

**RVT EXAMINATION CATEGORY BREAKDOWN**  
**Revised Test Plan of Content Areas/Domains**  
**Effective 1/1/05**

(\*\*Exam consists of 175 questions)

<i>Content Areas/Domains</i>	<i>Approximate Percentage Of Items</i>	<i>Approximate Number of Items</i>
Animal Nursing	26%	46
Anesthesia	18%	31
Surgical Assistance	8%	14
Emergency and Critical Care	12%	21
Laboratory and Diagnostic Procedures	8%	14
Diagnostic Imaging	5%	9
Pharmacology	11%	19
Patient Examination	8%	14
Animal Dentistry	4%	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%*</b>	<b>175*</b>

\*Percentages figured on 175 scored items.

Many questions on the examination are not species specific. For those questions that are, the following species are emphasized in descending order: dogs, cats, rabbits, rodents, birds, reptiles, horses, cattle, goats, sheep, pigs, llamas, ferrets, primates.

**The passing score on the California examination is determined by the Angoff criterion reference method of setting a pass point.**

**\*\*Such a passing grade MAY VARY MODERATELY with changes in test composition.**