

**California Code of Regulations**  
**Title 16. Professional and Vocational Regulations**  
**Division 20. Veterinary Medical Board**

PROPOSED LANGUAGE

Proposed amendments to the regulatory language are shown in single underline for new text and ~~single strikethrough~~ for deleted text.

Amend Section 2036 of Article 4 of Division 20 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:

**2036. Animal Health Care Tasks for R.V.T.**

(a) Unless specifically so provided by regulation, an R.V.T. shall not perform the following functions or any other activity which represents the practice of veterinary medicine or requires the knowledge, skill, and training of a licensed veterinarian:

- (1) Surgery;
- (2) Diagnosis and prognosis of animal diseases;
- (3) Prescription of drugs, medicines, or appliances.

(b) An R.V.T. may perform the following procedures only under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian:

- (1) Induce anesthesia;
- (2) ~~Apply casts and splints;~~
- ~~(3) Perform dental extractions;~~
- (43) Suture cutaneous and subcutaneous tissues, gingiva, and oral mucous membranes;
- (54) Create a relief hole in the skin to facilitate placement of an intravascular catheter.

(c) An R.V.T. may perform the following procedures under indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian:

- (1) Administer controlled substances;
- (2) Apply casts and splints;
- (3) Drug compounding.

(d) Subject to the provisions of subsection(s) (a), (b), and (c) of this section, an R.V.T. may perform animal health care tasks under the direct or indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian. The degree of supervision by a licensed veterinarian over an R.V.T. shall be consistent with standards of good veterinary medical practices.

Authority cited: Sections 4808, 4826 and 4836, Business and Professions Code. Reference:  
Sections 4826.5, 4836, 4840 and 4840.2, Business and Professions Code.