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In FY97, the Board received 56 complaints. 30% of those complaints involved noncompliance with the Board's rules and regulations. The majority of those complaints indicated that the licensees were not familiar with the rules and regulations and therefore, were in noncompliance. The Board wants to be certain that its licensees are familiar with its rules concerning veterinary facility permits and medical records. All veterinary facilities are required to be permitted prior to the practice of veterinary medicine being conducted. If ownership of a veterinary facility changes, the facility must be permitted by the new owner or veterinarian in charge prior to services rendered in the facility.

4 CSR 270-5.021(1) states, "The veterinarian in charge of each veterinary facility in the state is responsible for completing the self-inspection form and returning it to the board office."

4 CSR 270-5.011(6) states, "If ownership of a veterinary facility changes, the veterinarian in charge to whom the permit was originally issued is responsible for notifying the Board and returning the permit within thirty (30) days of the change of ownership. The veterinarian in charge shall apply for a new permit prior to performing any veterinary services in the facility."

Following is the Board's rule pertaining to the minimum standards for medical records.

4 CSR 270-4.041 states, "(1) Every veterinarian performing any act requiring a license pursuant to the provisions of 340.200(24), RSMo upon any animal or group of animals shall prepare a legible, written, individual (or group) animal and client record concerning the animal(s) which shall contain the requirements listed here. The medical record will provide documentation that an adequate physical examination was performed.

(A) Name, address and telephone number of animal's owner or agent.

- (B) Name or identity, or both, of the animal(s), including age, sex, breed, weight and color, where appropriate.
- (C) A brief history.
- (D) Notations of the physical examination.
- (E) Treatment or intended treatment plans, or both, including medications, amounts administered, dispensed or prescribed and frequency of use.
- (F) A diagnosis or tentative diagnosis.
- (G) When pertinent, a prognosis
- (H) Progress notes and disposition of the case.
- (I) Dates (beginning and ending) of custody of the animal with daily notations.
- (J) In the case of vaccination clinics, a certificate including the information required by subsections (1)(A) and (B) may serve as the medical records.
- (K) The veterinarian who created the record.
- (L) Name of the veterinarian who orders any radiographs.

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CHAIR'S REPORT

I am very honored to be serving as Chair of the Missouri Veterinary Medical Board. We would like to congratulate R. Thomas Dunn, DVM on his recent reappointment to the Board and Leilani Stark, RVT for her appointment to the Veterinary Technician Examining Committee. We would also like to welcome Patty Kempker, who has joined the Board's staff as its Clerk Typist II.

We would like to publicly thank Larry Nelson, RVT, our immediate past chair of the Veterinary Technician Examining Committee, for his untiring efforts and dedication during his tenure.

As the new fiscal year has begun, we would like to provide some statistical information about the past year. At this time, the Veterinary Medical Board regulates 2,652 veterinarians, 417 veterinary technicians and 726 veterinary facilities, for a total of 3,795 licensees.

A large part of the Board's responsibility includes evaluating and testing candidates for licensure. This past fiscal year, the Board administered approximately 108 veterinary National Board Examinations, 111 veterinary Clinical Competency Tests, 131 veterinary State Board Examinations, 45 veterinary technician National Board Examinations and 48 veterinary technician State Board Examinations.

The next scheduled Board meeting is April 14-15, 1998 at Days Inn Hotel in Columbia, Missouri. The National Board Exam, Clinical Competency Test and State Board Examination will be administered at that time. Anyone wishing to attend an open session of the Board may do so at the meeting in Columbia.



Roger "Dusty" Shaw, Jr., Board Chairman and Public Member

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The 1997 fiscal year ended June 30, 1997. I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with this end of the year report on Board activities as they relate to the veterinary medical profession in the State of Missouri.

Veterinarians

Total # Licenses-2,652
New Licenses Issued-112
by examination - 53
by reciprocity-15
by grade transfer-44
Licenses Renewed-
Active: 2,094
Inactive: 524
Licenses Revoked (Non-renewal) 78

Veterinary Technicians

Total # Licenses - 417
New Licenses Issued-28
by examination - 27
by reciprocity- 1
by grade transfer - 0
Licenses Renewed-
Active: 272
Inactive: 117
Licenses Revoked (Non-renewal) 8

Veterinary Facilities

Total # Facilities - 726
Original Permits Issued - 28
Permits Reviewed Annually - 729
Facilities Not In Compliance - 2
Closed - 35

Veterinary Complaints

Official Complaints Received - 56
Investigations Conducted
From prior year - 8
Initiated - 15
Completed - 21
Cases at Attorney General's Office
From prior year-16
Referred to AG Office-4
Stipulation Agreements Signed-14

Disciplinary Actions

Licenses Revoked - 1
Licenses Suspended - 0
Licenses Placed on Probation - 14
Licenses Currently on Probation - 19

The renewal period for veterinary facilities is underway. All renewals are due March 31, 1998. If you have not yet renewed your facility permit, it is to your advantage to send in your veterinary facility review form and fee as soon as possible to avoid being penalized. Any facility review form received after April 30, 1998 will be assessed the appropriate penalty fee.



Dana Prenger, Executive Director



BOARD APPOINTS NEW MEMBER

During its June 1997 meeting the Board appointed Leilani Stark, RVT to serve on the Veterinary Technician Examining Committee. She replaces Larry Nelson, RVT.

She is a 1990 graduate of Maple Woods Community College in Kansas City, Missouri with an Associates degree in Applied Science and Veterinary Technology. She completed an internship at Warrensburg Animal Hospital the summer of 1989 followed by one year at Western Missouri Medical Center as a Phlebotomist in the laboratory. She began her employment as a veterinary technician in 1991 and is still employed by B-B Veterinary Hospital in Warrensburg, Missouri. She is also a member of the Missouri Veterinary Technician Association.



Leilani Stark, RVT

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(2) Record and Radiograph Storage. All records and radiographs shall be maintained for a minimum of five (5) years after the last visit. Copies of the records will be made available within a reasonable period of time upon the request of another treating veterinarian who has the authorization of the owner. Documented proof of transfers of radiographs will be verifiable.

(3) Computer Records. Computer records are acceptable medical records so long as the security of the computer is maintained. If computer records are used by a veterinarian, a daily and cumulative monthly back-up on a separate disk or magnetic tape shall be made. The Board strongly recommends that the information required in section (1) of this rule be maintained on hard copy."

The Board would also like to remind its licensees when hiring a veterinarian to work in their clinic, the veterinarian is responsible to make sure that the veterinarian hired is actually licensed to practice in the state of Missouri. Before the newly hired veterinarian may perform any veterinary medical procedure, the veterinarian must have a permanent Missouri license or must have a temporary permit. The veterinarian who allows the unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine and the veterinarian who is unlicensed, are subject to discipline by the Missouri Veterinary Medical Board. You may verify if a veterinarian is licensed by contacting the Missouri Veterinary Medical Board.



MESSAGE FROM DIVISION DIRECTOR

My office has been working diligently with all 33 licensing boards in the Division of Professional Registration to provide greater service while reducing our costs. This will translate into great efficiencies and effectiveness and will stabilize your license fees (if not lower them).

Our goal is to "reduce the number of incompetent, negligent, fraudulent or dishonest services provided by Missouri regulated professionals," which will protect all Missourians in advance and lower the dollars we now spend to investigate, prosecute, and litigate complaints.

With over 726 veterinary facilities and 3,069 veterinarians and veterinary technicians, the board has received only 56 complaints. Of those, 28 were received from consumers, 4 from licensees, and the rest were from other state agencies.

Please stay tuned-in with us as we try an innovative approach to regulating the veterinary industry.

Warmest regards,
Randall Singer



Randall Singer, Division Director

METH ABUSERS APPROACHING VETERINARIANS

*Article by Mike Boerger, Chemical Investigator
Missouri Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous
Drugs*

Methamphetamine is a very addictive drug that is sweeping through Missouri in epidemic proportions. Methamphetamine is much more potent and addictive than crack cocaine. Methamphetamine is a central nervous system stimulant that has very dangerous effects on the body. Methamphetamine is manufactured using ephedrine or pseudoephedrine products as ingredients.

One of the most popular methods of cooking or manufacturing methamphetamine, involves the use of red phosphorous and iodine crystals as reagents. This particular method of making methamphetamine is being used in the western half of Missouri. In order to obtain the materials needed to manufacture meth, drug abusers are approaching veterinarians and requesting red phosphorous and iodine crystals.

Veterinarians are asked to cooperate with authorities by reporting suspicious persons, purchases or requests for strange amounts of these substances. Veterinarians should guard against selling these products to unfamiliar customers or people who don't appear to own livestock or know the medicinal purposes of red phosphorous and iodine crystals.

Although many clinic owners are concerned about being involved in criminal investigations, veterinarians are encouraged to develop an understanding and cooperative relationship with their local law enforcement agencies.

If you have any questions or wish to report suspicious information, please contact the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs at (573) 751-6321 or by FAX at: crided@mail.health.state.mo.us.

STADOL NOW SCHEDULE IV DRUG

*Article by Daniel Crider, Administrator
Missouri Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous
Drugs*

On October 1, 1997 a Final Rule was published placing butorphanol (Stadol) in Schedule IV of the federal Controlled Substances Act. The rule became effective October 31, 1997. Missouri law provides in Section 195.015 that any substances scheduled under federal law shall be similarly controlled in Missouri after 30 days from publishing of the final rule in the federal register, unless the Department of Health objects within that 30 day period. The Department of Health did not object, and therefore, the drug became Schedule IV under the Missouri Controlled Substances Act on October 31, 1997. All dosage forms are included.

An inventory of all butorphanol products must be taken. All state and federal requirements for security, record keeping and prescriptions for Schedule IV controlled substances must be complied with.

There have been continuous reports of the abuse of butorphanol products in Missouri since its introduction, and especially since the introduction of the nasal spray. This information was provided to DEA and FDA. The proposed rule was published in July 1997. It is interesting to note that of nine comments received regarding the proposed rule, six were in support of the proposal, and three of those comments came from Missouri agencies.

If you have any questions or would like additional information concerning this article, please contact the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs at (573) 751-6321 or by FAX at: crider@mail.health.state.mo.us.

FUTURE COMPUTERIZATION OF NATIONAL AND STATE EXAMINATIONS

During the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) Annual meeting, attendees were advised the AAVSB and National Board Examination Committee (NBEC) are working with a testing company to administer a computer driven adaptive examination. As of November 2000, the National Board Examination (NBE) and Clinical Competency Test (CCT) will be eliminated. There will be no paper and pencil test given after November 2000.

The examinations will be offered only through computerized examination and will be contracted through a computer company. The examination will be an adaptive examination. The questions on the examination will be based on the way the applicant answers the prior question. Once the question is answered, the applicant cannot go back to change or check an answer. Results of the examination will be available as soon as the examination is completed.

The Board will determine if the applicant is eligible to sit for the examination by reviewing the application and documentation required. Upon approval by the Board, the examination site closest to the applicant will then be determined and a time to take the examination will be scheduled.

The Board is also discussing the possibility of computerizing the Missouri State Board Examination. To computerize this examination would decrease the time it takes to be licensed. The applicant could take the examination at their convenience and at a site close to their location.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

April 14-15, 1998 - Board Meeting in Columbia, Missouri at the Days Inn Hotel and Conference Center

April 14-15, 1998 - National Board Examination, Clinical Competency Test and State Board Examination in Columbia, Missouri at the Days Inn Hotel and Conference Center

JUNE

June 11-12, 1998 - Board Meeting in Jefferson City, Missouri

JUNE Continued

June 12, 1998 - Veterinary Technician National Board Examination and State Board Examination in Jefferson City, Missouri

DECEMBER

December 8-9, 1998 - National Board Examination and Clinical Competency Test in Columbia, Missouri

ADDRESS CHANGE

If you move your employment or residence location, don't forget to notify the Missouri Veterinary Medical Board office. If we do not have your current address, your renewal notice may not reach you.

According to the Board's rule, 4 CSR 270-1.040, a licensee whose address has changed from that printed on the certificate must inform the Board of those changes by sending a letter to the Board office within 30 days of the effective date of the change.

New postal regulations became effective July 1, 1997 which state that bulk rate mail will no longer be forwarded if you have changed your address. **In order to provide less expensive mailings to you, it is required by the post office and by the Board's rule stated above, that you notify this office immediately of an address change.**

You may notify the office of any address change by faxing written notification to (573) 526-3856 or by mailing written notification to P.O. Box 633, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

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