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# California Veterinary Medical Board Registered Veterinary Technician Examination



## CANDIDATE INFORMATION BULLETIN

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## PURPOSE

This Candidate Information Bulletin is designed to provide you with general information about the Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT) written examination process, as well as an overview of the content areas in which you will be examined.

## EXAMINATION DEVELOPMENT

The California Registered Veterinary Technician Examination is developed by the Veterinary Medical Board (VMB) with the guidance and technical assistance of the Office of Examination Resources (OER), California Department of Consumer Affairs.

## ESTABLISHING THE PASSING STANDARDS

A licensing examination determines whether an examinee is competent to practice, not whether the examinee performs better or worse than others who take the test.

In accordance with Business and Professions Code Section 101.6, the purpose of Boards, Bureaus, and Commissions is to "...establish minimum qualifications and levels of competency and license persons desiring to engage in the occupations they regulate upon determining that such persons possess the requisite skills and qualifications necessary to provide safe and effective services to the public, or register or otherwise certify persons in order to identify practitioners and ensure performance according to set and accepted professional standards."

## ESTABLISHING THE PASSING SCORE

The passing score for each RVT examination is established by a panel of practicing veterinarians and RVTs (i.e., subject matter experts), who are trained by an OER test development and validation specialist in the use of a criterion-referenced standardizing setting procedure. These subject matter experts (SMEs) judge each exam item and assign a rating based on the probability that an entry-level RVT would answer the item correctly. These ratings are then averaged across SMEs and items, and the resulting mean is the passing score for the examination. The passing score thus reflects a fixed criterion for admission to practice; namely, minimally acceptable competence to practice safely as a RVT. Since the exam content changes, the passing score itself is not fixed from one administration to the next. The passing score will fluctuate moderately based on the difficulty of each item within the current form of the examination.

## EXAMINATION ADMINISTRATION BY PSI

The State has contracted with PSI licensure:certification (PSI) to conduct its examination program. PSI provides examinations through a network of computer examination centers in California.

All questions and requests for information about examinations should be directed to PSI.

### PSI licensure:certification

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[www.psiexams.com](http://www.psiexams.com)

Eligibility for the examination is determined by the VMB.

Veterinary Medical Board  
2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 2250  
Sacramento, CA 95815-3831  
916.263.2610  
[www.vmb.ca.gov](http://www.vmb.ca.gov)

## EXAMINATION SCHEDULING PROCEDURES

Once you have been approved by the VMB, you are responsible for contacting PSI to schedule an appointment to take the examination. You may do so via the Internet at [www.psiexams.com](http://www.psiexams.com), or schedule over the telephone at (877) 392-6422.

**Your examination eligibility expires if you fail to sit for the examination within six months of being notified of eligibility or if an applicant fails the examination.**

In most California testing centers, testing does not take place on the following major holidays:

Memorial Day	Closed May 25-27, 2013
Independence Day	Closed July 4, 2013
Labor Day	Closed August 31 - September 2, 2013
Thanksgiving	Closed November 28 - December 1, 2013
Christmas	Closed December 25, 2013
New Years	Closed January 1, 2014

### INTERNET SCHEDULING

You may schedule for your test by completing the online Test Registration Form. The Test Registration Form is available at PSI's website, [www.psiexams.com](http://www.psiexams.com). You may schedule for a test via the Internet 24 hours a day.

1. Complete the registration form online and submit your information to PSI via the Internet.
2. Upon completion of the online registration form, you will be given the available dates for scheduling your test.
3. You will need to choose a date to complete your registration.

4. Upon successful registration, you will receive a traceable confirmation number.

### TELEPHONE SCHEDULING

PSI has two scheduling methods available if you wish to schedule by telephone. First, call PSI at (877) 392-6422, 24 hours a day and schedule using the Automated Registration System. Second, if you wish to contact a live operator, use this same telephone number to contact PSI registrars Monday through Friday between 4:30 am and 7:00 pm and Saturday, between 8:00 am and 2:00 pm, Pacific Time, to schedule your appointment for the test. TTY (800) 735-2929.

### CANCELING AN EXAMINATION APPOINTMENT

You may cancel and reschedule an examination appointment without forfeiting your fee *if your cancellation notice is received 2 days prior to the scheduled examination date*. For example, for a Monday appointment, the cancellation notice would need to be received on the previous Saturday. You may call PSI at (877) 392-6422. Please note that you may also use the automated system, using a touch-tone phone, 24 hours a day in order to cancel and reschedule your appointment.

**Note:** A voice mail message is not an acceptable form of cancellation. Please use the internet, automated telephone system, or call PSI and speak to a Customer Service Representative.

### MISSED APPOINTMENT OR LATE CANCELLATION

If you miss your appointment, you will not be able to take the examination as scheduled. You will forfeit your examination fee, if:

- You do not cancel your appointment 2 days before the scheduled examination date;
- You do not appear for your examination appointment;
- You arrive after examination start time;
- You do not present proper identification when you arrive for the examination.

### RE-EXAMINATION

Examinees who fail are eligible to re-take this examination once every six months but not before a new form of the examination is available. This test form changes on January 1<sup>st</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup>. A Re-examination application is available at PSI examination sites or you may obtain one by writing to the VMB. Candidates must complete the application and submit it to the VMB with the required examination fee. A new Candidate Information Bulletin and a notice of eligibility will be sent when these criteria for re-examination have been met. Upon receiving the new bulletin and notice of eligibility, you may schedule with PSI, for your re-examination.

### EXAMINATION ELIGIBILITY EXPIRATION

EXAMINEES: Examination eligibility expires if the applicant fails to sit for the RVT examination within six months after being notified of eligibility or if an applicant fails the examination.

### EXAMINATION SITE CLOSING FOR AN EMERGENCY

In the event that severe weather or another emergency forces the closure of an examination site on a scheduled examination date, your examination will be rescheduled. PSI personnel will attempt to contact you in this situation. However, you may check the status of your examination schedule by calling (877) 392-6422. Every effort will be made to reschedule your examination at a convenient time as soon as possible. You will not be penalized. You will be rescheduled at no additional charge.

### SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER CONFIDENTIALITY

PSI will use your social security number only as an identification number in maintaining your records and reporting your examination results to the state. A Federal law requires state agencies to collect and record the social security numbers of all licensees/registrars of the professions licensed/registered by the state.

## **SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE**

### **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)**

Examinees with a physical or mental impairment that limits a major life activity may be eligible for accommodation in the testing process that will provide the examinee with an equal opportunity to demonstrate possession of the knowledge required for the job. "Major life activities" include walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, working, caring for one's self and performing manual tasks. PSI is fully compliant with ADA guidelines and will provide reasonable accommodations. Scheduling services are also available via the Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) by calling 800.735.2929.

### **ACCOMMODATION PROCEDURE**

Examinees requiring special testing arrangements due to a physical or mental impairment must submit a request to the VMB for such arrangements. This request must be on a special form provided by the VMB and include supporting documentation from a physician or other qualified professional as specified on the VMB request form. PSI will provide auxiliary aids and services as approved by the VMB except where it may fundamentally alter the examination or results.



## REPORTING TO THE EXAMINATION SITE

On the day of the examination, you must arrive at least 30 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment time. This allows time for check-in and identification verification and provides time to familiarize yourself with the examination process. If you arrive late, you may not be admitted to the examination site and you may forfeit your examination registration fee. Even though candidates will be thumb printed, you are still required to comply with any identification requirements established by the appropriate regulatory entity.

### REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION AT EXAMINATION SITE

You must provide one of the following valid forms of government-issued PHOTO identification before you can test:

- Non-expired government issued driver's license
- Non-expired government-issued identification card (state, military)
- Non-expired passport
- Current student identification card

The name on the identification must be the same as the name used to register for the examination (including designations such as "Jr." or "III", etc.

Failure to provide appropriate identification at the time of the examination is considered a missed appointment, and you will not be able to take the examination.

If you cannot provide the identification listed above, you must contact the VMB before scheduling your appointment with the testing vendor.

## VMB SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

The VMB and the OER are committed to maintaining the security and the confidentiality of all examination materials during every phase of development, implementation, and storage. If an examinee is found in violation of any security procedure, the following actions may be taken: the examinee's results may be delayed; the examinee's examination materials may be voided; and/or the examinee's application for future examinations may be denied. The VMB strictly enforces examination security and will prosecute any individual who has been determined to be in violation of statutes pertaining to security.

Examinees are neither permitted to discuss the content of the examination nor remove examination materials from the testing sites at any time. All examination materials are confidential.

An examinee taking the RVT examination is required to follow the provisions of Business and Professions Code Sections 123, 496, and 584 and is NOT allowed to do any of the following:

- Have an impersonator take the examination on one's behalf;

- Impersonate another to take the examination on that person's behalf;
- Communicate examination content with another examinee or with any person other than the examination staff;
- Reproduce or make notes of examination materials and/or content and reveal them to others who are preparing to take the RVT examination, or to those who are preparing other examinees to take such an examination; and
- Obstruct the administration of the examination in any way.
- Use any reference materials. Candidates found with reference/study materials or other aids will not be allowed to continue the exam and their answers will not be scored.
- Telephones cannot be accessed during optional breaks.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT TAKING AN EXAMINATION

1. All candidates will have their thumbprint taken during examination check-in and re-entry into the testing room after an approved absence. If a candidate passes the examination, the thumbprint record will be destroyed. If a candidate abandons his or her application for licensure, as determined by the appropriate regulatory authority, the thumbprint will also be destroyed. If a candidate is unsuccessful, the thumbprint record will be retained by PSI to ensure proper identification on any subsequent examination attempts. If the thumbprint doesn't match upon exit and re-entry, the candidate shall be disqualified from the examination, his or her test results invalidated, and the appropriate regulatory entity will be notified of the occurrence. The taking of the thumbprint is an additional measure to enhance examination security. The Department's Office of Examination Resources shall ensure that the appropriate safeguards for the storage and destruction of the thumbprint records are in place.
2. The temperature in the testing room is maintained at a moderate level. Candidates are advised to layer clothing. Acceptable layered clothing includes lightweight shirts, sweaters, and pullovers without pockets. These items must be worn upon check-in, while you wait to enter the testing room, and during your initial seating for the examination.
3. There are timing mechanisms available at the test site and on the computer console to help candidates keep track of time during the test administration. Watches or other timekeeping devices are not permitted in the examination rooms.
4. Only one candidate will be allowed to take a restroom break at a time. Candidates are required to sign out when you leave the room and when you return. If a candidate's restroom break takes longer than 5 (five) minutes, a proctor will check on the candidate and will notify the applicable regulatory entity of the occurrence, which will take appropriate action.
5. The following items are not permitted in the examination rooms:
  - Cellular telephones, personal digital assistants (PDAs), recording devices, cameras, pagers, purses,



notebooks, notebook computers, reference or readings material, music players, radios, electronic games, calculators, or briefcases.

- Personal items including watches, backpacks, wallets, pens, pencils, or other writing devices, food, drinks (unless prior approval is obtained by your regulatory entity) and good-luck items.
- Hats, baseball caps, or visors (with the exception of religious apparel), coats, shawls, hooded clothing, heavy jackets or overcoats.

During the check-in process, all candidates will be asked if they possess any of the prohibited items and all candidates will be asked to empty their pockets. If prohibited items are found during check-in, candidates shall return these items to their vehicle or other place of safekeeping. Neither PSI, nor the Department of Consumer Affairs, shall be responsible for the items. Any candidate possessing the prohibited items in the examination room shall have his or her test results invalidated, and PSI shall notify the appropriate regulatory entity of the occurrence.

6. Copying or communicating examination content is a violation of PSI security policy and existing law. Either one shall result in the disqualification or invalidation of examination results, the denial of your license, and may subject the candidate to criminal prosecution.

## IDENTIFICATION SCREEN

You will be directed to a semiprivate testing station to take the examination. When you are seated at the testing station, you will be prompted to confirm your name, identification number, and the examination for which you are registered.

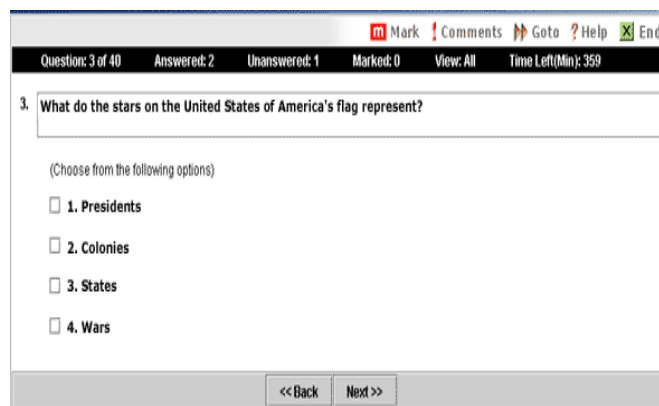
## TUTORIAL

Before you start your examination, an introductory tutorial to the computer and keyboard is provided on the computer screen. The time you spend on this tutorial, up to 15 minutes, DOES NOT count as part of your examination time. Sample questions are included as part of the tutorial so that you may practice using the keys, answering questions, and reviewing your answers.

One question appears on the screen at a time. During the examination, minutes remaining will be displayed at the top of the screen and updated as you record your answers.

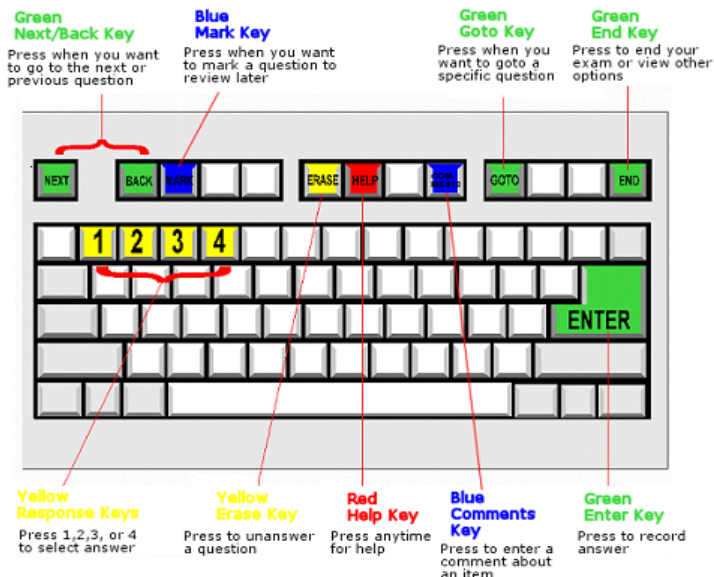
## EXAMINATION QUESTION EXAMPLE

During the examination, you should press 1, 2, 3, or 4 to select your answer. You should then press "ENTER" to record your answer and move on to the next question. A sample question display follows:



## TAKING THE EXAMINATION BY COMPUTER

Taking the PSI examination by computer is simple. You do not need any computer experience or typing skills. You will use fewer keys than you use on a touch-tone telephone. All response keys are colored and have prominent characters. An illustration of the special keyboard is shown here.



**IMPORTANT:** After you have entered your responses, you will later be able to return to any question(s) and change your response, provided the examination time has not run out.

## CANDIDATE EXPERIENCE FEEDBACK

The VMB welcomes constructive feedback from examinees regarding their examination experience. Feedback and complaints must be submitted in writing within 30 days after the examination to: Veterinary Medical Board, 2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 2250, Sacramento, CA, 95825. All correspondence should include the examinee's name, address, daytime telephone number, name of examination and date taken, examination site, and Veterinary Medical Board ID number.

If you experience any disruption or problem during your examination, it is your responsibility to notify a proctor immediately so that the situation may be resolved, if

possible. If a disruption or problem occurred which you believe impacted the outcome of your examination, you must document your concerns on the exit survey at the end of your examination and submit your concerns in writing to the VMB. Include your name, Social Security number, VMB ID number, and date and location of examination. Describe your concerns and the relevant facts.

The VMB will respond to written concerns within 30 days of receiving them. During these 30 days, your concern will be thoroughly investigated.

### EXAMINATION REVIEW

The VMB/DCA will be continually evaluating the examinations being administered to ensure that the examinations accurately measure competency in the required knowledge areas. The VMB welcomes your comments and feedback, particularly in reference to test items. If you wish to comment on a specific test question, these comments may be entered on the computer keyboard during the examination. While PSI does not respond to individuals regarding these comments, all substantive comments are reviewed by the VMB.

### POST EXAM SURVEY

The post exam survey contains questions regarding the service received when scheduling your exam and your testing experience. The VMB reviews all survey responses and any additional comments that are indicated on this survey.

## EXAMINATION QUESTIONS

The RVT examination contains no fewer than 175 scored multiple-choice items. Your examination may contain up to 40 additional questions that will not be scored. These additional questions are used to gather statistical information on the questions before they are added to the actual examination. These questions are distributed throughout the examination and WILL NOT be counted for or against you in your final examination scores.

Candidates will have three hours to complete the examination.

## EXAMINATION RESULTS

At the end of your examination, you will receive a printed score report. Scores are provided whether you pass or fail. Your test results are confidential and are released only to you and your state licensing agency. To protect your privacy and to maintain the confidentiality of examination results, score information is not given over the telephone.

A score report indicates the examinee's overall raw score, and the number of correct answers necessary to pass the examination.

## AFTER PASSING THE EXAMINATION

### LICENSING INFORMATION

If you pass the VMB examination, you will receive a Request for Initial Registration Form with your passing score report.

Please note that your certificate for registration **CANNOT** be processed until your file contains the required fingerprint clearances from the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Your file must also contain a copy of your diploma or official transcript showing degree conferred (unless you applied under the Alternate Route). Your application and fee for registration can be rejected and returned if the file is incomplete.

A candidate who succeeds on the examination and meets all other requirements should submit the initial fee with the application for registration to the VMB:

Veterinary Medical Board  
2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 2250  
Sacramento, CA 95815-3831

The normal processing time for initial registration is 10 to 14 business days. Once payment is received, certificates are mailed within 2-4 weeks.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR NAME

As a registrant (or applicant or candidate), you must notify the VMB *in writing* of any address change. Be sure you include your name, old and new addresses, date of birth, and application identification or license number.

Similarly, if you change your name, you must notify the VMB *in writing*. The former name and new name should be accompanied by your registration number (or application identification number) and a copy of the legal document initiating change. **Once you are registered, it is your responsibility to maintain a current address with the VMB. Address changes must be reported in writing within 30 days, or there is a \$15 penalty.**

## THE EXAMINATION OUTLINE

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, ferrets, primates.

Job Content Domain	Percentage of Test
1. Animal Nursing	26
2. Anesthesia	18
3. Surgical Assistance	8
4. Emergency and Critical Care	12
5. Laboratory and Diagnostic Procedures	8
6. Diagnostic Imaging	5
7. Pharmacology	11
8. Patient Examination	8
9. Animal Dentistry	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

### JOB CONTENT DOMAIN

1. **Animal Nursing** assesses the candidate's ability to prepare the patient for and perform diagnostic and therapeutic procedures including restraint; to prevent the spread of disease by performing infection control and disposing of biohazardous materials; to apply bandages and splints; educate owner/agent on managing patient at home; and to maintain records.
2. **Anesthesia** assesses the candidate's ability to induce/administer anesthesia by various routes; to monitor the patient during an anesthetic procedure; to recognize and manage anesthetic complications; to administer sedation and preanesthetic agents; to intubate and extubate the trachea; to recover the patient from anesthesia; to maintain the anesthetic equipment.
3. **Surgical Assistance** assesses the candidate's ability to prepare the patient for surgery; to prepare and maintain surgical instruments, equipment, materials, and suite; to assist surgeon using aseptic technique; to close incisions by various methods; and to provide the patient with postsurgical care; to educate owner/agent on presurgical and postsurgical care.
4. **Emergency and Critical Care** assesses the candidate's ability to recognize and provide emergency and critical care to the patient including establishing a patent airway, administering oxygen, controlling hemorrhage, performing CPR, and stabilizing patient to prevent and/or treat shock.
5. **Laboratory and Diagnostic Procedures** assesses the candidate's ability to collect and prepare diagnostic samples for analysis via blood chemistry, hematology, serology, microbiology, urinalysis, parasitology, and fecal evaluation.
6. **Diagnostic Imaging** assesses the candidate's ability to prepare the patient for imaging (e.g., radiography and ultrasonography); to position patient for imaging; to safely obtain diagnostic images; to process radiographic film, and to maintain imaging equipment.
7. **Pharmacology** assesses the candidate's ability to calculate dosages; to administer medications, fluids, and vaccines by various routes; to maintain controlled substances; to prepare medications for dispensing; to assess the patient for an adverse reaction to medication; and to educate owner/agent about vaccine protocols and the administration, storage, and possible adverse effects of medications.
8. **Patient Examination** assesses the candidate's ability to obtain the patient's medical history; to maintain medical records; to determine the patient's present condition by obtaining vital signs, current medications, etc.; and to assess the patient's overall condition and demeanor.
9. **Animal Dentistry** assesses the candidate's ability to perform dental examinations, charting, prophylaxis, radiography, and extractions; to maintain dental equipment and instruments; to perform infection control to prevent cross-contamination and to avoid operator exposure; and to educate owner/agent about preventive and posttreatment dental care.

## SAMPLE EXAMINATION QUESTIONS

Each multiple-choice question requires the examinee to select the correct answer from among the four options provided.

1. According to California law, which emergency treatment should a registered veterinary technician undertake only after direct communication with a veterinarian or with written instructions from his employing veterinarian?
  - a. administration of parenteral fluids to prevent or control shock
  - b. external cardiac resuscitation
  - c. intubation
  - d. application of splints
2. Diastole is the:
  - a. fluctuation in heart rate that occurs with respiration
  - b. period of active cardiac contraction
  - c. period of ventricular filling
  - d. QRS complex on an EKG strip
3. Dogs with heart disease should be fed diets low in:
  - a. animal protein
  - b. sodium
  - c. magnesium
  - d. carbohydrates
4. How many .05 gm tablets would be administered daily to a 20 lb. dog if the prescription reads give 10 mg. per pound in divided doses, b.i.d.?
  - a. 1 tablet
  - b. 2 tablets
  - c. 4 tablets
  - d. 8 tablets
5. California radiation safety regulations require that equipment be such that the operator can stand out of the primary beam and at least \_\_\_ feet from the animal during exposure.
  - a. 3
  - b. 6
  - c. 8
  - d. 10

Answers:

(1-a, 2-c, 3-b, 4-c, 5-b)

## SUGGESTED REFERENCE TEXTS FOR STUDY

1. *Radiation Safety Booklet*, 1998 Edition, Veterinary Medical Board, \$5.00, available on Web at:  
[http://www.vmb.ca.gov/consumer\\_issues.htm](http://www.vmb.ca.gov/consumer_issues.htm).
2. *CA Veterinary Medicine Practice Act*, 2007 Edition, Lexis Publishing Co., ISBN #1422436969, \$21.00, 800.533.1637, <http://www.lexisnexis.com>.

The texts listed below are available at the UC Davis bookstore. All prices listed are subject to change. For more information contact:

UC Davis, Health Sciences Bookstore  
Health Sci. Complex, Med. Sci. Bldg. 1B, Rm. 135

DAVIS, CA 95616, PHONE: 530.752.3369

1. *Clinical Textbook for Veterinary Technicians*, 5th Ed., Dennis McCurnin, Joanna Bassert, W. B. Saunders - \$69.95\*.
2. *Kirk & Bistner's Handbook of Veterinary Procedures and Emergency Treatment*, 7th Ed., Stephen Bistner, Richard Ford, Marc Raffe, W.B. Saunders - \$62.95\*.
3. *Handbook of Veterinary Anesthesia*, 3rd Ed., William W. Muir, Mosby - \$59.95\*.
4. *Laboratory Procedures for Veterinary Technicians*, 4th Ed., Charles Hendrix, Mosby - \$41.95\*.
5. *Medical, Surgical and Anesthetic Nursing for Veterinary Technicians*, 2nd Ed, Paul Pratt, American Veterinary Publications - \$38.95.
6. *Principles and Practice of Veterinary Technology*, 2nd Ed., Margi Sirois, Mosby - \$59.95\*.
7. *Manual of Clinical Procedures in the Dog, Cat, and Rabbit*, 2nd Ed., Steven Crow, Sally Walshaw, Lippincott - \$45.95.
8. *Learning Veterinary Technology*, 2nd Ed., Douglas McBride, Mosby - \$41.95\*.
9. *Merck Veterinary Manual*, 9th Ed., Cynthia Kahn, Editor, Merck & Co. - \$45.00\*.
10. *Small Animal Surgical Nursing*, 3rd Ed., Diane L. Tracy, Mosby - \$41.95\*.
11. *Radiography in Veterinary Technology*, 3rd Ed., Lisa Lavin, W. B. Saunders - \$52.95\*.
12. *Saunders Comprehensive Veterinary Dictionary*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed., D.C. Blood, V.P. Studdert, W. B. Saunders - \$52.95\*.
13. *Tasks for the Veterinary Assistant*, 1st Ed., Paula Pattengale, Lippincott - \$45.95\*.
14. *Clinical Anatomy & Physiology for Veterinary Technicians*, 1st Ed., Thomas Colville, Joanna Bassert, Mosby - \$44.95\*.
15. *Veterinary Dentistry for the Small Animal Technician*, Lynne Kesel, Iowa State University Press - \$35.00\*.
16. *Fundamentals of Pharmacology for Veterinary Technicians*, 1st Ed., Janet Romich, Thompson - \$59.95\*.
17. *Mosby's Comprehensive Review for Veterinary Technicians*, 2nd Ed., Monica Tighe, Marg Brown, Mosby - \$41.95\*.
18. *Veterinary Anesthesia and Analgesia*, Dianne McKelvey, Wayne Hollingshead, Mosby - \$39.95\*.





## EXAMINATION SITE LOCATIONS

The California examinations are administered at the PSI examination centers in California as listed below:

### ANAHEIM

2301 W. LINCOLN AVE, SUITE 252  
ANAHEIM, CA 92801  
(714) 254-1453

*DIRECTIONS FROM LA: TAKE 5 SOUTH EXIT BROOKHURST AND TURN RIGHT. TURN RIGHT ON LINCOLN (PASS A SMALL STREET NAMED MONTEREY), AND GO TO THE FIRST OPEN DRIVEWAY ON THE RIGHT.*

*(ORANGE COUNTY) DIRECTIONS FROM SAN DIEGO, IRVINE, MISSION VIEJO, ETC: TAKE 5N EXIT BROOKHURST AND TURN LEFT. TURN RIGHT ONTO LINCOLN (PASS A SMALL STREET NAMED MONTEREY) AND GO TO THE FIRST OPEN DRIVEWAY ON THE RIGHT.*

*IF BROOKHURST EXIT IS CLOSED: TAKE 5 N EXIT EUCLID AND TURN LEFT. TURN RIGHT ON LINCOLN (PASS BROOKHURST AND SMALL STREET NAMED MONTEREY) AND GO TO THE FIRST OPEN DRIVEWAY ON THE RIGHT.*

*\*\*\*\*KEEP IN MIND THAT THE EUCLID EXIT COMES FIRST AND THEN BROOKHURST.\*\*\*\**

*OR 91 FREEWAY: TAKE 91 W EXIT BROOKHURST AND TURN LEFT. TURN RIGHT ONTO LINCOLN (PASS A SMALL STREET NAMED MONTEREY) AND GO TO THE FIRST OPEN DRIVEWAY ON THE RIGHT.*

### ATASCADERO

7305 MORRO RD, SUITE 201A  
ATASCADERO, CA 93422  
(805) 462-8983

*FROM US-101 N, TAKE THE CA-41 EXIT- EXIT 219-TOWARD MORRO RD. TURN LEFT ONTO EL CAMINO REAL. Turn LEFT onto CA-41/MORRO RD.*

*FROM US-101 S, TAKE THE MORRO RD/CA-41 EXIT- EXIT 219, TURN RIGHT ONTO CA-41/MORRO RD.*

### BAKERSFIELD

5405 STOCKDALE HIGHWAY, SUITE 206  
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309  
(661) 398-9354

*FROM I-5 S, TAKE THE STOCKDALE HWY EXIT (253). TURN LEFT ONTO STOCKDALE HWY.*

*FROM I-5 N TOWARD BAKERSFIELD, KEEP LEFT TO TAKE CA-99 N VIA EXIT (221) TOWARD BAKERSFIELD/FRESNO. TAKE THE CA-58 E EXIT TOWARD TEHACHAPI/MOJAVE. TAKE THE EXIT ON THE LEFT TOWARD CAL STATE UNIV/STOCKDALE HWY/BRUNDAGE LANE. TURN LEFT ONTO WIBLE RD. TURN SLIGHT LEFT ONTO STOCKDALE HWY.*

### CARSON

17420 S. AVALON BLVD, SUITE 205  
CARSON, CA 90746  
(310) 217-1066

*FROM CA-91 E/GARDENA FWY TAKE THE AVALON EXIT. OFF RAMP WILL LEAD YOU ONTO ALBERTONI ST. MAKE A RIGHT ONTO AVALON BLVD AND WE ARE LOCATED ON THE RIGHT HANDSIDE (SAME PARKING LOT AS CARL'S JR).*

*FROM CA-91 W TAKE THE AVALON EXIT. MAKE A LEFT ONTO AVALON BLVD. MAKE A U-TURN ON AVALON BLVD AND ALBERTONI ST. WE ARE LOCATED ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE. (SAME PARKING LOT AS CARL'S JR).*

### EL MONTE

4399 SANTA ANITA AVENUE, SUITE 110  
EL MONTE, CA 91731  
(626) 279-2705

*FROM THE I-10E, TAKE THE SANTA ANITA AVE EXIT. TURN LEFT ONTO SANTA ANITA AVE. MAKE A U-TURN AT EMERY STREET ONTO SANTA ANITA AVE. THE TESTING SITE WILL BE ON THE RIGHT.*

### FRESNO

351 E. BARSTOW, SUITE 101  
FRESNO, CA 93710  
(559) 221-9006

*FROM CA-41 S, TAKE THE BULLARD AVE EXIT. TURN LEFT ONTO E BULLARD AVE. TURN RIGHT ONTO N FRESNO ST. PASS THROUGH THE INTERSECTION OF FRESNO AND BASTOW AVE. TAKE THE FIRST DRIVEWAY ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE.*

*FROM CA-41 N, TAKE THE SHAW AVE EXIT TOWARD CLOVIS. TURN RIGHT ONTO E SHAW AVE. TURN LEFT ONTO N FRESNO ST. TURN LEFT INTO THE LAST DRIVEWAY BEFORE BARSTOW AVE.*

*TESTING CENTER IS IN THE OFFICE COMPLEX ON THE SW CORNER OF BARSTOW AND FRESNO ST.*

### HAYWARD

24301 SOUTHLAND DRIVE, SUITE B-1  
HAYWARD, CA 94545  
(510) 784-1114

*FROM I-880 N TOWARD OAKLAND, TAKE THE WINTON AVENUE EXIT. MERGE ONTO W WINTON AVE TOWARD HEALD COLLEGE. TURN LEFT ONTO SOUTHLAND DR.*

*FROM I-880 S TOWARD SAN JOSE/SAN MATEO BR, TAKE THE WINTON AVE WEST EXIT TOWARD HEALD COLLEGE. MERGE ONTO W WINTON AVE. TURN LEFT ONTO SOUTHLAND DR.*

### REDDING

2861 CHURN CREEK, UNIT C  
REDDING, CA 96002  
(530) 221-0945

*FROM I-5 S, TAKE THE CYPRESS AVENUE EXIT (677). TURN RIGHT ONTO E. CYPRESS AVE. TURN RIGHT ON CHURN CREEK RD.*

*FROM I-5 N TOWARDS SACRAMENTO, TAKE THE CYPRESS AVE EXIT (677). TURN LEFT ONTO E. CYPRESS AVE. TURN RIGHT ONTO CHURN CREEK RD.*

*FROM 299 E TOWARDS REDDING, START GOING WEST ON CA-299. MERGE ONTO I-5 S RAMP ON THE LEFT TOWARDS SACRAMENTO. TAKE THE CYPRESS AVE EXIT (677). TURN LEFT ONTO E. CYPRESS AVE. TURN RIGHT ONTO CHURN CREEK RD.*

*FROM 299 W TOWARDS REDDING. START GOING EAST ON CA-299 TOWARDS WEAVERVILLE/REDDING. FROM 299 EAST TURN RIGHT ONTO CA-273/CA-299 E/MARKET STREET. TURN LEFT ONTO CA-299-E. MERGE ONTO I-5 S VIA EXIT 2A TOWARDS RED BLUFF/SACRAMENTO. TAKE THE CYPRESS AVE EXIT (677). TURN LEFT ONTO E. CYPRESS AVE. TURN RIGHT ONTO CHURN CREEK RD.*

### RIVERSIDE

7888 MISSION GROVE PARKWAY S., SUITE 130  
RIVERSIDE, CA 92508  
(951) 789-0358

*FROM THE CA-91W TOWARD RIVERSIDE/BEACH CITIES, TAKE THE CENTRAL AVENUE EXIT TOWARD MAGNOLIA CENTER. TURN LEFT ONTO CENTRAL AVE. CENTRAL AVE BECOMES ALESSANDRO BLVD. VEER TO THE RIGHT, THEN STAY STRAIGHT TO GO ONTO TRAUTWEIN RD (YOU WILL PASS COMMUNICATIONS CENTER DR). TURN LEFT ONTO MISSION GROVE PKY W.*

*FROM THE HIGH DESERT/SAN BERNARDINO AREA 215 S, WHERE THE 60 FWY, 91 FWY AND THE 215 FWY SPLIT, TAKE 215S (SIGNS FOR THE 60 EAST INDIO). TAKE EXIT 27C FOR ALESSANDRO BLVD, TURN RIGHT ONTO E ALESSANDRO BLVD, TURN LEFT ONTO MISSION GROVE PKWY S.*

### SACRAMENTO

9719 LINCOLN VILLAGE DR.



BUILDING 100, SUITE 100  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95827  
(916) 363-6455

*FROM SAN FRANCISCO/VALLEJO ON I-80 E, TAKE US-50 E TOWARD SACRAMENTO/SOUTH LAKE TAHOE. TAKE BRADSHAW ROAD, EXIT 13, TURN RIGHT ONTO BRADSHAW ROAD. TURN IMMEDIATE LEFT ONTO LINCOLN VILLAGE DR.*

#### **SAN DIEGO**

5440 MOREHOUSE DRIVE, SUITE 3300  
SAN DIEGO, CA 92121  
(858) 658-0786

*FROM I-805 S, TAKE THE SORRENTO VALLEY RD/MIRA MESA BLVD EXIT. TURN LEFT ONTO MIRA MESA BLVD, TURN LEFT ONTO SCRANTON ROAD. TURN RIGHT ONTO MOREHOUSE DRIVE.*

*FROM I-805 N TOWARD LOS ANGELES, TAKE THE MIRA MESA BLVD/VISTA SORRENTO PKWY EXIT. TURN RIGHT ONTO MIRA MESA BLVD. TURN LEFT ONTO SCRANTON RD. TURN RIGHT ONTO MOREHOUSE DR.*

*ADDITIONAL PARKING CAN BE FOUND (on top of the AT&T building) BY CONTINUING ON MOREHOUSE PAST OUR BUILDING AND TURNING LEFT AT THE NEXT DRIVEWAY UP THE HILL*

#### **SAN FRANCISCO**

150 EXECUTIVE PARK BLVD., STE 1100  
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94134  
(415) 330-9700

*I-80 W BECOMES US-101 S. TAKE EXIT 429 A TOWARD MONSTER PARK/TUNNEL AVE. TAKE THE RAMP TOWARD 3COM PARK. TURN RIGHT ONTO ALANNA RD. TURN LEFT ONTO EXECUTIVE PARK BLVD.*

#### **SANTA ROSA**

160 WIKIUP DRIVE, SUITE 105  
SANTA ROSA, CA 95403  
(707) 544-6723

*FROM US-101 N, TAKE MARK WEST SPRINGS/RIVER ROAD EXIT. TURN RIGHT ON MARK WEST SPRINGS. TURN LEFT AT OLD REDWOOD HIGHWAY. TURN RIGHT ON WIKIUP DRIVE. FIRST DRIVEWAY ON RIGHT.*

*FROM US-101 S, TAKE MARK WEST SPRINGS/RIVER ROAD EXIT. TURN LEFT ON MARK WEST SPRINGS. TURN LEFT AT OLD REDWOOD HIGHWAY. TURN RIGHT ON WIKIUP DRIVE. FIRST DRIVEWAY ON RIGHT.*

#### **SANTA CLARA**

2936 SCOTT BLVD  
SANTA CLARA, CA 95054  
(408) 844-0004

*FROM US-101 N, TAKE THE SAN TOMAS EXPWY/MONTAGUE EXPWY EXIT- EXIT 392. TAKE THE SAN TOMAS EXPWY RAMP. MERGE ONTO SAN TOMAS EXPY/CR-G4. TURN LEFT ONTO SCOTT BLVD.*

*FROM I-880 S TOWARD SAN JOSE, TAKE THE MONTAGUE EXPWY EXIT (7). TAKE THE MONTAGUE EXPWY WEST RAMP. MERGE ONTO MONTAGUE EXPY/CR-G4 E. TURN LEFT ONTO E TRIMBLE RD. E TRIMBLE RD BECOMES DE LA CRUZ BLVD. TURN SLIGHT RIGHT ONTO CENTRAL EXPY/CR-G6 W. TURN SLIGHT RIGHT ONTO SCOTT BLVD.*

#### **VENTURA**

4245 MARKET ST, SUITE 208  
VENTURA, CA 93003  
(805) 650-5220

*FROM US-101N, TAKE THE TELEPHONE ROAD EXIT 65. TURN LEFT ONTO TELEPHONE ROAD. TURN RIGHT ONTO MARKET STREET.*

#### **VISALIA (OPENING MARCH 2013)**

3400 W MINERAL KING AVE, SUITE D  
VISALIA, CA 93291

*FROM CA-99N, MERGE ONTO CA-198E VIA EXIT 96 TOWARD VISALIA/SEQUOIA NAT'L PARK. TAKE THE EXIT TOWARD DEMAREE*

*STREET. MERGE ONTO W NOBLE AVENUE. TURN LEFT ONTO S COUNTY CENTER DRIVE. TAKE THE 1<sup>ST</sup> LEFT ONTO W MINERAL KING AVENUE.*

#### **WALNUT CREEK**

175 LENNON LANE, SUITE 203  
WALNUT CREEK, CA 94598  
(925) 906-9165

*FROM I-5N, KEEP LEFT TO TAKE I-580W TOWARD TRACY/SAN FRANCISCO. MERGE ONTO I-680N VIA EXIT 44B TOWARD SACRAMENTO/WALNUT CREEK/CONCORD. TAKE THE YGNACIO VALLEY ROAD EXIT AND TURN RIGHT. TURN LEFT ONTO LENNON LANE.*



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