

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
TITLE 16. PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL REGULATIONS
DIVISION 20. VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD

Proposed Regulatory Text to amend California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 16,
Division 20, Article 4, Section 2030.1 Regarding **SMALL ANIMAL FIXED VETERINARY
PREMISES AND HANDLING ANIMAL REMAINS**

Proposed amendments to the regulatory language are shown in single underline for proposed additions and ~~single strikethrough~~ for proposed deletions.

Amend section 2030.1 of article 4 of division 20 of title 16 of the CCR to read as follows:

ARTICLE 4.

§ 2030.1. Minimum Standards -- Small Animal Fixed Veterinary Premises.

For purposes of these regulations, a “small animal fixed veterinary premises” shall mean a building where veterinary services are being provided to common domestic household animals.

In addition to the requirements in section 2030, a small animal fixed veterinary premises shall meet the following minimum standards:

- (a) When the client has not given the veterinarian any premises authorization to dispose of their deceased animal, the veterinarian any premises shall be required to retain the ~~body~~ deceased animal in a freezer for ~~at least a~~ holding period of 14 days from the date the veterinary premises made a documented attempt to contact the client prior to disposal.
- (b) Within the holding period, the deceased animal is not to be used for any unauthorized purposes, including research or training, without the client’s consent.
- (c) Every deceased animal shall be labeled with the following minimum information:
 - 1. Name or identification number of the deceased animal.
 - 2. Client full name, if known.
 - 3. Freezer intake date.
 - 4. Disposition service, if it has been specified by the client.
- (d) The veterinary premises shall notify the client that there may be alternative disposition services available and, if requested, the veterinary premises shall release the deceased animal to a disposition service that the client chooses.

- (e) When the deceased animal is transferred from the veterinary premises to a cremation service or other entity for disposition, the veterinary premises shall maintain a transfer custody log that contains the following minimum information:
1. Name or identification number of the deceased animal.
 2. Client full name, if known.
 3. Disposition service, if it has been specified by the client.
 4. Date of transfer.
 5. Full name and signature of the veterinary premises staff releasing the deceased animal.
 6. Name of the entity receiving the deceased animal.
 7. Full name and signature of the entity staff receiving the deceased animal.
 8. The date of return of the animal cremains, if returned to the veterinary premises.
 9. The full name and signature of the veterinary premises staff receiving the animal cremains, if that disposition service was requested by the client.
- (f) The veterinary premises shall maintain the transfer custody log for three years from the date of transfer.
- (g) If the client has not taken custody of the cremains, the veterinary premises shall retain cremains for a minimum of six months from the date the veterinary premises attempted to contact the client prior to disposal.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 4808 and 4854, Business and Professions Code.
Reference: Sections 4854 and 4883, Business and Professions Code.