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**Companion Animal Vaccination Clinics.**

- (A) Vaccination clinic is defined as a temporary clinic where a veterinarian performs vaccinations and/or immunizations against disease on multiple companion animals, and where the veterinarian may diagnose and perform preventive procedures for heartworm and prevention and treatment of intestinal parasites and fleas and ticks.
- (B) Companion animals shall have the same meaning as defined in Revised Code 959.131
- (C) The vaccination clinic must register with the board in writing at least two weeks prior to providing services. The notification shall include the specific location of the vaccination clinic, the hours of operation, the permanent address where records for the clinic will be held, the names of all veterinarians who will be participating in the clinic and a phone number where those responsible for the clinic's operation may be reached during normal business hours.
- (D) A veterinarian must maintain autonomy for all medical decisions made. The veterinarian is responsible for proper immunizations and parasitic procedures and the completeness of recommendations made to the public by the paraprofessional staff that the veterinarian supervises or employs. The veterinarian is responsible for consultation and referral of clients when disease is detected or suspected.
- (E) The veterinarian must physically assess and make the determination that the animal is healthy enough to be vaccinated.
- (F) Medical records must be maintained in a central location for a period of three years from the last date of service to the patient. Clients must be made aware of where the medical records will be maintained via a printed form should a copy of the medical records be requested by the client or on behalf of the client by another veterinarian.
- (G) The disposal of waste material shall comply with all applicable state, federal, and local laws and regulations.
- (H) All drugs and biologicals shall be stored, maintained, administered, dispensed and prescribed according to the manufacturer's recommendations and in compliance with state and federal laws.
- (I) Lighting shall be adequate for the procedures to be performed in the vaccine clinic.
- (J) Table tops shall be of a material suitable for regular disinfecting and cleaning, and shall be cleaned and disinfected regularly.
- (K) Equipment must be of the type and quality to provide for the delivery of vaccines and parasiticides in the best interest of the patient and with safety to the public.
- (L) Fresh, clean water shall be available for sanitizing and first aid. Disposable towels and soap shall be readily available.

- (M) The vaccination clinic shall have the ability to address sudden life-threatening emergencies.
- (N) The vaccine clinic shall provide a legible list of name, address, and hours of operation of facilities that provide or advertise veterinary emergency services within a reasonable distance.
- (O) The veterinarian shall be identifiable to the public by some acceptable means, which shall include the posting of a copy of the veterinarian's license.
- (P) The public shall be informed of the limitation of services by way of a posted notice in plain view and easily readable or by notice provided to the client by flier or card.
- (Q) The veterinarian operating or providing permissible services in a vaccination clinic shall physically remain on site until all patients are discharged to their respective owners or authorized agents.
- (R) Compliance inspections may be conducted at vaccination clinics in accordance with section 4741.26 of the Revised Code.

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