

**BEFORE THE
CALIFORNIA VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Citation Against:

Amanda Raibolt

Unlicensed

Respondent

Citation No. 4602025001657

CITATION

Complainant alleges:

PARTIES

1. Jessica Sieferman (“Complainant”) brings this Citation solely in her official capacity as the Executive Officer of the California Veterinary Medical Board (“Board”), Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California.
2. The Board’s records fail to reveal that Amanda Raibolt (“Respondent”) has been issued a veterinarian license.
3. The Board’s records fail to reveal that Respondent has been issued a registered veterinary technician registration.
4. The Board’s records fail to reveal that Respondent has been issued a veterinary assistant controlled substance permit.

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

5. Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 4875.7 authorizes the Executive Officer to issue a citation to a person or entity, and that person or entity shall be subject to an administrative fine of no less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) and not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for each violation of

practicing or offering to practice veterinary medicine without a license, registration, or permit issued by the board pursuant to this chapter. The

maximum fine for unlicensed activity is separate and not inclusive of fines for other violations.

6. BPC section 4825 provides that it is unlawful for any person to practice veterinary medicine or any branch thereof in this State unless at the time of so doing, such person holds a valid, unexpired, and unrevoked license as provided by this chapter.

7. BPC section 4826 states, in pertinent part, that a person practices veterinary medicine, surgery, and dentistry, and the various branches thereof, when the person does any one of the following:

(a) Represents oneself as engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine, veterinary surgery, or veterinary dentistry in any of its branches.

[...]

(c) Administers a drug, medicine, appliance, application, or treatment of whatever nature for the prevention, cure, or relief of a wound, fracture, bodily injury, or disease of animals, except where the medicine, appliance, application, or treatment is administered by a registered veterinary technician or a veterinary assistant at the direction of and under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian subject to Article 2.5 (commencing with Section 4836) or where the drug, including, but not limited to, a drug that is a controlled substance, is administered by a registered veterinary technician or a veterinary assistant pursuant to Section 4836.1. However, no person, other than a licensed veterinarian, may induce anesthesia unless authorized by regulation of the board.

[...]

8. BPC section 4836 states, in pertinent part:

(a) The board shall adopt regulations establishing animal health care tasks and an appropriate degree of supervision required for those tasks that may be performed only by a registered veterinary technician or a licensed veterinarian.

(b) The board also may adopt regulations establishing animal health care tasks that may be performed by a veterinary assistant as well as by a registered veterinary technician or a licensed veterinarian. The board shall establish an

appropriate degree of supervision by a registered veterinary technician or a licensed veterinarian over a veterinary assistant for any tasks established under this subdivision and the degree of supervision for any of those tasks shall be higher than, or equal to, the degree of supervision required when a registered veterinary technician performs the task.

[...]

9. BPC section 4836.1 states, in pertinent part:

(b) A veterinary assistant may obtain or administer a controlled substance pursuant to the order, control, and full professional responsibility of a licensed veterinarian, only if they meet both of the following conditions:

(1) Is designated by a licensed veterinarian to obtain or administer controlled substances.

(2) Holds a valid veterinary assistant controlled substance permit issued pursuant to Section 4836.2.

[...]

10. BPC section 4839.5 states:

No person shall use the title “registered veterinary technician” or “veterinary technician,” or any other words, letters, or symbols, including, but not limited to, the abbreviation “R.V.T.,” with the intent to represent that the person is authorized to act as a registered veterinary technician, unless that person meets the requirements of Section 4839.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS:

11. On or about October 8, 2025, the Board conducted an inspection of a registered veterinary premises where Respondent is employed. During the inspection a Board Inspector observed Respondent handle and administer midazolam, a controlled substance, to an animal patient.
12. From on or about August 19, 2025, through March 10, 2026, Respondent advertised herself as a veterinarian located in Paradise, California and Respondent used the title Veterinary Technician on her LinkedIn profile.

CAUSE FOR CITATION

13. On October 8, 2025, Respondent engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine when she administered midazolam to an animal patient without possessing a valid veterinarian license, registered veterinary technician registration, or veterinary assistant controlled substance permit. Such conduct constitutes a violation of BPC sections 4825, 4826, subdivision (c), 4836, and 4836.1, subdivision (b).
14. On or about August 19, 2025, Respondent engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine when she represented herself on LinkedIn as a licensed veterinarian without possessing a valid veterinarian license; and when she used the title

Veterinary Technician on her LinkedIn profile. Such conduct constitutes a violation of BPC sections 4825, 4826, subdivision (a), and 4839.5

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES
CAUSE OF ACTION

15. A violation exists pursuant to BPC sections 4825, 4826, subdivision (c), 4836, and 4836.1, subdivision (b). Based upon violations as set forth in Paragraph 13, a cause of action thereby exists.
16. A violation exists pursuant to BPC sections 4825, 4826, subdivision (a), and 4839.5. Based upon a violation as set forth in Paragraph 14, a cause of action thereby exists.

PENALTY

17. In compliance with BPC section 4875.7, and CCR, Title 16, section 2043, subdivision (e), it is determined that:

Respondent be cited for a violation in the amount of \$5,000 for the Cause for Citation, based upon a determination that the above-described facts in Paragraph 13 constitutes a violation of BPC sections 4825, 4826, subdivision (c), 4836, and 4836.1, subdivision (b).

Respondent be cited for a violation in the amount of \$2,000 for the Cause for Citation, based upon a determination that the above-described facts in Paragraph 14 constitutes a violation of BPC sections 4825, 4826, subdivision (a), and 4839.5.

18. In compliance with BPC section 4875.7, and CCR, Title 16, section 2043, subsection (c), the total penalty for the above violations is \$7,000.

ORDER OF ABATEMENT

The Board hereby orders Respondent to cease and desist from violating BPC sections 4825, 4826, subdivisions (a) and (c), 4836, 4836.1, subdivision (b), and 4839.5.

April 10, 2026

DATE

Signature on File

JESSICA SIEFERMAN
Executive Officer
California Veterinary Medical Board
Department of Consumer Affairs
State of California

CONTEST OF CITATION
(Business and Professions Code (BPC) Sections 125.9 and 4875.6)

If you desire to administratively contest the citation or the proposed assessment of a civil penalty therefor and want to request an informal conference, you must, within 30 business days after you receive the citation, notify the executive officer in writing of your request for an informal conference with the executive officer or his or her designee. (BPC, § 4875.6, subd. (a).)

If you desire a hearing to contest the finding of a violation, you must submit a written request for hearing to the Veterinary Medical Board (Board) within 30 days of the date of issuance of the citation or assessment. (BPC, § 125.9, subd. (b)(4).)

Submit your request for an informal conference or hearing to contest the citation to the following address:

Veterinary Medical Board
1747 N. Market Blvd., Suite 230
Sacramento, CA 95834.

If you fail to notify the executive officer or Board in writing that you intend to contest the citation or the proposed assessment of a civil penalty therefor, by either submitting a request for an informal conference or hearing as described above, the citation or the proposed assessment of a civil penalty shall be deemed a final order of the Board and shall not be subject to further administrative review. (BPC, § 4875.6, subd. (a).)

You may, in lieu of contesting a citation, transmit to the Board the amount assessed in the citation as a civil penalty, within 10 business days after receipt of the citation. (BPC, § 4875.6, subd. (b).)

Failure of a licensee or registrant to pay a civil penalty within 30 days of the date of receipt of the assessment, unless the citation is being appealed, may result in disciplinary action being taken by the Board. When a citation is not contested and a civil penalty is not paid, the full amount of the assessed civil penalty shall be added to the fee for renewal of the license or registration. A license or registration shall not be renewed without payment of the renewal fee and civil penalty. (BPC, § 125.9, subd. (b)(5).)

If you are an unlicensed person, you may notify the Board and file a petition for a writ of administrative mandamus under section 1094.5 of the Code of Civil Procedure within 30 calendar days after receipt of the citation, without engaging in an informal conference or administrative hearing. Payment of any fine shall not constitute an admission of the violation charged. (BPC, § 4875.6, subd. (b).)