

TO BE RESCINDED

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Minimum standards of sanitary and hygienic methods to be used in the humane care and treatment of animals.

The board shall pursuant to section 4741.22 of the Revised Code and to the extent permitted by law, take action against the license of any veterinarian, for a violation of any of the following regulations:

- (A) A departure from, or the failure to conform to, minimal standards of care of similar practitioners under the same or similar circumstances, whether or not actual injury to a patient is established.
- (B) Failure to keep the facility at which the practice is conducted in conformity with the following standards:
 - (1) Office: clean and orderly; library of professional journals and modern texts; license and renewal for veterinarians and registered veterinary technicians displayed in public view
 - (2) Caging or housing:
 - (a) Should be comfortable and satisfactory
 - (b) Should permit animals to be maintained in good health
 - (c) Should be designed with the animal's comfort as a primary consideration. Physical comfort includes keeping the animal dry and clean providing adequate temperature control for comfort, providing sufficient space to assure freedom of movement consistent with health and safety considerations, and allowing for normal postural adjustments, avoiding unnecessary physical restraint, providing convenient access to appropriate food and water, and if the animals are group housed, maintaining them in compatible groups without overcrowding.
 - (d) Should be designed to facilitate effective sanitary maintenance, provide adequate ventilation, technical servicing and to prevent escape.
 - (e) Cages, runs, and pens should be kept in good repair to prevent injury to the animal and to promote physical comfort.
 - (f) Materials used for the caging of animals shall be easily disinfected and appropriate for the species.

(3) Sanitation practices

- (a) The veterinary facilities shall be kept clean and odor free and have adequate ventilation. A regular schedule of sanitary maintenance is required.
- (b) Animal rooms, corridors, storage areas and other parts of the facility shall be washed, scrubbed, vacuumed, mopped, or swept as often as necessary, using appropriate detergents and disinfectants to keep them free of dirt, debris, and harmful contamination. The facility shall be kept neat, clean and uncluttered.
- (c) If litter or bedding such as paper is used in animal cages or pens, it shall be changed as often as necessary to keep the animals dry and clean and to prevent the spread of disease and to minimize odors.
- (d) Animal cages, racks and accessory equipment shall be washed and disinfected as often as necessary to keep them physically clean and free of contamination. Cages shall always be disinfected before new animals are placed in them.
- (e) Waste containers and implements shall be maintained in sanitary condition.
- (f) All hospital waste shall be disposed of in a safe manner as required by local, state and federal regulations.
- (g) Pest and vector control are required.

(4) Food and water

All animals shall have daily access to fresh food and water consistent to their particular medical requirements. Water and food containers shall be cleaned and disinfected prior to each use.

(5) Surgery

If surgery is performed, appropriate surgical facilities shall be operated and maintained in accordance with accepted surgical practices. A suitably equipped surgical area shall include, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) A means for effective sterilization of instruments, drapes, gloves, gowns or similar items.
- (b) An immediately accessible sink with running water suitable for scrubbing and other surgical preparation.
- (c) An operating light of sufficient power to assure clear illumination of the operative field.
- (d) Instruments, drapes, gloves and appropriate surgical attire.
- (e) Emergency lighting.
- (f) Instruments and equipment for assisted ventilation.
- (g) Immediate access to emergency drugs and equipment.
- (h) An oxygen delivery system.
- (i) If gas anesthesia is used, an appropriate and adequate scavenging system must be in place.
- (j) Clean and orderly, with construction and ventilation designed to avoid contamination, suitable for the surgical procedures that will be performed, and constructed of impervious material which can be adequately maintained and disinfected.
- (k) Suitable for the species and with an adequate operating table.

(6) Pharmacy

The pharmacy shall be neat, clean and orderly and meet, but not be limited to, the following requirements:

- (a) Maintain an inventory and records and dispense in compliance with all state and federal requirements.
- (b) Provide adequate refrigeration.

- (c) Use of controlled substances must conform to state and federal requirements.

(7) Radiology

- (a) Radiographic services must be available, either on site or by referral.
- (b) A veterinarian shall label each radiograph with the date, patient's name, owner's name and maintain them in an alphabetical, numerical or other systematic filing system. Radiograph must be properly identified with "L" or "R" for left or right respectively.
- (c) All radiographic sources of radiation shall be registered with the Ohio department of health, pursuant to their rules and regulations.
- (d) Safety equipment is required and shall be in accordance with the Ohio department of health rules and regulations.

(8) Examination room

The examination room shall be clean and orderly with sanitary waste receptacle(s) covered or enclosed, well lighted with an adequate table with impervious surface and the necessary equipment to perform examinations.

(9) Laboratory

The laboratory must be available on site or by referral. Equipment must be in working order, and the area kept clean, orderly and sanitary.

- (10) All veterinary facilities shall provide and maintain the following equipment, including but not limited to: oxygen delivery system, otoscope, ophthalmoscope, stethoscope, microscope, centrifuge, refrigeration, thermometer, scale, adequate restraint, sterilization equipment, emergency drugs and equipment, telephone or wireless communication system, safety equipment in accordance with local, state and federal laws, electricity, running water. All of the above are to be adequate and appropriate for the species involved.

(11) Local building codes, zoning, etc.

Notwithstanding the provisions of local building codes, zoning codes and

applicable use and building permits shall be complied with by the owner or director of a veterinary facility as a condition of operation.

(12) Humane treatment of animals

Regard for the animal's well being and the safety of all involved shall be paramount. When using physical and/or chemical restraint, veterinarians and their personnel shall employ methods of restraint which prevent the abuse and/or cruel handling of animals.

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