

Report to Licensees

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Season's Greetings!



Board Member Changes

The Members of the Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine and the staff of the Board office would like to welcome new Board member, **Brent Robbins, DVM**. Dr. Robbins, who practices in Folsom, Louisiana, has been appointed to serve a five-year term from August 1, 2003 through July 31, 2008. We extend a warm welcome and best wishes for a productive term.

The Board has to say farewell to **Robert Lofton, DVM**, whose term with the Board expired on July 31, 2003. During his five-year term, Dr. Lofton assisted in streamlining operations and procedures of the Board, as well as sharing invaluable insight during his tenure. He is wished the best for the future.

Rules Update

For an updated copy of the Louisiana Veterinary Practice Act, Louisiana Administrative Code (Board Rules), Complementary Laws and AVMA Principles of Veterinary Medical Ethics through August 20, 2003, please visit our website, www.lsbvm.org, under the Practice Act section. The entire 80-page document can be downloaded and printed. Other important notices and dates have also been posted on the Board website. Because the laws are constantly being changed, you may call the Board office for an update on any current revisions to the Practice Act.

Animal Control Officer/Capture Drugs

Declaratory Statement (Amended 10/2/2003)

by Michael Tomino, Board Legal Counsel

The Board revisited the referenced matter at its October 2, 2003 meeting. More particularly, the question has arisen with regards to the legally permissible "minimal amount" of Ketamine and/or Telazol an Animal Control Officer (ACO) may have in his possession as originally established by the Board on June 5, 2003. It is the purpose of this Declaratory Statement to provide interested parties with an amended legally permissible "minimal amount."

Effective October 2, 2003, it is the Board's decision that in order to be in compliance with Rules 704B and 1225C, an ACO may have no more than the total amount of 20 ml. or two (2) vials of Ketamine and/or Telazol in his possession (vehicle) at any one time. Therefore, if the entirety of the total amount of 20 ml. or two (2) vials of Ketamine and/or Telazol is

not used during a single capture attempt, the unused minimal amount may be kept by the ACO for future capture attempts as long as the Board's Rules on this subject are complied with. For example, the unused portion, or a maximum of a total amount of 20 ml. or two (2) vials of Ketamine and/or Telazol, is legally permissible and must be secured in a locked container in the vehicle with a proper log being maintained as required by Rules 704B and 1225C.

The Board has communicated with DEA regarding the amended "minimal amount" issue. DEA is in agreement with the Board's determination as to what constitutes the amended legally permissible "minimal amount" defined above in this statement.

As an educational reminder, it must also be kept in mind that pursuant to Rules 704, an ACO may have access to capture drugs (Ketamine and Telazol only) if his only duty is to restrain and/or capture animals. In order to qualify under the terms of Rule 704, the ACO must first attend a Board approved training course in the use of chemical capture drugs. The ACO must also be an employee of an animal control agency which is operated by a state or local governmental agency, or which is operated by any duly incorporated humane society which has a contract with a local governmental agency to perform animal control services on behalf of the local governmental agency for the purpose of animal capture and/or restraint.

Also, please be advised that the veterinarian, or Lead CAET if applicable under the particular circumstances, is legally responsible for compliance with the requirements set forth in Rules 704 and 1225, respectively. Among other requirements set forth in the cited Rules, a log is required to be kept with regards to the "minimal amount" dispensed to and used by an ACO, as well as the Ketamine and/or Telazol must be kept secured in a locked container.

Any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Board office.



Schedule of 2004 Board Meetings

The Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine will meet in 2004 at 8:30 a.m. at the Board Office on the following dates: February 5, April 8, June 3, August 5, October 7, and December 2.

Consent Form Requirements

Medical records are important from a legal and case management point of view. Complaint cases may be avoided by revisiting the requirements for utilization of consent forms. Board Rule 1039 effective August 20, 2001, defines minimum standards for completion of a consent form relative to general anesthesia in a non-emergency situation, and euthanasia, and the requirement for veterinarians to consult personally with clients prior to any euthanasia procedures. Suggested sample consent forms which do comply with the law are provided with this publication for anesthesia and for euthanasia.



Externship Form

Per Board Rule 714 effective August 20, 2003, the attached Board approved form is to be used to report student externship to the Board office. This new form is to be completed by both the extern and the supervising veterinarian in the practice providing the externship. The form can also be downloaded and printed from the Board website, www.lsbvm.org, under the Applications section.



Renewal Year 2004 Statistics

As of October 31, 2003, license renewals for the 2004 renewal year are as follows:

1011 Active DVMS, 235 Inactive DVMS, 3 Faculty DVMS, 72 RVTs, 110 CAETs, 4 REDs. Of the 1,435 renewals, 148 were sent back to the applicant due to errors or omissions (10%). Send-backs many times result in late fee assessments and expiration of the license.

Disciplinary Cases

None to report this quarter.

GENERAL ANESTHESIA CONSENT FORM

To: _____
Hospital and/or Veterinarian

Owner's Name: _____ Case Number: _____

Address: _____
Street City State/Zip

Name of Animal: _____ Species: _____

Breed: _____ Sex: _____

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the owner or duly authorized agent for the owner of the animal described above and have the authority to execute this consent. I hereby authorize the performance of professionally accepted general anesthetic procedures necessary for its treatment.

I understand that support personnel will be used as deemed necessary by the veterinarian.

I have been advised as to the nature of the procedures and the risks involved in performing general anesthesia to the above described animal. I realize that results cannot be guaranteed.

I have read and understand this authorization and consent. I further understand that I assume financial responsibility for all services rendered.

Signature of Owner or Agent

Date: _____

SUGGESTED
SAMPLE

EUTHANASIA CONSENT FORM

Owner's Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Street

_____ Alt. Phone: _____

City

State/Zip

Pet's Name: _____ Breed: _____

Sex: _____ Age: _____ Color/Markings: _____

Case Number: _____

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the owner or duly authorized agent for the owner of the animal described above, that I do hereby give _____ (veterinarian) and his employees or representative, full and complete authority to end the life and dispose of said animal in whatever manner they shall deem appropriate.

I acknowledge that Dr. _____ has met with me personally and discussed the euthanasia of my animal. I also certify that to the best of my knowledge the said animal has not bitten any person or animal during the last fifteen (15) days, and has not been exposed to rabies. I further understand that I assume financial responsibility for all services rendered.

Again, by signing this form I am giving permission to end this animal's life and I have the authority to execute this consent.

Signature of Owner or Agent

Date: _____

SUGGESTED
SAMPLE

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