designee if the animal will be left unattended.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R072-09, eff. 4-20-2010; A by R063-13, 6-23-2014)

NAC 638.067 Emergency facility: Requirements for advertising; disbursement of medical records. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.132](#))

1. A veterinary facility that advertises or otherwise represents to the public that it is an emergency facility must state in its advertising in a clear and conspicuous manner:

- (a) The hours that the facility provides emergency service;
- (b) That a licensed veterinarian is on the premises during the hours that the facility provides emergency service; and
- (c) The address and telephone number of the facility.

2. If continuing care of a patient is required following the provision of emergency service, an emergency facility shall provide the client with a legible copy of the medical records of the patient or shall send a copy of such records directly to the veterinarian who will provide the continuing care.

3. As used in this section, "emergency facility" means a facility that:

- (a) Provides veterinary medical service;
- (b) Primarily receives, treats and monitors patients who need emergency service; and
- (c) Has a licensed veterinarian on the premises at all times during its hours of operation.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R056-00, eff. 9-25-2000)

*NAC 638.*** Emergency transport services: exemption.* ([NRS 638.070](#))

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, an animal transportation service may not have any prescription drug or any other drug for which a prescription is not required in any vehicle that the animal transportation service uses to transport animals.

2. An animal transportation service may administer supplemental oxygen to an animal:

- (a) In the vehicle that the animal transportation service uses to transport the animal;*
- (b) Through an exogenous application; and*
- (c) As needed or as directed by the referring veterinarian of the animal.*

3. As used in this section, “animal transportation service” means a business which transports an animal to a veterinary facility for a fee at the request of the owner of the animal.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam’rs by R117-23, eff. 2-27-2024)

NAC 638.068 Facility that provides on-call emergency service; requirements for advertising. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.132](#))

1. A veterinary facility that provides on-call emergency service shall have a licensed veterinarian on-call who is able to respond within a reasonable time to a request for emergency service.

2. A veterinary facility that advertises or otherwise represents to the public that it provides on-call emergency service must state in its advertising in a clear and conspicuous manner:

- (a) The term “on-call”;
- (b) The hours that the facility provides on-call emergency service; and
- (c) The address and telephone number of the facility.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam’rs by R056-00, eff. 9-25-2000; A by R075-06, 11-13-2006)

NAC 638.069 Use of term “24 hours.” ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.132](#)) A veterinary facility shall not use the term “24 hours” in any public statement or advertising unless the facility has a licensed veterinarian on the premises 24 hours per day.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam’rs by R056-00, eff. 9-25-2000)

NAC 638.0695 Informed consent. exemption in an emergency ([NRS 638.070](#))

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a veterinarian must obtain the informed consent of a client for any medical treatment of an animal.

2. In an emergency, a veterinarian may provide essential services to an animal without the informed consent of the client if it is necessary to save the life or relieve the suffering of the animal.

3. As used in this section:

(a) “Essential services” means:

(1) Administering a euthanasic agent to relieve the suffering of the animal;

or

(2) Stabilizing the animal for transport to another veterinary facility.

(b) “Informed consent” means that the client, after having been informed in a manner that would be understood by a reasonable person of the diagnostic and treatment options, risk assessment and prognosis for the animal and of an estimate of the fees expected for provision of veterinary services to be rendered to the animal, has consented to the recommended treatment.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam’rs, R117-23 eff. 2-27-2024)

PRACTICE BEFORE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

General Provisions

NAC 638.070 Scope. ([NRS 638.070](#)) The provisions of [NAC 638.070](#) to [638.420](#), inclusive, govern all practice and procedure before the Board whenever the Board is acting as an agency, as that term is defined in [NRS 233B.031](#), such as when the Board is authorized by law to make regulations or to determine contested cases.

[Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, Practice Rule 1 § 1.1, eff. 5-1-77]—(NAC A by R057-00, 6-20-2000)

NAC 638.080 Construction. ([NRS 638.070](#)) The provisions of [NAC 638.070](#) to [638.420](#), inclusive, must be liberally construed to secure a just, speedy and economical determination of all issues presented to the Board and to carry out the purposes of [chapters 233B](#) and [638](#) of NRS.

[Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, Practice Rule 1 § 1.2, eff. 5-1-77]

Parties

NAC 638.120 Representation of parties; qualifications of attorneys. ([NRS 638.070](#))

1. A party is entitled to be heard in person or by his or her attorney or other representative.

2. An attorney appearing as counsel in any proceeding must be an attorney at law, admitted to practice and in good standing before the highest court of any state. If an attorney is not admitted and entitled to practice before the Supreme Court of Nevada, an attorney so admitted and entitled to practice must be associated.

[Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, Practice Rule 4 § 4.3, eff. 5-1-77]

NAC 638.130 Service of process on attorney. ([NRS 638.070](#)) Following the entry of an appearance by an attorney for a party, all notices, pleadings and orders thereafter served must be served upon the attorney. The service is considered valid service for all purposes upon the party represented.

[Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, Practice Rule 4 § 4.4, eff. 5-1-77]

NAC 638.140 Withdrawal of attorney. ([NRS 638.070](#)) Any attorney of record wishing to withdraw from a proceeding before the Board shall, in writing, immediately notify the Board or the presiding officer, the party whom he or she represented and any other parties to the proceeding.

[Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, Practice Rule 4 § 4.5, eff. 5-1-77]

NAC 638.150 Conduct required. ([NRS 638.070](#)) A person appearing in a proceeding shall conform to the recognized standards of ethical and courteous conduct.

[Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, Practice Rule 4 § 4.6, eff. 5-1-77]

Pleadings, Motions and Other Papers

NAC 638.175 Filing and service of original paper of accusatory pleading in disciplinary matter; filing and service of answer, motion, opposition or reply. ([NRS 638.070](#))

1. An accusation in a disciplinary matter must be filed as an original paper document with the Board. The accusation must be served upon the respondent by certified mail at the last known address on file with the Board and service is deemed to be complete when a copy of the document, properly addressed and stamped, is deposited in the United States mail.

2. An answer, motion, opposition or reply must be filed with the Board by electronic mail and simultaneously served upon the opposing party by electronic mail. An answer, motion, opposition or reply filed and served pursuant to this subsection is deemed to be filed with the Board and served upon the opposing party on the date that the electronic mail was sent if sent by not later than 4 p.m. in the Pacific time zone on that date. An electronic mail sent after 4 p.m. in the Pacific time zone is deemed to have been filed with the Board and served upon the opposing party on the day following the day on which the electronic mail was sent.

3. An answer, motion, opposition or reply transmitted pursuant to subsection 2 must be in a Portable Document Format (PDF). The file may contain a scanned copy of the document signed by the party, or may be signed by a mark or electronic signature. The file must contain a completed certificate of service indicating that service on the opposing party was completed by electronic mail.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R073-16, eff. 2-27-2018)

Complaints

NAC 638.245 Confidentiality of proceedings after filing of complaint; investigations. ([NRS 638.070](#))

1. All proceedings and investigations after the filing of a complaint are confidential, except to the extent necessary for the conduct of an investigation, until the Board determines to proceed with disciplinary action. If the Board dismisses the complaint, the proceedings remain confidential. If the Board proceeds with disciplinary action, confidentiality concerning the proceedings is no longer required.

2. If the Board conducts an investigation upon a complaint against a licensee, the Board will not limit the scope of its investigation to the matters set forth in the complaint but may extend the investigation to any additional matters which appear to constitute a violation of any provision of this chapter or [chapter 638](#) of NRS.

3. If, after its investigation, the Board dismisses the complaint, the dismissal does not operate as a limitation on or a deterrent to any subsequent investigation or other action by the Board.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 3-19-86; A by R009-04, 4-26-2004)

Hearings

NAC 638.250 Filing of answer; effect of failure to file. ([NRS 638.070](#))

1. A party or parties against whom an accusation is filed must, within 15 days of receipt of the accusation, file an answer with the Board.

2. Failure to file an answer pursuant to subsection 1 may be deemed by the Board to be an admission of statements contained in the accusation.

[Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, Practice Rule 5 § 5.8, eff. 5-1-77]—(NAC A by R073-16, 2-27-2018)

NAC 638.271 Continuance. ([NRS 638.070](#)) The Board or a hearing officer or panel will grant a continuance upon a joint stipulation of the parties or the existence of emergency conditions or for good cause shown upon a written request filed with the Board, hearing officer or panel not later than 10 days before the hearing and physically served upon the opposing party at least 10 days before the hearing. “Good cause shown” will be narrowly construed. Any party requesting a continuance for good cause shown shall appear on the date set for hearing and be prepared to proceed.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 3-19-86)

NAC 638.280 Failure of party to appear. ([NRS 638.070](#))

1. If a party fails to appear at a hearing scheduled by the Board and no continuance has been requested or granted, the Board may hear the evidence of such witnesses as may have appeared and the Board may proceed to consider the matter and dispose of it on the basis of the evidence before it.

2. If, because of accident, sickness or other reasonable cause, a person fails to appear for a hearing scheduled by the Board or fails to request a continuance, the person may, within a reasonable time not to exceed 15 days from the date of the hearing, apply to the Secretary of the Board to reopen the proceedings. The Board, upon finding cause sufficient and reasonable, will immediately fix a time and place for hearing and give the person notice thereof. At the time and place fixed, a hearing must be held at which the person may testify in his or her own behalf or present such other evidence as may be beneficial to his or her cause.

3. Witnesses who have previously testified are not required to appear at the second hearing unless so directed by the Board.

[Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, Practice Rule 8 § 8.2, eff. 5-1-77]

NAC 638.290 Conduct at hearings. ([NRS 638.070](#)) All parties to hearings, their counsel and spectators shall conduct themselves in a respectful manner.

[Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, Practice Rule 8 § 8.4, eff. 5-1-77]

NAC 638.315 Testimony of expert witness. ([NRS 638.070](#))

1. The parties shall provide direct testimony of their expert witnesses through written testimony prepared before the hearing if the parties stipulate to providing such testimony

in such a manner or if the presiding officer orders the parties to provide such testimony in such a manner. The written testimony must include, without limitation:

- (a) The resume, curriculum vitae or other similar statement detailing the qualifications of the expert witness to serve as an expert witness;
- (b) A statement of the expert's opinion in question and answer format;
- (c) A listing of all persons, treatises or other information referred to in the preparation of the opinion or that served as a basis of the opinion;
- (d) A listing of all documents reviewed in the preparation of the opinion;
- (e) Any exhibits or documents that the expert deems necessary or useful to accompany his or her opinion; and
- (f) A notarized statement that the prepared testimony is sworn to be true and is submitted under penalty of perjury as if the testimony were given in person before the Board.

2. If a party desires to use expert testimony in a matter, the party must file the written testimony of the expert with the Board and ensure that the other parties of record receive a copy of such testimony at least 10 business days before the hearing. The evidence and testimony of any expert witness may be excluded if it is not filed with the Board and provided to the other parties pursuant to this subsection.

3. After testimony is filed with the Board, amendments to the testimony may be made upon approval of the Board or presiding officer.

4. The testimony of an expert witness may be read into the record by the witness upon direct examination if the Board or presiding officer determines that such reading is appropriate under the circumstances.

5. The testimony of an expert witness may be provided to the Board members before the hearing on the matter to which the testimony relates.

6. An expert witness must appear at a hearing in which his or her testimony has been proffered pursuant to this section. Each party who has not proffered the testimony of the witness may cross-examine the witness regarding his or her written testimony provided in accordance with this section. The Board may examine the expert witness regarding his or her written testimony provided in accordance with this section. The party who proffered the prepared testimony may only examine the witness on redirect examination.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R057-00, eff. 6-20-2000)

NAC 638.340 Consolidation. ([NRS 638.070](#)) The presiding member of the Board may consolidate two or more proceedings into one hearing whenever it appears that the issues are substantially the same and the interests of the parties will not be prejudiced by consolidation. At any consolidated hearing, the presiding member of the Board shall determine the order of procedure.

[Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, Practice Rule 8 § 8.7, eff. 5-1-77]

NAC 638.350 Stipulations. ([NRS 638.070](#)) With approval of the presiding member, the parties may stipulate as to any fact at issue, either by written stipulation introduced in evidence as an exhibit or by oral statement shown upon the record. Any

stipulation is binding upon all parties to the stipulation, and it may be treated as evidence at the hearing. The presiding member may require proof by evidence of the facts stipulated to, notwithstanding the stipulation of the parties.

[Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, Practice Rule 8 § 8.8, eff. 5-1-77]

NAC 638.360 Official notice of Board. ([NRS 638.070](#)) The Board may take official notice of judicially cognizable facts and of recognized technical or scientific facts within the Board's specialized knowledge, including the following matters:

1. Regulations, official reports, decisions, orders, standards or records of the Board and any regulatory agency of this State or any court of record.

2. Matters of common knowledge and technical or scientific facts of established character.

3. Official documents, if pertinent, when properly introduced into the record of formal proceedings by reference. Reference to the documents must be made by the party offering them. The documents must be published and generally circulated so that an opportunity is given to all the parties of interest to the hearing to examine them and present rebuttal evidence.

[Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, Practice Rule 8 § 8.13, eff. 5-1-77]

NAC 638.370 Briefs. ([NRS 638.070](#)) The Board may request briefs to be filed within such time as may be allowed by the Board. The brief must be accompanied by proof of service.

[Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, Practice Rule 8 § 8.12, eff. 5-1-77 *A by R117-23, 2-27-2024*]

NAC 638.380 Decision by Board. ([NRS 638.070](#))

1. A decision or order which is adverse to a party in any hearing will be in writing or stated in the record and will include findings of fact and conclusions of law.

2. Orders or decisions will be rendered within 90 days of the completion of the hearing unless a shorter time is required by statute.

3. A proceeding stands as submitted for decision by the Board after the taking of evidence, the filing of briefs or the presentation of any oral argument permitted by the Board.

4. Decisions and orders of the Board will be served by sending a copy by certified mail to the parties of record or their representatives or by personal service. Additional copies of orders may be obtained upon written request.

[Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, Practice Rule 9, eff. 5-1-77]

Miscellaneous Petitions

NAC 638.410 Petitions for declaratory orders or advisory opinions. ([NRS 638.070](#))

1. The Board will consider petitions for declaratory orders or advisory opinions relating to the applicability of any statutory provision, regulation or decision of the Board.

2. All petitions for declaratory orders and advisory opinions must be in writing using substantially the format of Form No. 1.*

3. Upon submission of a petition for a declaratory order or advisory opinion, the Board will, within 30 days, either deny the petition in writing, stating its reasons, or initiate proceedings in accordance with [NRS 233B.060](#).

*See adopting agency for form.

[Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, Practice Rule 11, eff. 5-1-77]

NAC 638.420 Petitions for adoption, amendment or repeal of regulations. ([NRS 638.070](#))

1. Any interested person may petition the Board requesting the adoption, amendment or repeal of any regulation. The petition must include relevant data, views and arguments.

2. All petitions requesting the adoption, amendment or repeal of any regulation must be in writing using the format of Form No. 2.*

3. Within 30 days of the submission of the petition, the Board will either deny the petition in writing stating its reasons, or initiate proceedings in accordance with [NRS 233B.060](#).

*See adopting agency for form.

[Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, Practice Rule 12, eff. 5-1-77]

EUTHANASIA TECHNICIANS

NAC 638.450 Definitions. ([NRS 638.070](#)) As used in [NAC 638.450](#) to [638.565](#), inclusive:

1. "Agency" means:

(a) A law enforcement agency;

(b) An animal control agency; or

(c) A society for the prevention of cruelty to animals which is in compliance with [chapter 574](#) of NRS,

↳ that employs a euthanasia technician to euthanize injured, sick, homeless or unwanted domestic pets and other animals.

2. "Euthanasia technician" has the meaning ascribed to it in [NRS 638.005](#).

3. "Handler" means a person who is trained in techniques of animal handling and human safety and is not licensed as a euthanasia technician.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 6-20-90; A by R091-06, 11-13-2006; R088-07, 4-17-2008)

NAC 638.4505 "Euthanasic Agent" defined. (NRS 638.070, NRS638.119)

1. "Euthanasic agent" means any prescription drug, regardless of the method in which the drug is administered, that is administered:

(a) To terminate the life of an animal; or

(b) To ease the suffering of an animal at the time the termination of life is performed.

2. The term includes, without limitation, alpha-2 agonists, ketamine and phenothiazine.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, by R117-23, eff. 2-27-2024)

NAC 638.470 Duties of Board concerning training, examination and licensure. (NRS 638.070) The Board or its representative will:

1. Develop a course to train euthanasia technicians.
2. Develop instructional materials and a syllabus for the training course.
3. Offer the course to persons seeking training as euthanasia technicians at least one time each year.
4. Examine each applicant for licensing as a euthanasia technician.
5. Review the records and the performance of each person seeking licensure as a euthanasia technician or renewal of his or her license.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 6-20-90; A by R091-06, 11-13-2006)

NAC 638.475 Examination of trainees. (NRS 638.070, 638.117)

1. After each training course, the Board or its representative will *administer a written examination to* each trainee

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 6-20-90; A by R091-06, 11-13-2006; *R117-23, 2-27-2024*)

NAC 638.485 Inspection of agencies; notification and correction of deficiencies. (NRS 638.070)

1. The Board or its representative may inspect any agency.
2. During the inspection of an agency, the Board or its representative may examine:
 - (a) The area and equipment used for euthanasia;
 - (b) Security and storage of drugs;
 - (c) Recordkeeping;
 - (d) Sanitation; and
 - (e) Any other condition of the agency that is relevant to the proper euthanasia of animals.

3. If a deficiency is found, the agency must be notified. The Executive Director of the Board may notify the State Board of Pharmacy.

4. The agency shall correct any deficiency within 30 days after the inspection.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 6-20-90; A 11-26-96; R091-06, 11-13-2006)

NAC 638.490 Additional inspection of agency after discovery of deficiency; failure to correct deficiency. (NRS 638.070)

1. If a deficiency is found during an inspection of an agency, the Board or its representative will conduct a second inspection at the expense of the agency after the time given to correct the deficiency.

2. If the deficiency is not corrected:

(a) The Board may revoke or refuse to renew the license of any euthanasia technician employed by the agency; and

(b) The Executive Director of the Board will notify the State Board of Pharmacy and the Drug Enforcement Administration of the Department of Justice.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 6-20-90; A 11-26-96; R091-06, 11-13-2006)

NAC 638.500 List of euthanasia technicians employed by agency; notice of termination of employment. ([NRS 638.070](#)) An agency shall:

1. Keep a list of euthanasia technicians who are employed by the agency.

2. Notify the Board within 30 days after a euthanasia technician is terminated from employment by the agency.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 6-20-90)

NAC 638.505 Duties of euthanasia technicians. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.119](#)) A euthanasia technician:

1. Is responsible for the area used for euthanasia.

2. Shall supervise and communicate with a handler who is aiding in the euthanasia of an animal.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 6-20-90; A 7-7-94)

NAC 638.508 Implantation of subcutaneous identification microchip. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.119](#)) A euthanasia technician may implant a subcutaneous identification microchip into an animal if the euthanasia technician has successfully completed training in implanting subcutaneous identification microchips that has been approved by the Board.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R088-07, eff. 4-17-2008)

NAC 638.510 Prerequisites to possession and administration of sodium pentobarbital. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.119](#)) Before a euthanasia technician may possess and administer *a euthanasic agent*:

1. The euthanasia technician must register with the State Board of Pharmacy; and

2. The agency employing the euthanasia technician must register with the Drug Enforcement Administration of the Department of Justice.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 6-20-90; A by R021-03, 10-29-2003; *R117-23, 2-27-2024*)

NAC 638.515 Standards for injection of animals. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.119](#)) A euthanasia technician shall comply with the following standards for the injection of an animal:

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, an animal must be held or restrained by the euthanasia technician until the animal is unconscious.

2. If an animal cannot be held, it must be placed alone in a cage that has a cloth or other material covering the front of the cage.

3. Intravenous injection in the cephalic vein must be used on all dogs over the age of 3 months and any other large animal unless the physical condition, size or behavior of the animal is a danger to the euthanasia technician or a handler.

4. A euthanasia technician shall have the assistance of a handler when administering an intravenous injection.

5. After an intraperitoneal injection of an animal, the euthanasia technician shall check the animal every 5 minutes until death occurs.

6. A euthanasia technician may administer an intraperitoneal and intracardiac injection without the assistance of a handler.

7. A euthanasia technician shall not use a needle that is dirty, clogged, barbed or that may cause unnecessary discomfort to the animal.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 6-20-90)

NAC 638.520 Injection of sodium pentobarbital; verification of death. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.119](#)). 1. If, within 30 seconds after an intravenous injection, 15 minutes after an intraperitoneal injection or 60 minutes after an oral administration of *a euthanasic agent*, an animal demonstrates:

- (a) Consciousness;
- (b) Indications of breathing or a heartbeat;
- (c) Capillary response in the gums; or
- (d) Corneal or pupillary reflexes,

↳ the euthanasia technician shall administer another dose of *a euthanasic agent*.

2. The euthanasia technician may inject an animal with *a euthanasic agent* if the animal is unconscious.

3. To verify death, the euthanasia technician shall examine each animal and find:

- (a) Rigor mortis; or
- (b) Lack of heartbeat, respiration, pupillary reflex and corneal reflex.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 6-20-90; A by R091-06, 11-13-2006; [R117-23](#), [2-27-2024](#))

NAC 638.525 Oral administration of sodium pentobarbital. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.119](#)) A euthanasia technician may orally administer *a euthanasic agent* in accordance with the instructions of the manufacturer to an animal that can be captured or restrained only with serious danger to human safety.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 6-20-90; [R117-23](#), [2-23-2024](#))

NAC 638.530 Storage and security of sodium pentobarbital, needles and syringes. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.119](#))

1. An agency shall provide for the storage and security of *all euthanasic agents*, needles and syringes.
2. If a euthanasia technician is not on duty, *all euthanasic agents*, needles and syringes must be kept in a metal safe which is securely attached to the building in which it is housed.
3. If *euthanasic agents*, needles and syringes are stored in a safe that can be opened by an employee other than the euthanasia technician, the *euthanasic agents* must be kept in the safe in a separate locked container made of metal that is accessible only by the euthanasia technician.
4. The temperature and environment in the safe must be adequate to assure the proper storage of the *euthanasic agents*.
5. The euthanasia technician shall label each container of *a euthanasic agent* with the name of the *euthanasic agent*, the strength, the date that the *euthanasic agent* was received or prepared and the expiration date of the *euthanasic agent*.
6. If a euthanasia technician is on duty and an animal is being euthanized, the euthanasia technician may keep *euthanasic agents*, needles and syringes in a temporary storage cabinet that is constructed of strong material and locked. Only the euthanasia technician may have the key to the cabinet.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 6-20-90; A by R063-13, 6-23-2014; *R117-23, 2-27-2024*)

NAC 638.535 Records of receipt and use of sodium pentobarbital. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.119](#)).

1. An agency or a euthanasia technician shall keep a record of all *euthanasic agents* received and used by the agency.
2. The record must contain:
 - (a) A weekly verification of the stock *euthanasic agents*, signed by the euthanasia technician.
 - (b) A notation of the date and amount of *any euthanasic agent* in a container each time that the *euthanasic agent* is removed from secure storage.
 - (c) The species and weight of each animal to which *a euthanasic agent* is administered.
 - (d) The amount *euthanasic agent* used for each administration.
 - (e) The name or initials of the euthanasia technician who administered *the euthanasic agent*.
 - (f) A notation of any waste of *a euthanasic agent*, signed by the euthanasia technician who administered the *euthanasic agent*.
 - (g) A notation of the disposal of *any* expired or unwanted *euthanasic agent*.
3. A euthanasia technician shall file all records in chronological order in a binder that is labeled with the name of the agency. The binder must remain at the agency and be available to the Board or its representative for inspection.

4. An agency shall keep all records for not less than 4 years.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 6-20-90; A by R091-06, 11-13-2006, *R117-23, 2-27-2024*)

NAC 638.540 Area used for euthanasia: General requirements. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.119](#))

1. The area used for euthanasia must:

(a) Be a room that is separated from the rest of the agency by a wall, barrier or other divider or an area that is not used for any other purpose while an animal is euthanized.

(b) Have bright and even lighting.

(c) Have air temperature that is between 60 degrees and 90 degrees Fahrenheit.

(d) Have adequate ventilation to prevent the accumulation of odors. At least one exhaust fan which is vented directly to the outside is required.

(e) Have dry, nonslip flooring to prevent accidents.

2. The euthanasia technician shall keep the area used for euthanasia clean and disinfected.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 6-20-90)

NAC 638.545 Area used for euthanasia: Required equipment. ([NRS 638.070](#))

The agency shall provide the following equipment for the area used for euthanasia:

1. A table or work area where an animal can be handled while being euthanized. The surface must have a nonslip texture that provides comfortable footing for the animal.

2. A cabinet, table or workbench where the sodium pentobarbital, needles, syringes and clippers can be placed. This surface must be separate from the area described in subsection 1 where the animals are handled.

3. A sink or faucet within 25 feet of the area used for euthanasia.

4. Eighteen-, 20- and 22-gauge needles of medical quality and other sizes as required by the agency.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 6-20-90)

NAC 638.550 Area used for euthanasia: Duties of euthanasia technicians. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.119](#)) The euthanasia technician shall:

1. Have the following materials in the area used for euthanasia:

(a) A first-aid kit;

(b) At least one tourniquet;

(c) Standard electric clippers with number 40 blade;

(d) A control or rabies stick for dogs;

(e) A net for cats;

(f) A stethoscope;

(g) Towels;

(h) Sponges;

(i) Disinfectant; and

(j) Any other equipment necessary for the proper euthanasia of an animal.

2. Keep all equipment in good working order.
3. Store all equipment safely.
4. Label all drugs and chemicals used in the area.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 6-20-90; A by R091-06, 11-13-2006)

NAC 638.555 Suspension or revocation of license for misuse of sodium pentobarbital or failure to perform duties properly. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.119](#)) The license of a euthanasia technician may be suspended or revoked if he or she fails to perform his or her duties properly or misuses *a euthanasic agent*. As used in this section, "misuse" includes selling or stealing *a euthanasic agent*, personal use of *a euthanasic agent* or assisting another to misuse *a euthanasic agent*.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 6-20-90; *A by R117-23, 2-27-2024*)

NAC 638.560 Grounds for disciplinary action. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.119](#)) The Board may discipline a euthanasia technician for:

1. Violation of a regulation adopted by the Board, the State Board of Pharmacy or the Drug Enforcement Administration of the Department of Justice.
2. Habitual drunkenness.
3. Addiction to the use of a controlled substance.
4. Incompetence, gross negligence or other malpractice pertaining to veterinary medicine as evidenced by a claim of malpractice settled against the euthanasia technician.
5. Conviction of a violation of a law governing the possession, distribution or use of any controlled substance or dangerous drug defined in [NRS 454.201](#).
6. Willful failure to comply with:
 - (a) A subpoena;
 - (b) An order of the Board;
 - (c) An order of a court of competent jurisdiction; or
 - (d) A rule of an agency.
7. Euthanasia of an animal without supervision while on probationary status.
8. Committing fraud or misrepresentation to secure a license.
9. Committing fraud or forgery or any deception relating to an examination for a license.
10. Perjury relating to the euthanasia of animals.
11. Engaging in professional conduct that is likely to deceive, defraud or harm the public.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 6-20-90; A by R091-06, 11-13-2006)

NAC 638.565 Authorized forms of disciplinary action. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.147](#)) The Board may take the following disciplinary actions:

1. Issuance of a letter of reprimand;

2. Imposition of a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000;
 3. Suspension of the license of a euthanasia technician;
 4. Revocation of the license of a euthanasia technician; or
 5. A combination of the disciplinary actions listed in subsections 1 to 4, inclusive.
- (Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 6-20-90)

VACCINATION OF ANIMALS

NAC 638.600 Vaccination clinics: General requirements; authority to provide service of implantation of subcutaneous identification microchip. ([NRS 638.070](#))

1. A vaccination clinic must:
 - (a) Transport and store vaccines in a manner that ensures the efficacy of the vaccines;
 - (b) Provide refrigeration, cold storage or any other method of storage for a vaccine that is recommended by the manufacturer of the vaccine; and
 - (c) Contain the equipment, supplies and medications necessary for the treatment of anaphylaxis or any other reaction to a vaccine, including, without limitation:
 - (1) An oxygen container or other similar means of administering medical grade oxygen;
 - (2) Epinephrine;
 - (3) Injectable corticosteroids and antihistamines;
 - (4) Intravenous catheters and injectable fluids;
 - (5) Endotracheal tubes of varying and appropriate diameters; and
 - (6) Equipment for resuscitating animals.
2. A vaccination clinic may provide the service of the implantation of a subcutaneous identification microchip by a licensed veterinarian, licensed veterinary technician or veterinary technician in training.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 7-7-94; A by R073-16, 2-27-2018)

NAC 638.610 Conduct and record of examination to determine whether animal may be vaccinated. ([NRS 638.070](#))

1. An examination conducted to determine whether an animal may be vaccinated at a vaccination clinic or a veterinary facility must include, without limitation, an examination of the temperature, pulse and respiration of the animal to determine:
 - (a) The presence of any respiratory, intestinal or other organ disease that may affect the efficacy of the vaccine; and
 - (b) Whether the hydration of the animal is normal.
2. A medical record of the examination must be kept pursuant to [NAC 638.0475](#).

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 7-7-94; A by R069-01, 10-12-2001; R088-07, 4-17-2008)

NAC 638.620 Duties of veterinarian before administration of vaccine. (NRS 638.070)

1. A veterinarian who administers vaccines at a vaccination clinic or a veterinary facility shall, before administering a vaccination to an animal, conduct a physical examination of that animal pursuant to [NAC 638.610](#).

2. If, after conducting an examination of the animal, the veterinarian determines that a condition exists that would cause harm to the animal if the vaccine were administered, he or she shall:

(a) Not administer the vaccine; and

(b) Direct the owner of the animal to contact a veterinarian for treatment of the animal.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs, eff. 7-7-94; A by R091-06, 11-13-2006; R088-07, 4-17-2008)

STANDARDS FOR TREATMENT

NAC 638.700 Appropriate use of anesthesia, analgesia and sedation. (NRS 638.070) A veterinarian shall use appropriate methods of anesthesia, analgesia and sedation during each surgical procedure performed on an animal to:

1. Minimize pain and distress in the animal; and

2. Prevent injury to the animal.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R220-97, eff. 8-5-98)

NAC 638.710 Requirements for use of general anesthesia. (NRS 638.070) A veterinarian shall comply with the following requirements when putting an animal under general anesthesia:

1. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the animal must be given a physical examination not more than 12 hours before the anesthetic is administered. If the veterinarian determines that the animal is fractious, the veterinarian may conduct the physical examination of the animal after the anesthetic is administered. The physical examination required pursuant to this subsection must include, without limitation, an examination and written notation of:

(a) The temperature;

(b) The pulse rate;

(c) The respiration;

(d) The color of the mucous membrane; and

(e) The thoracic auscultation,

↳ of the animal.

2. The animal must be under continuous observation while it is under general anesthesia until the swallowing reflex of the animal has returned.

3. The animal must not be released until it has been examined by a veterinarian and it is ambulating. This subsection must not be construed to prohibit the direct transfer of an animal under general anesthesia to an appropriate facility for observation.

4. The following equipment must be available in the veterinary facility and must be in working order at all times:

- (a) An anesthetic machine with breathing bags appropriate to the size of the animal under general anesthesia;
- (b) An assortment of cuffed endotracheal tubes; and
- (c) An oxygen delivery system.

5. If it is appropriate for the species of animal when the swallowing reflex is impaired, the animal must be intubated and administered an appropriate concentration of oxygen.

6. A method of monitoring respiration must be used, which may include, without limitation:

- (a) Observing the chest movements of the animal;
- (b) Watching the rebreathing bag; or
- (c) Using a respirometer.

7. A method of monitoring cardiac activity must be used, which may include, without limitation, the use of:

- (a) A stethoscope; or
- (b) An electrocardiographic monitor.

8. Adequate surgical support, including, without limitation, an intravenous catheter, fluids and monitoring, as indicated by the status of the animal and the standard of care required of a licensed veterinarian under the circumstances, must be available.

9. A written history must be maintained by the veterinarian for each animal put under general anesthesia, which must include, without limitation:

- (a) The name or identification number of the animal.
- (b) The medical history of the animal that is relevant to the administration of general anesthesia, which must include, without limitation, a description of any preexisting medical conditions and tests performed on the animal before surgery.
- (c) A description of the general anesthesia used at the time of surgery.
- (d) The method of monitoring that was used to comply with subsections 6 and 7.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R220-97, eff. 8-5-98; A by R069-01, 10-12-2001; R063-13, 6-23-2014)

NAC 638.715 Requirements for performance of aseptic surgery. ([NRS 638.070](#))

1. A veterinary facility which provides aseptic surgical services must reserve a room, separate and distinct from all other rooms, for aseptic surgical procedures.

2. When performing aseptic surgery:

- (a) Each member of a surgical team shall wear the appropriate sanitary cap and sanitary mask;
- (b) Any instrument used to perform aseptic surgery must be sterilized; and
- (c) Each member of the surgical team who will be handling an instrument or touching the surgical site shall wear a sterilized surgical gown and sterilized gloves.

3. As used in this section, “aseptic surgery” means surgery performed under sterilized conditions to prevent the introduction of infectious microorganisms.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam’rs by R075-06, eff. 11-13-2006)

NAC 638.720 Requirements for performance of clean surgery. ([NRS 638.070](#))

1. When performing clean surgery:

- (a) Any instrument used to perform clean surgery must be sterilized; and
- (b) Each member of the surgical team who will be handling an instrument or touching the surgical site shall wear clean attire and gloves.

2. As used in this section, “clean surgery” means a surgical procedure which does not warrant the use of aseptic surgical procedures and which is conducted in a manner that is consistent with the prevailing standards of acceptable veterinary medical practice.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam’rs by R075-06, eff. 11-13-2006)

NAC 638.725 Disposal of hypodermic devices. ([NRS 638.070](#)) Any person who is authorized to use hypodermic devices pursuant to the provisions of this chapter shall dispose of each hypodermic device he or she uses by placing the device directly into a rigid, labeled, leak-proof, puncture-resistant container. Needles must not be purposely bent or broken by hand or recapped.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam’rs, eff. 7-7-94)—(Substituted in revision for NAC 638.0627)

NAC 638.730 Veterinary dentistry: Requirements; exception; definition. ([NRS 638.070](#))

1. Except as otherwise provided in [NAC 638.0525](#), [638.053](#) or [638.742](#), veterinary dentistry may only be performed by a licensed veterinarian.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, veterinary dentistry must be performed under general anesthesia with the use of an endotracheal tube with an inflated cuff unless, based on the species of the animal, the Board determines otherwise.

3. A cleaning of the supragingival portion of the teeth of an animal, including, without limitation, scaling the teeth with dental tools or ultrasound, may be performed without placing the animal under general anesthesia if:

- (a) The procedure is performed at a veterinary facility;
- (b) A licensed veterinarian at the veterinary facility has conducted a full oral examination within the 6 months immediately preceding the supragingival cleaning;
- (c) The licensed veterinarian has determined that the animal is a suitable candidate for the procedure and that the procedure is being performed on an elective basis sought by the client;
- (d) The client has signed a written form acknowledging that the client:
 - (1) Understands the difference between a supragingival cleaning and a full dental examination with prophylaxis; and
 - (2) Knowingly consents to the supragingival cleaning procedure; and
- (e) The procedure is terminated if:

(1) The animal becomes resistant or fractious during the cleaning procedure and continuation of the cleaning procedure would potentially harm or cause suffering to the animal; or

(2) The cleaning procedure or examination of the oral cavity of the animal reveals signs of advanced dental disease, including, without limitation, tooth mobility, advanced gingivitis, abnormal bleeding, stomatitis, advanced gingival recession, furcation exposures, excessive gingival hyperplasia, abnormal probing depths, visual or tactile detection of tooth resorption, tooth fractures, abnormal growths, abscesses, pyorrhea, pulpitis, discoloration or other abnormal findings.

➔ If a veterinary technician or veterinary technician in training terminates a cleaning procedure pursuant to paragraph (e), he or she must notify the attending veterinarian of the cause for the termination of the procedure so that the veterinarian can appropriately address the needs of the animal.

4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a licensed veterinarian may perform dental surgery, periodontal surgery, endodontics and exodontia on an animal only in a veterinary facility that has the capacity to perform intraoral radiology. In an emergency, a licensed veterinarian may perform dental surgery, periodontal surgery, endodontics and exodontia on an animal in a veterinary facility that does not have the capacity to perform intraoral radiology if the licensed veterinarian determines, based on his or her professional judgment and the species of the animal, that the radiology which the veterinary facility has the capacity to perform is adequate for the particular procedure.

5. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a person from:

(a) Using cotton swabs, gauze, dental floss, dentifrice, toothbrushes or similar items to clean an animal's teeth; or

(b) Practicing as an equine dental provider in accordance with [NAC 638.735](#) to [638.748](#), inclusive.

6. As used in this section, "veterinary dentistry" means:

(a) The application or use of any instrument or device to any portion of an animal's tooth, gums or any related tissue for the prevention, cure or relief of any wound, fracture, injury or disease of the animal's tooth, gums or related tissue; and

(b) Preventive dental procedures pertaining to an animal, including, without limitation, the removal of calculus, soft deposits, plaque or stains and the smoothing, filing, floating or polishing of the surfaces of the animal's tooth.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R063-13, eff. 6-23-2014; A by R063-13, 6-23-2014, eff. 1-1-2016; R073-16 & R110-16, 2-27-2018)

EQUINE DENTISTRY

NAC 638.735 Definitions. ([NRS 638.070](#)) As used in [NAC 638.735](#) to [638.748](#), inclusive, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in [NAC 638.738](#) and [638.740](#) have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R110-16, eff. 2-27-2018)

NAC 638.738 “Equine dental provider” defined. ([NRS 638.070](#)) “Equine dental provider” means, except as otherwise provided in this section, a person who practices equine dentistry. The term does not include a licensed veterinarian, licensed veterinary technician or veterinary technician in training acting within his or her scope of practice.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam’rs by R110-16, eff. 2-27-2018)

NAC 638.740 “Equine dentistry” defined. ([NRS 638.070](#))

1. “Equine dentistry” means the examination and treatment of the mouth and teeth of an animal of the equine species through the use of any of the following procedures:

(a) The removal of enamel points from teeth using a handheld file, rasp or motorized or air powered devices;

(b) The maintenance of normal molar table angles and freeing up lateral excursion and other normal movements of the mandible; and

(c) The removal of points from the buccal aspect of the upper arcade and the lingual aspect of the lower arcade.

2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the term does not include the extraction of teeth or the performance of oral surgery. The term includes the extraction of a tooth that is loose digitally and can be extracted without the cutting of gum or other soft tissue.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam’rs by R110-16, eff. 2-27-2018)

NAC 638.742 Requirements to practice; application for certificate of registration; fee. ([NRS 638.070](#))

1. A person shall not practice equine dentistry in this State unless he or she is:

(a) A licensed veterinarian;

(b) A licensed veterinary technician who complies with the provisions of [NAC 638.053](#);

(c) A veterinary technician in training who complies with the provisions of [NAC 638.0525](#); or

(d) An equine dental provider who has obtained a certificate of registration to practice as an equine dental provider pursuant to this section and complies with the provisions of [NAC 638.746](#).

2. A person who desires to secure a certificate of registration to practice as an equine dental provider in this State must submit a written application to the Board.

3. The application must be on a form provided by the Board, include any information required by the Board and be accompanied by satisfactory proof that the applicant:

(a) Is of good moral character;

(b) Is a citizen of the United States or lawfully entitled to remain and work in the United States;

(c) Holds a current certification from a professional equine dentistry organization approved by the Board; and

(d) Has obtained a written statement from a licensed veterinarian experienced in large animal medicine that the applicant will be under direct supervision of the licensed veterinarian.

4. The application must be signed by the applicant. ~~and notarized.~~

5. Except as otherwise provided in [NAC 638.748](#), upon receipt of the application and information required by subsection 3 and payment of the fee required pursuant to [NAC 638.035](#), the Board will issue to the applicant a certificate of registration to practice as an equine dental provider.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R110-16, eff. 2-27-2018; A by R099-19, 8-26-2020)

NAC 638.744 Expiration and renewal of certificate; fee. ([NRS 638.070](#))

1. Each certificate of registration issued pursuant to [NAC 638.742](#) or renewed pursuant to this section expires on January 1 of each year.

2. Each application for renewal of a certificate of registration must be:

(a) Submitted in the form established by the Board;

(b) Signed by the equine dental provider;

(c) Accompanied by proof that his or her certification from a professional equine dentistry organization approved by the Board is current; and

(d) Accompanied by proof that the equine dental provider completed, during the immediately preceding calendar year, at least 8 hours of continuing education in equine dentistry approved by the Board.

3. An equine dental provider who fails to renew his or her certificate of registration before it expires forfeits the certificate of registration.

4. Except as otherwise provided in [NAC 638.748](#), upon receipt of the application for renewal and the information required by subsection 2 and payment of the renewal fee required pursuant to [NAC 638.035](#), the Board will renew the certificate of registration of the equine dental provider.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R110-16, eff. 2-27-2018)

NAC 638.746 Standards of practice for equine dental provider holding certificate; maintenance of records. ([NRS 638.070](#))

1. An equine dental provider who has been issued a certificate of registration pursuant to [NAC 638.742](#) may practice equine dentistry only:

(a) Under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian who has established a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship concerning the animal receiving the equine dentistry treatment and has performed an appropriate examination of the animal not more than 12 hours before the equine dentistry is performed; and

(b) If the equine dental provider assumes individual liability for the quality of the equine dentistry performed by the equine dental provider.

2. The licensed veterinarian under whose direction the equine dental provider performs the equine dentistry:

(a) Is required to directly supervise the equine dental provider during the equine dentistry treatment.

(b) Is not liable for the acts or omissions of the equine dental provider who performs the equine dentistry.

3. Each equine dental provider who has been issued a certificate of registration shall:

(a) Maintain in this State for at least 4 years a separate written record of each animal receiving equine dentistry treatment from the equine dental provider. The written record must include, without limitation:

- (1) The name, address and telephone number of the owner of the animal;
- (2) The name or identifying number, or both, of the animal;
- (3) The age, sex and breed of the animal;
- (4) The dates of care, custody or treatment of the animal;
- (5) The dental chart of the animal; and
- (6) The progress and disposition of the case.

(b) Within 48 hours after the initial visit with the animal, mail or transmit electronically a complete copy of the record to the licensed veterinarian under whose direction the equine dental provider performs the equine dentistry.

(c) Within 48 hours after each subsequent visit with the animal, mail or transmit electronically a progress report to the licensed veterinarian under whose direction the equine dental provider performs the equine dentistry.

4. Any record made pursuant to subsection 3 must be available for inspection by the Board or its representative.

5. The licensed veterinarian shall include the copy of the written record received pursuant to subsection 3 in the medical record required pursuant to [NAC 638.0475](#).

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R110-16, eff. 2-27-2018)

NAC 638.748 Disciplinary action. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.147](#))

1. A violation of the provisions of this chapter or [chapter 638](#) of NRS, or a ruling of misconduct or noncompliance with the standards of practice of equine dentistry by a professional equine dentistry organization approved by the Board, may be grounds for disciplinary action.

2. If the Board determines that an applicant for a certificate of registration pursuant to [NAC 638.742](#) or an equine dental provider who has been issued a certificate of registration pursuant to [NAC 638.742](#) has committed any act which is a ground for disciplinary action, the Board may:

- (a) Refuse to issue a certificate of registration.
- (b) Refuse to renew a certificate of registration.
- (c) Revoke a certificate of registration.
- (d) Suspend a certificate of registration for a definite period or until further order of the Board.

(e) Impose an administrative fine in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for each act that constitutes a ground for disciplinary action.

(f) Place an equine dental provider who has been issued a certificate of registration on probation subject to any reasonable conditions imposed by the Board, including, without limitation, requiring courses in continuing education or a periodic or continuous review of his or her practice of equine dentistry.

(g) Administer a public reprimand or consent decree.

(h) Require the equine dental provider who has been issued a certificate of registration to take a competency examination or a mental or physical examination.

(i) Require the equine dental provider who has been issued a certificate of registration to pay all costs, including, without limitation, attorney's fees, incurred by the Board in taking disciplinary action against him or her.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R110-16, eff. 2-27-2018)

ANIMAL PHYSICAL THERAPY

NAC 638.750 “Animal physical therapy” defined. ([NRS 638.070](#)) As used in [NAC 638.750](#) to [638.790](#), inclusive, “animal physical therapy” means the rehabilitation of injuries in a nonhuman animal through the use of the following techniques, but does not include animal chiropractic:

1. Stretching;
2. Massage therapy;
3. Rehabilitative exercise;
4. Hydrotherapy;
5. Application of heat or cold; and
6. Stimulation by the use of:
 - (a) Low-level lasers;
 - (b) Electrical sources;
 - (c) Magnetic fields; or
 - (d) Noninvasive therapeutic ultrasound.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R009-04, eff. 4-26-2004; A by R091-06, 11-13-2006)

NAC 638.760 Requirements to practice; application for certificate of registration; fee. ([NRS 638.070](#))

1. A person shall not practice animal physical therapy in this State unless he or she is:

- (a) A veterinarian;
- (b) A licensed veterinary technician who complies with the provisions of [NAC 638.053](#); or

(c) A physical therapist who has obtained a certificate of registration pursuant to this section and complies with the provisions of [NAC 638.780](#).

2. A physical therapist who desires to secure a certificate of registration to practice animal physical therapy in this State must make written application to the Board.

3. The application must be on a form provided by the Board, include any information required by the Board and be accompanied by satisfactory proof that the applicant:

- (a) Is of good moral character;
- (b) Has been an active licensed physical therapist in any state for at least 1 year;
- (c) Is licensed by and in good standing with the Nevada Physical Therapy Board;
- (d) Has successfully completed at least 100 hours of instruction or course work, or a combination of both, in the area of animal physical therapy, which must include, without limitation, assessment and planning of treatment, behavior, biomechanics, common orthopedic and neurological conditions, comparative anatomy, neurology, and therapeutic modalities and exercises; and
- (e) Has completed at least 125 hours of supervised clinical experience in animal physical therapy with a licensed veterinarian.

4. The application must be signed by the applicant . ~~and notarized.~~

5. Except as otherwise provided in [NAC 638.790](#), upon receipt of the application and information required by subsection 3 and payment of the fee required pursuant to [NAC 638.035](#), the Board will issue to the physical therapist a certificate of registration.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R009-04, eff. 4-26-2004; A by R075-06, 11-13-2006; R072-09, 4-20-2010; R073-16, 2-27-2018; **R074-21, 4-18-2022**)

NAC 638.770 Expiration and renewal of certificate; fee. ([NRS 638.070](#))

1. Each certificate of registration issued pursuant to [NAC 638.760](#) or renewed pursuant to this section expires on ~~January 1~~ **June 30** of each *odd-numbered* year.

2. Each application for renewal of a certificate of registration must be:

- (a) Submitted in the form established by the Board;
- (b) Signed by the physical therapist;
- (c) Accompanied by proof that the physical therapist completed ~~during the 12-month period immediately preceding the beginning of the new registration~~ :

(1) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (2), at least 10 hours of continuing education in animal physical therapy approved by the Board during the 24-month period immediately preceding the beginning of the new period of registration; or

(2) If the physical therapist was issued the certificate of registration after October 1 of the immediately preceding even-numbered year, at least 5 hours of continuing education in animal physical therapy approved by the Board ~~and~~ during the 12-month period immediately preceding the beginning of the new period of registration; and

(d) Accompanied by proof that his or her license as a physical therapist in this State is active and that he or she is in good standing with the ~~State Board of~~ **Nevada** Physical Therapy ~~Examiners~~ **Board**.

3. A physical therapist who fails to renew his or her certificate of registration before it expires forfeits the certificate of registration.

4. Except as otherwise provided in [NAC 638.790](#), upon receipt of the application for renewal and the information required by subsection 2 and payment of the renewal fee

required pursuant to [NAC 638.035](#), the Board will renew the certificate of registration of the physical therapist.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R009-04, eff. 4-26-2004; A by R072-09, 4-20-2010; **R074-21, 4-18-2022**)

NAC 638.780 Standards of practice for physical therapist holding certificate; maintenance of records. ([NRS 638.070](#))

1. A physical therapist who has been issued a certificate of registration pursuant to [NAC 638.760](#) may practice animal physical therapy only:

(a) Under the direction of a veterinarian licensed in this State who has established a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship concerning the animal receiving the animal physical therapy before the animal physical therapy is performed; and

(b) If the physical therapist assumes individual liability for the quality of the animal physical therapy performed.

2. The veterinarian under whose direction the physical therapist performs the animal physical therapy:

(a) Is not required to supervise the physical therapist during the animal physical therapy.

(b) Is not liable for the acts or omissions of the physical therapist who performs the animal physical therapy.

3. Each physical therapist who has been issued a certificate of registration shall:

(a) Maintain in this State for at least 4 years a separate written medical record of each animal receiving animal physical therapy from the physical therapist.

(b) Within 48 hours after the initial visit with the animal, mail or transmit electronically a complete copy of the medical record to the veterinarian under whose direction the physical therapist performs the animal physical therapy.

(c) Within 48 hours after each subsequent visit with the animal, mail or transmit electronically a progress report to the veterinarian under whose direction the physical therapist performs the animal physical therapy.

4. Any medical record made pursuant to subsection 3 must be available for inspection by the Board or its representative.

5. The veterinarian shall include the copy of the medical record received pursuant to subsection 3 in the medical record required pursuant to [NAC 638.0475](#). The written medical record must include, without limitation:

(a) The name, address and telephone number of the owner of the animal;

(b) The name or identifying number, or both, of the animal;

(c) The age, sex and breed of the animal;

(d) The dates of care, custody or treatment of the animal;

(e) The results of a basic rehabilitation examination related to physical therapy;

(f) The diagnosis and treatment plan related to physical therapy recommended by the physical therapist for the animal; and

(g) The progress and disposition of the case.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R009-04, eff. 4-26-2004; A by R063-13, 6-23-2014)

NAC 638.790 Disciplinary action. (NRS 638.070)

1. A violation of a provision of [chapter 638](#) or [640](#) of NRS or a regulation adopted by the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners or the Nevada State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners is a ground for disciplinary action.

2. If the Nevada State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners determines that an applicant for a certificate of registration pursuant to [NAC 638.760](#) or a physical therapist who has been issued a certificate of registration pursuant to [NAC 638.760](#) has committed any act which is a ground for disciplinary action, the Board may:

- (a) Refuse to issue a certificate of registration;
- (b) Refuse to renew a certificate of registration;
- (c) Revoke a certificate of registration;
- (d) Suspend a certificate of registration for a definite period or until further order of the Board;
- (e) Impose a fine in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for each act that constitutes a ground for disciplinary action;
- (f) Place a physical therapist who has been issued a certificate of registration on probation subject to any reasonable conditions imposed by the Board, including, without limitation, requiring courses in continuing education or a periodic or continuous review of his or her animal physical therapy practice;
- (g) Administer a public reprimand;
- (h) Require the physical therapist who has been issued a certificate of registration to take a competency examination or a mental or physical examination; and
- (i) Require the physical therapist who has been issued a certificate of registration to pay all costs, including, without limitation, attorney's fees, incurred by the Board in taking disciplinary action against him or her.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R009-04, eff. 4-26-2004)

ANIMAL CHIROPRACTIC

NAC 638.800 “Animal chiropractic” defined. (NRS 638.070) As used in NAC 638.800 to 638.840, inclusive, “animal chiropractic” means the examination and treatment of a nonhuman animal ~~{through the manipulation and adjustment of specific joints and cranial sutures of the animal.}~~ *that is noninvasive, nonsurgical, drug-free and which seeks to treat and manage musculoskeletal disorders that affect the joints, discs, soft tissue and nerves that are biomechanical in nature.*

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R115-99, eff. 12-7-99; A by R110-02, 11-6-2002; **R082-22, 12-29-2022**)

NAC 638.810 Requirements to practice; application for certificate of registration; fee. (NRS 638.070)

1. A person shall not practice animal chiropractic in this State unless he or she is:
 - (a) A veterinarian; or
 - (b) A chiropractor who has obtained a certificate of registration pursuant to this section and complies with the provisions of [NAC 638.830](#).
2. A chiropractor who desires to secure a certificate of registration to practice animal chiropractic in this State must make written application to the Board.
3. The application must be on a form provided by the Board, include any information required by the Board and be accompanied by satisfactory proof that the applicant:
 - (a) Is of good moral character;
 - (b) Has been an active licensed chiropractor in any state for at least 1 year;
 - (c) Is licensed by and in good standing with the Chiropractic Physicians' Board of Nevada; and
 - (d) Is certified by the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association or a similar accrediting or membership organization that is approved by the Board.
4. The application must be signed by the applicant. ~~and notarized.~~
5. Except as otherwise provided in [NAC 638.840](#), upon receipt of the application and information required by subsection 3 and payment of the fee required pursuant to [NAC 638.035](#), the Board will issue to the chiropractor a certificate of registration.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R115-99, eff. 12-7-99; A by R110-02, 11-6-2002; R072-09, 4-20-2010; R073-16, 2-27-2018; **R074-21, 4-18-2022**)

NAC 638.820 Expiration and renewal of certificate; fee. (NRS 638.070)

1. Each certificate of registration issued pursuant to [NAC 638.810](#) or renewed pursuant to this section expires on ~~January 1~~ **June 30** of each **odd-numbered** year.
2. Each application for renewal of a certificate of registration must be:
 - (a) Submitted in the form established by the Board;
 - (b) Signed by the chiropractor;
 - (c) Accompanied by proof that the chiropractor completed ~~during the 12-month period immediately preceding the beginning of the new registration~~ :
 - (1) **Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (2), at least 30 hours of continuing education in animal chiropractic approved by the Board during the 24-month period immediately preceding the beginning of the new period of registration; or**
 - (2) **If the chiropractor was issued the certificate of registration after October 1 of the immediately preceding even-numbered year, at least 15 hours of continuing education in animal chiropractic approved by the Board ~~and~~ during the 12-month period immediately preceding the beginning of the new period of registration; and**
 - (d) Accompanied by proof that his or her license as a chiropractor in this State is active and that he or she is in good standing with the Chiropractic Physicians' Board of Nevada.

3. A chiropractor who fails to renew his or her certificate of registration before it expires forfeits his or her certificate of registration.

4. Except as otherwise provided in [NAC 638.840](#), upon receipt of the application for renewal and information required by subsection 2 and payment of the fee required pursuant to [NAC 638.035](#), the Board will renew the certificate of registration of the chiropractor.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R115-99, eff. 12-7-99; A by R059-01, 10-12-2001; R110-02, 11-6-2002; R091-06, 11-13-2006; R072-09, 4-20-2010; **R074-21, 4-18-2022**)

NAC 638.830 Standards of practice for chiropractor holding certificate; maintenance of records. ([NRS 638.070](#))

1. A chiropractor who has been issued a certificate of registration pursuant to [NAC 638.810](#) may practice animal chiropractic only:

(a) Under the direction of a veterinarian licensed in this State who has established a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship concerning the animal receiving the animal chiropractic before the animal chiropractic is performed; and

(b) If the chiropractor assumes individual liability for the quality of the animal chiropractic performed.

2. The veterinarian under whose direction the chiropractor performs the animal chiropractic:

(a) Is not required to supervise the chiropractor during the animal chiropractic.

(b) Is not liable for the acts or omissions of the chiropractor who performs animal chiropractic.

3. Each chiropractor who has been issued a certificate of registration shall:

(a) Maintain in this State for at least 4 years a separate written medical record of each animal receiving animal chiropractic.

(b) Within 48 hours after the initial visit with the animal, mail or transmit electronically a complete copy of the medical record to the veterinarian under whose direction the chiropractor performs the animal chiropractic.

(c) Within 48 hours after each subsequent visit with the animal, mail or transmit electronically a progress report to the veterinarian under whose direction the chiropractor performs the animal chiropractic.

4. Any medical record made pursuant to subsection 3 must be available for inspection by the Board or its representative.

5. The veterinarian shall include the copy of the medical record received pursuant to subsection 3 in the medical record required pursuant to [NAC 638.0475](#). The written medical record must include, without limitation:

(a) The name, address and telephone number of the owner of the animal;

(b) The name or identifying number, or both, of the animal;

(c) The age, sex and breed of the animal;

(d) The dates of care, custody or treatment of the animal;

(e) The results of a basic physical examination related to musculoskeletal manipulation;

(f) The diagnosis and treatment plan related to musculoskeletal manipulation recommended by the chiropractor for the animal; and

(g) The progress and disposition of the case.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R115-99, eff. 12-7-99; A by R059-01, 10-12-2001; R110-02, 11-6-2002; R063-13, 6-23-2014)

NAC 638.840 Disciplinary action. ([NRS 638.070](#))

1. A violation of a provision of [chapter 634](#) or [638](#) of NRS or a regulation adopted by the Chiropractic Physicians' Board of Nevada or the Nevada State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners is a ground for disciplinary action.

2. If the Nevada State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners determines that an applicant for a certificate of registration pursuant to [NAC 638.810](#) or a person who has been issued a certificate of registration pursuant to [NAC 638.810](#) has committed any act which is a ground for disciplinary action, the Board may:

(a) Refuse to issue a certificate of registration;

(b) Refuse to renew a certificate of registration;

(c) Revoke a certificate of registration;

(d) Suspend a certificate of registration for a definite period or until further order of the Board;

(e) Impose a fine in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for each act that constitutes a ground for disciplinary action;

(f) Place a person who has been issued a certificate of registration on probation subject to any reasonable conditions imposed by the Board, including, without limitation, requiring courses in continuing education or a periodic or continuous review of his or her animal chiropractic practice;

(g) Administer a public reprimand;

(h) Require the person who has been issued a certificate of registration to take a competency examination or a mental or physical examination; and

(i) Require the person who has been issued a certificate of registration to pay all costs, including, without limitation, attorney's fees, incurred by the Board in taking disciplinary action against him or her.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Veterinary Med. Exam'rs by R115-99, eff. 12-7-99; A by R059-01, 10-12-2001; R110-02, 11-6-2002)

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

NAC 638.850 Inspection of veterinary facilities and vaccination clinics: Authorization and procedure. ([NRS 638.070](#), [638.077](#), [638.132](#))

1. An inspector approved by the Board may conduct inspections of veterinary facilities and vaccination clinics.

2. Each inspector shall evaluate a veterinary facility or vaccination clinic for compliance with the practice of veterinary medicine pursuant to the provisions of this chapter and [chapter 638](#) of NRS.

3. Each inspector shall:

(a) During an inspection, use a form for inspection approved by the Board. The form must include:

(1) A description of the nature of any violation;

(2) The specifications for any changes required to be made to correct the violation;

and

(3) The time allowed to correct the violation.

(b) Submit to the Board the form for inspection for each veterinary facility or vaccination clinic he or she inspects not later than 10 days after the inspector conducts the inspection.

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