



## MEMORANDUM

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**DATE** February 22, 2013

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**TO** Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee

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**FROM** Sue Geranen Executive Officer  
DCA/Veterinary Medical Board

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**SUBJECT** Administration of Epidurals on Animals

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**Background:**

The issue of administration of epidurals on animals was raised by the Board at their January 2013 meeting. At the meeting the Board discussed the standard of practice and that administration of epidurals on animals is not defined in regulation as a restricted task. There was some discussion as to whether epidurals are considered "anesthesia" and as such should be restricted to veterinarians and/or RVTs.

The Board referred administration of epidurals on animals as a high priority to the MDC for their discussion and to report back to the Board within by their July meeting.

**Action Requested:**

Discussion and consideration of taking action.