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Important: the use of the term Veterinary Technician

The North Carolina Veterinary Practice Act defines the term "Veterinary Technician" as the following:

90-181. Definitions.

(11) *"Veterinary technician" means either of the following persons:*

- a. A person who has successfully completed a post-high school course in the care and treatment of animals that conforms to the standards required for accreditation by the American Veterinary Medical Association and who is registered with the Board as a veterinary technician*
- b. A person who holds a degree in veterinary medicine from a college of veterinary medicine recognized by the Board for licensure of veterinarians and who is registered with the Board as a veterinary technician*

The North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board (NCVMB) believes that Registered Veterinary Technicians (RVTs) play an important role in the profession and provide enhanced patient care for the public and their pets. Unfortunately, many Veterinary practices are referring to veterinary assistants and other staff members as Veterinary Technicians or Technicians. This action creates confusion and misrepresentation to the public.

The NCVMB acknowledges that there are individuals without veterinary technician credentials who are highly competent and provide essential services to the profession. However, a Registered Veterinary Technician has a title (that is associated with specific credentials) that is granted and protected by law under the North Carolina Veterinary Practice Act.

It is essential for each practice to educate their staff on the proper use of titles and the regulations of the North Carolina Veterinary Practice Act. Practices that improperly refer to non-registered individuals as Registered Veterinary Technicians or Veterinary Technicians will be cited upon inspection by the NCVMB and face the possibility of discipline.





Facility Inspection results are now available to the public on-line!

Your most recent inspection result is now viewable online. The public can search facility inspection results by the name of the facility, by city, or by county. Any violations cited during the inspection are viewable to the public. Once the violations have been corrected and proof has been sent to the Board of the correction, we will note on the facility profile that all violations cited during the last inspection have been corrected. This note may be delayed if payment for the inspection has not been received. Inspectors can collect payment at the time of inspection via credit card or check, cash will not be accepted.

Facility Inspections: Covid 19

Veterinary Facility Inspections are routinely conducted unannounced. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic the following changes are in effect until December 31st 2020:

- Inspections will be scheduled in advance
- NCVMB Inspectors will utilize PPEs for their inspections
- Inspections will strive to minimize contact with staff, maintain safe distances, and maximize safety

NCVMB Inspector's Territory



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Notes from the NCVMB Inspectors

- Sterilized gowns required for all invasive surgeries including Ovariohysterectomies.
- Prepping the animal needs to occur outside of the surgery suite.
- Remove all cardboard from surgery room as it can't be cleaned (along with other extraneous items). Surgery room should be reserved for surgery and not used as a storage area or work station.
- Locked controlled drug cabinets should be substantially constructed and affixed to the building with access limited to key personnel. (Keys should not be sitting on counter or in bowl next to drug cabinet.)
- Practice refrigerator storing refrigerated meds and biologicals should not store any human food/drink.
- When refrigerating reconstituted telazol, a secure locked controlled drug box should be in refrigerator (attached or tethered).
- Mobile veterinarians should be tethering controlled drug box in vehicle.
- When storing expired controlled meds that are waiting for proper disposal, clearly identify them as expired and keep inside the controlled drug box.
- Expired suture material should not be saved in the hospital but rather properly disposed of along with other expired meds or products.
- Controlled drug logs must be up to date.
- Emergency Clinic information should be on your main entrance door, after-hours voicemail, and website.



New NCVMB Board Member: Dr. Allen Cannedy

Dr. Allen L. Cannedy is a native of Fredericksburg, Virginia. He earned an Associate degree in Arts and Science from Germanna Community College, Bachelor of Science from Virginia State University and Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine. He did a Rotating Large Animal Internship at the University Of Tennessee College Of Veterinary Medicine and a Ruminant Production Medicine Residency at North Carolina State University- College of Veterinary Medicine (NCSU-CVM).

Dr. Cannedy was a ruminant group faculty member at NCSU-CVM as a Clinical Assistant Professor from 1997 to 2000 until became the Director of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs for the College of Veterinary Medicine. His primary duty as the veterinary college diversity director is to promote veterinary professional careers to underrepresented minority groups. Dr. Cannedy also owns and operates the Small Ruminant and Camelid Mobile Veterinary Services private practice that specializes in care for Llamas, Alpacas, Goats and Sheep.



The State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) has a dedicated prescription drug unit referred to as the Diversion and Environmental Crimes Unit (DECU). DECU consists of 12 Special Agent's tasked with the responsibility of investigating criminal violations of North Carolina's Controlled Substances Act involving licit drugs. These agents are positioned all across the state in various geographical areas.

DECU specializes in facility-based diversion embezzlements that can unfortunately occur within veterinarian clinical settings. Additionally, DECU investigates prescription fraud/forgery incidents/attempts where a providers DEA Number has been illegally compromised. Please do not hesitate to contact DECU to report any diversion you may suspect; we will be glad to offer any assistance or simply just to answer questions you may have regarding prevention.

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