

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

PROPOSED LANGUAGE

Changes to the existing regulation are shown in single underline for new text and ~~single-strikeout~~ for deleted text.

Amend Section 2006 of Article 1 of Division 20 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:

§ 2006. Disciplinary Guidelines.

In reaching a decision on a disciplinary action under the Administrative Procedure Act (Government Code Section 11400 et seq.), the Board shall consider the disciplinary guidelines entitled: "Veterinary Medical Board Disciplinary Guidelines, ~~July 2012~~ November 2018 Edition" which are hereby incorporated by reference. Deviation from these guidelines, including the standard terms of probation, is appropriate where the Board in its sole discretion determines that the facts of the particular case warrant such a deviation - for example: the presence of mitigating factors; the age of the case; evidentiary problems.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 4808 and 4845(d), Business and Professions Code; and Section 11400.20, Government Code. Reference: Sections 141, 480, 490, 4830.5, 4830.7, 4836.2, 4836.5, 4837, 4839.5, 4842, 4845, 4845.5, 4855, 4856, 4857, 4875, 4876, 4883, and 4886, Business and Professions Code; and Sections 11400.20 and 11425.50(e), Government Code.