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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Since the June meeting when the Board voted to propose a rule concerning teeth floating and dentistry, we have already received scores of comments on the proposed rule. One thing you should know is that while the Veterinary Licensing Act does include “dentistry” as a practice of veterinary medicine, the Act does not define dentistry, nor has the Board ever before adopted a rule defining dentistry or addressed this issue in anything other than enforcement policy statements. It is clear to us all that the current state of affairs is not sufficient in today’s environment and thus the necessity of a rule on dentistry.

I want to take this opportunity to provide you the language of the proposed rule and discuss what it would mean, if the Board adopts it as proposed. In addition, I want to invite you to a Public Hearing held by the Board on the proposed rule on Friday August 20, 2010 in Room 100 of the William P. Hobby, Jr. State Office Building located at 333 Guadalupe St., Austin, Texas at 9am. This will be an opportunity for all stakeholders to voice their opinion and provide comments on the proposed rule which the Board must consider and address as part of the rule adoption process. To see the full text of the rule, go to page 10.

The rule clarifies that a non-licensee may float with hand tools, as long as the procedure is non-invasive and does not go below the gum line. The current generally practiced method and standard of care for teeth floating is to use power tools and sedation. The proposed rule would allow a non-licensee to float teeth using motorized or air-driven tools only under the direct supervision of a veterinarian. The rule does not require that the non-licensee be an employee of the veterinarian, only that the veterinarian exercise direct supervision. Nothing in the proposed rule authorizes a lay person to use, possess or administer sedating drugs in order to perform teeth floating. This is currently prohibited by Section 801.002(5) of the Veterinary Licensing Act.

The proposed rule also states that any veterinarian who does supervise a non-licensee is responsible for the standard of care provided by the lay person.

The Board needs and values your input. Everyone understands that the issue of just who can float horse’s teeth and under what restrictions, if any, has become a very big issue. As some of you are aware, the Board’s efforts to stop the unauthorized practice of veterinary medicine in all forms has resulted in lawsuits and other investigations into the Board’s authority and right to regulate this subset of the practice of veterinary medicine.

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Important 2010 License Renewal Information

Renewal Notices:

As with renewal year 2009, the agency sent out post card renewal reminders in January for renewal year 2010 as well as late notices in March. **All licensees should have renewed their license on-line at www.tbvme.state.tx.us by now.** The online renewal system is still available should you still need to renew your license.

Practicing With An Expired License Is Illegal:

All licensees should be aware that if they have not renewed their license on or before March 1, 2010, **they must cease practicing until the license has been renewed.** The law requires that veterinarians not practice without a current license. Penalties for practicing with an expired license can include a reprimand, a \$1,000 per day fine, or other measures.

Continuing Education Requirements:

Veterinarians must have attained 17 hours of acceptable continuing education during calendar year 2009 (January 1 through December 31). Of those 17 hours, seven must have been obtained from personal attendance at live seminars. Please remember, if you **EARNED** in excess of 17 hours during any calendar year prior to the renewal year, you may carry-over the excess hours earned.

In Memoriam...

“Let us hold our lives up to the light of those who walked before us, remembering the footprints they left behind and preserving the pathways they created.”

Jack Fritts, Texas A&M Class of '53

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CITY, STATE</u>	<u>VET. SCHOOL/GRAD YEAR</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>
<i>R. Gordon Greeley, DVM</i>	<i>Bryan, TX</i>	<i>Univ. of Missouri 1953</i>	<i>November 29, 2009</i>
<i>David Cle Coleman, DVM</i>	<i>Hunt, TX</i>	<i>Texas A&M 1963</i>	<i>January 22, 2010</i>
<i>Curtis Lynn Kidd, DVM</i>	<i>Lampasas, TX</i>	<i>Texas A&M 1973</i>	<i>February 2, 2010</i>
<i>Henry Omar Mohr, DVM</i>	<i>Andrews, TX</i>	<i>Texas A&M 1962</i>	<i>March 20, 2010</i>
<i>Guy G. Moran, DVM</i>	<i>San Antonio, TX</i>	<i>Texas A&M 1945</i>	<i>April 3, 2010</i>
<i>Kathryn Gilpatric, DVM</i>	<i>Knoxville, TN</i>	<i>Texas A&M 2001</i>	<i>April 16, 2010</i>
<i>Maynard Frankson, DVM</i>	<i>Bay City, TX</i>	<i>Texas A&M 1952</i>	<i>April 29, 2010</i>
<i>Tony Barcelona, Jr., DVM</i>	<i>Bryan, TX</i>	<i>Texas A&M 1946</i>	<i>May 11, 2010</i>
<i>James Neighbors, DVM</i>	<i>Denton, TX</i>	<i>Texas A&M 1975</i>	<i>May 19, 2010</i>
<i>Arnold Legg, DVM</i>	<i>Henderson, TX</i>	<i>Texas A&M 1984</i>	<i>June 12, 2010</i>
<i>John Golden, DVM</i>	<i>San Antonio, TX</i>	<i>Texas A&M 1969</i>	<i>June 26, 2010</i>
<i>Allen G. Hicks, DVM</i>	<i>Teague, TX</i>	<i>Texas A&M 1967</i>	<i>July 6, 2010</i>

Licensing Exam Dates

State Board Exam 2010

Exam Date	Application Deadline	Location
8/9/10	6/25/10	UT, JJ Pickle Center, Austin
10/11/10	8/27/10	UT, JJ Pickle Center, Austin
12/6/10	10/22/10	UT, JJ Pickle Center, Austin

NAVLE 2010

Exam Date	Application Deadline	Location
11/15/10—12/11/10	8/1/10	Various



CONTINUING EDUCATION OFFERINGS

Information on available CE may be obtained through the following sources. Additional offerings may be available through other sources.

<p><u>RACE</u> (Registry of Approved Continuing Education) Search for Available CE: http://www.aavsb.org/RACE/RaceSearch.asp</p>	<p><u>Texas A&M</u> Phone: (979) 845-9102 Fax: (979) 862-2832 Email: ceoffice@cvm.tamu.edu</p>
<p>RACE requires approved providers to issue signed certificates of completion, maintain attendance records for four years and provide qualification of instructors and CE personnel who develop and implement courses.</p>	<p><u>Texas Veterinary Medical Association</u> www.tvma.org 8104 Exchange Dr. Austin, TX 78754 Phone: (512) 452-4224 Fax: (512) 452-6633</p>

Our Mission:

The mission of the Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners is to establish and enforce policies to ensure the best possible quality of veterinary services for the people of Texas.

Our Goals:

The Board and its staff will ensure that Texans are effectively and efficiently served by quality veterinary professionals by setting clear standards for professional conduct, by assuring compliance with the rules of professional conduct and the community standard of care, and seeking solutions to issues that strengthen the profession and protect the public.

ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

At the June 28, 2010 meeting, the Board accepted Agreed Orders in 14 docketed cases. Following are summaries of the findings of 4 of those cases. These summaries do not contain all of the facts of each case. For the full text of an Agreed Order, please submit an open records request to our office.

Case No. 2010-51, TBVME vs. Jay Meyer, DVM, Lic.# 8248, Round Rock, TX

On June 28, 2010, the Board found that Dr. Meyer violated §801.402, GENERAL GROUNDS FOR LICENSE DENIAL OR DISCIPLINARY ACTION for being chronically or habitually intoxicated, chemically dependent, or addicted to drugs. **Disciplinary Action: Formal Reprimand, submit to random drug screens at least two times a week, enter into a contract with the Peer Assistance Program and follow any recommendations of the Peer Assistance Program Coordinator.**

Case No. 2010-53, TBVME vs. Andra Anderson, DVM, Lic.# 5437, Frisco, TX

On June 28, 2010, the Board found that Dr. Anderson violated rule §573.43, MISUSE OF DEA NARCOTICS REGISTRATION by allowing her Department of Public Safety controlled substance registration to lapse on January 31, 2008 and not renewing it. Dr. Anderson failed to respond to the Board inquires regarding this matter. **Disciplinary Action: Formal Reprimand and a \$1,500.00 Administrative Penalty.**

Case No. 2010-54, TBVME vs. Warren Resell, DVM, Lic.# 4261, Humble, TX

On June 28, 2010, the Board found that Dr. Resell violated rule §573.43, MISUSE OF DEA NARCOTICS REGISTRATION by allowing his Department of Public Safety controlled substance registration to lapse on August 31, 2008. This was in violation of prior Board Order 2008-35 where he was required to maintain his DPS registration. **Disciplinary Action: Formal Reprimand, \$500 Administrative Penalty.**

Case No. 2010-76, TBVME vs. Mary Jane Grant, DVM, Lic.# 8128, El Paso, TX

On June 28, 2010, the Board found that Dr. Grant violated §801.402, GENERAL GROUNDS FOR LICENSE DENIAL OR DISCIPLINARY ACTION for being chronically or habitually intoxicated, chemically dependent, or addicted to drugs. **Disciplinary Action: Formal Reprimand, license suspended for 5 years with all 5 years stayed and Dr. Grant is placed on probation for the entire 5 years, must complete 5 year contract with the Peer Assistance Program.**

The remaining approved agreed orders consist of:

- One licensee who received an Administrative Penalty and must obtain additional hours of continuing education for failure to obtain the required number of continuing education hours in 2006 and 2007.
- Two licensees who received Administrative Penalties for failure to notify the Board of their arrest for a misdemeanor related to the practice of veterinary medicine.
- Two licensees who received Administrative Penalties for failure to maintain their Department of Public Safety controlled substance registration.
- One licensee who received an Informal Reprimand and must obtain 3 hours of continuing education in heartworm disease prevention and/or treatment for failure to perform an adult heartworm antigen test which led to possible misdiagnosis of heartworms.
- One licensee who received an Administrative Penalty for failure to ensure that a licensed employee held a current Department of Public Safety controlled substances registration prior to granting permission to operate under the Respondent's DEA controlled substances registration.

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NEWS FROM THE TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION

AUSTIN - In cooperation with the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC,) the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, has recently developed a mobile Veterinary Emergency Team (V.E.T.) to respond to disasters that affect animals state-wide.

The new team is deployable under the state animal response plan in a disaster situation where there is need for additional veterinary assessment, triage and care. Currently the team is made up of 13 members and consists of A&M faculty, resident veterinarians, veterinary technicians and veterinary students who have completed a disaster medicine elective. The team is fully self-sufficient with their own lodging, food, generators and supplies for responders. Their equipment includes two large climate-controlled tents, one multi-purpose trailer and one clinic trailer with limited surgical capability. The team also has obtained trucks to haul trailers and equipment, as well as an ambulatory medicine truck. Team members are divided into strike teams that can be targeted at either large or small animal issues.

"As the lead agency responsible for dealing with animals affected by disasters, the Texas Animal Health Commission has done an outstanding job of developing one of the premiere animal issues in disasters plans in the country. TAHC personnel have brought together an impressive array of governmental and non-governmental agencies all focused on preserving the health and welfare of animals. The Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences is proud to be part of this effort. Under the leadership of the TAHC the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences will field a team capable of assisting in assessment and providing triage capabilities," said Dr. Wesley Bissett, TAMU's lead faculty member in this effort.

"Our two organizations have put together an impressive array of equipment and personnel that will have the ability to limit and prevent animal suffering as disasters occur. In addition, the TAHC has provided us the opportunity to increase our efforts in teaching emergency response in the veterinary medical curriculum. Ultimately this will lead to increased numbers of veterinarians committed to and trained in emergency response. The end result will be strengthening the foundation of local governmental emergency response efforts. Texas is a "can do" state and the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences appreciates the opportunity to play a role in making sure that we can enhance the efforts of local and state governmental entities during times of disaster."

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Does a veterinarian need to display his/her DEA or DPS controlled substances registration certificate?

A. A veterinarian does not need to display their DEA or DPS controlled substance registration certificate. But it must be available for inspection or review by the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners or law enforcement personnel.

Q. Does a veterinarian need to display his/her original license and current year renewal certificate?

A. Each veterinarian, including a relief veterinarian, shall post or display at the veterinarian's practice location, whether mobile or fixed, his or her license to practice veterinary medicine and the most recent license renewal certificate. These documents must be displayed where they are visible to the public. A legible photocopy of the original documents is acceptable.

Q. Do you have to be a veterinarian to put a microchip in an animal?

A. Microchipping an animal is not considered the practice of veterinary medicine, therefore you do not have to be a veterinarian to microchip an animal.

BOARD ADOPTS CHANGES TO RULES

The Board adopted the following changes to rules at its June 28, 2010 Board meeting, these rules become effective July 31, 2010:

- **571.1, Criminal History Evaluation Letters.** *The proposed new rule is proposed based on the passage of House Bill 963 during the 81st Legislative Session and allows potential applicants for licensure to obtain criminal history evaluation letters regarding potential eligibility for licensure. The new rule also establishes the process for potential licensure applicants to obtain criminal history evaluation letters.*
- **571.3, Eligibility for Examination and Licensure.** *The proposed amendment deletes wording referring to application to the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE) as the Board has previously decided to allow the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to process the applications for NAVLE. In addition, the requirement for a candidate to apply for NAVLE is changed from the applicant being 6 months from the student's expected graduation date to the applicant being 8 months from the student's expected graduation date.*
- **573.24, Issuance of Certificates Through Direct Knowledge Only.** *The proposed amendment clarifies that a licensee is deemed to have knowledge of any health certificates issued in his or her name by the licensee's employee and/or maintained in the licensee's patient or client records. The amendment places responsibility for the security of the licensee's health certificate forms solely on the licensee, and requires the licensee to take reasonable care to prevent the misuse of said forms. The amendment also requires a licensee to report any theft or misuse of health certificates to the Board.*
- **573.65, Definitions.** *The proposed amendment clarifies that the designated caretaker is required to be under the appropriate level of supervision as set out by Board rules, if any are applicable.*
- **573.75, Notification of Licensee Addresses.** *The proposed amendment clarifies that a licensee is required to notify the Board of any change in the items set out earlier in the rule, in subsection (a), not later than the 60th day after the change takes place.*
- **575.281, Complaints-Appeals.** *The proposed new rule puts into rule the procedure for the public to appeal the dismissal of a complaint.*
- **575.35, Temporary License Suspension Proceeding.** *The proposed amendment corrects a numbered rule referenced within the rule.*
- **577.15, Fee Schedule.** *The proposed amendments adds an additional fee for the criminal history evaluation letters as required by the passage of House Bill 963 during the 81st Legislative Session, and proposed in Rule 571.1.*

TBVME 100th Anniversary

The Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners will mark its 100th Anniversary in 2011. We are looking for items that have been used throughout the past 100 years in the practice of veterinary medicine that could be loaned to the Board for use in an exhibit in the building which houses TBVME. If you send items for display, please send them to the attention of Loris Jones, Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, 333 Guadalupe, Suite 3-810, Austin, Texas 78701; make sure to include an address where you would like your item(s) returned, and contact information where you can be reached should there be any questions concerning your item(s).

BOARD PROPOSES CHANGES TO RULES

At the June 28, 2010 Board meeting, the Board directed staff to post the following proposed changes in the *Texas Register* for comment, the full text of the changes can be found on the agency website.

- **§571.3, Eligibility for Examination and Licensure.** *The amendment to §571.3, establishes the examination score for the Texas State Board Licensing Examination (SBE) is valid for one year past the date of the examination. The amendment also clarifies that a license application is not complete until the completion of any required terms and conditions as set forth by Board order regarding the application for the SBE is received by the Board.*
- **§573.65, Definitions.** *The amendment to §573.65 defines sedation, anesthesia, local anesthesia and topical anesthesia.*
- **§577.2, Meetings.** *The amendment to §577.2 would clarify that decisions made by the Board must be made by a majority of the members present and voting.*
- **§573.17, Dentistry.** *The proposed new rule sets forth a definition of dentistry that includes preventive dental procedures, animal teeth floating and operative dentistry/oral surgery. The proposed new rule clarifies that the definition of dentistry includes the use of sedation or anesthesia to accomplish a dental procedure by a licensed veterinarian. The use of sedation or anesthesia on horses by unlicensed individuals is currently prohibited by §801.002(5) of the Act. Dentistry is defined as not including the floating of teeth of animals with handheld, non-motorized, non-air-powered files or rasps. The proposed new rule states any non-licensee may perform animal teeth floating with a motorized or air-powered file only if they are under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian. The proposed new rule also states the licensed veterinarian supervising the non-licensee will be held responsible for the non-licensee to provide the same standard of care to the public as the licensed veterinarian would be required to provide to the public.*



“WORKING INTERVIEWS” – ARE THEY LEGAL?

In recent months, US and other AVMA accredited veterinary schools graduated several hundred veterinary students who are now looking for work as a veterinarian. A large number of new graduates want to work in Texas. Every state has different laws and rules governing the practice of veterinary medicine in their state. Something which is legal to do in one state may not be legal to do in another state.

Transcripts and references may not reflect the true skills of a new graduate, and many potential veterinary employers like to see a job applicant “in action” before they hire that person. Your applicant **MUST POSSESS A VALID, CURRENT TEXAS VETERINARY LICENSE** to perform any tasks that constitute the practice of veterinary medicine. To allow them to do so without a license is against the Texas laws and rules pertaining to the practice of veterinary medicine. Allowing an unlicensed individual to practice without a license not only jeopardizes their future license here in Texas, but may also result in disciplinary action against you.

Enforcement Issues Continued...

- One licensee who received an Informal Reprimand for failure to perform post-operative x-rays with the presenting symptoms.
- One licensee who received a \$500 Administrative Penalty for failure to renew their license and practiced for 8 months with an expired license.
- One licensee who received an Informal Reprimand for failure to properly supervise non-licensed employees by allowing them to administer vaccinations, including rabies vaccinations, and allowing them to sign rabies vaccination certificates.

CEASE & DESIST ORDERS

At the June 28, 2010 meeting, the Board approved one Cease & Desist Order.

- One individual in Weatherford, TX whom the Board identified as practicing veterinary medicine without a license by performing equine chiropractic services.

Board Meeting Dates *

September 10, 2010
December 13, 2010

*These dates are not official until posted with the Secretary of State.

<p>DID YOU KNOW???</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This publication as well as other important information is available on our website, www.tbvme.state.tx.us. ● Unless you owe for more than the current year, all licensees can renew their license online through our website. 	<p>PEER ASSISTANCE</p> <p>If you or someone you know has a substance abuse problem, it is far better to voluntarily participate in the Peer Assistance Program than to run the risk of disciplinary action, up to and including license revocation. The toll free hotline number is 1-800-288-7996.</p>
<p><i>The TBVME does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability in employment or in the provision of services, programs or activities. Individuals requiring reasonable accommodations should contact the agency's ADA Coordinator at 333 Guadalupe, Suite 3-810, Austin, TX 78701-3998, or call (512) 305-7555 or 1-800-877-8973 (TDD). This document may be requested in alternative formats by contacting the Board offices.</i></p>	<p>ADA ACCOMODATIONS</p> <p>Individuals seeking ADA accommodations should contact the Board's ADA Coordinator, Loris Jones, at 512/305-7555 or by email at loris.jones@tbvme.state.tx.us.</p>

NOTICE TO CLIENTS

To file a commendation or grievance concerning a veterinarian,
please contact:

Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

333 Guadalupe, Tower 3, Suite 810

Austin, Texas 78701-3942

Phone: (512) 305-7555

Fax: (512) 305-7556

To obtain information about filing a complaint, you may access the Board's
voicemail 24 hours a day by calling toll free: 1-800-821-3205

News From the Texas Animal Health Commission continued...

The Texas A&M V.E.T.s' first field exercise was held in College Station April 23-25. While they are still finalizing the acquisition of necessary supplies, the team is fully operational and mission-ready in time for the 2010 hurricane season.

Under the animal response plan, this team will deploy with TAHC field personnel in a large-scale disaster and will work under the same incident command structure.

The Texas Animal Health Commission works to protect the health of all Texas livestock, including: cattle, swine, poultry, sheep, goats, equine animals, and exotic livestock.

PROPOSED RULE RELATED TO DENTISTRY

§573.17 DENTISTRY

(a) Definitions.

Dentistry is the practice of veterinary medicine and means the application or use of any instrument or device to any portion of any animal's tooth, gum or any related tissue for the prevention, cure or relief of any wound, fracture, injury, disease or other condition of an animal's tooth, gum or related tissue. Dentistry may include the use of sedation or anesthesia to accomplish a dental procedure by a licensed veterinarian. Dentistry includes, but is not limited to:

- (1) "Preventive dental procedures" including, but not limited to, the removal of calculus, soft deposits, plaque, and stains, above the gum line or the smoothing, filing or polishing of tooth surfaces above the gum line;
- (2) "Animal teeth floating" defined as the rasping or cutting of the long projections or points of the teeth of animals. Dentistry does not include the floating of the teeth of animals with handheld, non-motorized, non-airpowered files or rasps;
- (3) "Operative dentistry/oral surgery" or any other dental procedure that invades the hard or soft oral tissue including a procedure that alters the structure of one or more teeth, or repairs damaged and diseased teeth, or the deliberate extraction of one or more teeth.

(b) Supervision. Any non-licensee may perform animal teeth floating with a motorized or air-powered file only if they are under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

(c) Responsibility. When animal teeth floating with a motorized or air-powered file is performed by a non-licensee, the board will hold the licensee supervising the non-licensee responsible for the standard of care provided by the non-licensee. The board expects the non-licensee to practice at the same standard of care the licensed veterinarian would be required to provide to the public.

(d) Prohibited acts. Any non-licensee who practices any other dental procedures on animals in a manner inconsistent with this rule shall be in violation of this rule and the Texas Veterinary Licensing Act.

PROVISIONAL (TEMPORARY) VETERINARY LICENSE AVAILABLE IN TEXAS

Some of our Texas licensed veterinarians may be hiring new associates. As stated in the article “Working Interviews – Are they Legal?” (see page 2) in order to practice veterinary medicine in Texas, one **MUST** possess a Texas veterinary license. None of our licensing processes are instant, but there is a provisional license available.

The Licensing and Examinations Division of the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners gives 5 major licensing examinations annually. Starting with the April exam, we give a licensing exam every other month. The specific examination dates and deadlines by which the application (along with all required, supporting documents) must be received in the office can be found on our web site (www.tbvme.state.tx.us) under the “License Information” tab.

In order to bridge the gap between regular license exams, the Board has statutory authority to issue a provisional license. This is a **temporary** license. The process also involves an application, supporting documentation and a separate exam. This is **NOT** an instant process, but can be faster than having to wait for the next available regular license exam and not being able to practice while waiting for that regular license.

The provisional license application packet may be obtained from our office by e-mailing or faxing a request with the applicants name and mailing address. (vet.board@tbvme.state.tx.us or fax 512-305-7556) We will mail out a packet within 3 days of the received request and it will include all study material. There are several eligibility requirements that the applicant must meet to be eligible for a provisional license. Details can be found on our web site on the ‘Frequently Asked Questions’ page.

Upon receipt of a complete provisional license application, it takes several days to work on the application, verify references, and notify the applicant. If the provisional license application file is complete, we can usually schedule a provisional license exam within 7 – 10 days. This exam is given on an “as-needed-basis”. Please keep in mind that there are quite a number of applicants that have to be worked into an already busy schedule. Generally, we strive to issue a provisional license the same day the applicant passes the provisional license exam. According to the laws and rules, at that moment, the “provisional” licensee is also scheduled for the next available regular license examination for which the deadline is met. It is not necessarily the next exam on the calendar, but the next **AVAILABLE** exam. It can be a few months down the road, but the provisional license enables the individual to obtain a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) controlled substances permit, as well as USDA accreditation. They can practice uninterrupted until they take and pass the regular license exam for which they have been scheduled to earn a regular Texas veterinary license.

During the provisional licensing process, some of you may be asked to write a letter of reference for a provisional license applicant. The laws and rules (and the application) state that we need two letters of reference from “veterinary employers with direct knowledge of the applicant’s veterinary practice and experience”. These persons must be able to attest to the applicant’s veterinary skills. Stating that the applicant is a compassionate and wonderful person is great, but it is not attesting to their skills.

As always, we are available to answer questions. Please don’t hesitate to call on us.



NOTICE OF ADDRESS CHANGE

Please email, fax, or mail to:

Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
333 Guadalupe, Suite 3-810
Austin, Texas 78701
FAX: 512-305-7556
Email: [vet.board@tbvme.state.tx.us](mailto:veter.board@tbvme.state.tx.us)

Please print or type

Name _____

License Number _____

Mailing Address:

Street/PO Box _____
City, State _____ Zip Code _____
Email _____

Practice Address:

Practice Name _____
Street _____
City, State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone _____ Fax _____
Email _____

Home Address:

Street _____
City, State _____
Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
Email _____

Note: The mailing address is the default address. All documents, forms and letters sent to you from this agency will be mailed to this address.

The mailing address is printed on your license renewal certificate. If you have changed your mailing address and need a duplicate renewal certificate, please indicate below.

___ Please send a duplicate renewal certificate.

Pursuant to Board Rule 573.75(e) "A veterinarian shall notify the Board of any change of any items in subsection (a) not later than the 60th day after the change takes place." Subsection (a) includes: name and license number; clinic or practice name; physical business address; mailing address; and residence address.