

## LICENSED VETERINARY TECHNICIAN INFORMATION

A new law was recently passed by the 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislature and it authorizes the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to license and regulate veterinary technicians.

Should you wish to gain a veterinary technician license and become a Licensed Veterinary Technician (LVT) in Texas, you may do so by completing the application and submitting it with ALL required supporting documentation AFTER December 15, 2013.

The law allows a 'grandfathering' period that ends on August 31, 2014. Between December 15, 2013 and August 31, 2014, you may download the application and submit it with ALL required documentation and a \$70 fee.

In order to be eligible for licensure under the 'grandfather' provisions, you must:

1. Submit the application with all supporting documentation and fee; **AND**
2. Submit verification from TVMA (Texas Veterinary Medical Association) showing current registration through TVMA; **AND**
3. Gain a license by no later than August 31, 2014.

Please note that having an application on file does not mean that you hold a license. We must issue you a license with an issue and expiration date before you are considered licensed as an LVT.

This agency, TBVME, is working with the TVMA (Texas Veterinary Medical Association) directly to obtain verification of current registration for technicians to be eligible to gain a license via the grandfathering clause. The LVT applicant MUST be current and in good standing with TVMA.

After September 1, 2014, an individual may not use the term 'LVT' or refer to themselves as a 'Licensed Veterinary Technician' without a license. Giving the impression that one holds a license is against the law. A license to work as a veterinary technician is not mandatory; however, it is an option available to you.

The application will be available on December 15, 2013. It will be downloadable from our web site under the "License Information" tab.

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