

Veterinary Medical Board

Proposed Update of Sodium Pentobarbital/Euthanasia Training Regulation to Reflect the Merger of the California Animal Control Directors Association and the State Humane Association of California

Proposed deletions of regulatory provisions are shown in ~~single strikethrough~~ and proposed additions of regulatory provisions are shown in single underline.

Amend Section 2039 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, as follows:

§ 2039. Sodium Pentobarbital/Euthanasia Training.

(a) In accordance with section 4827(d) of the Code, an employee of an animal control shelter or humane society and its agencies who is not a veterinarian or registered veterinary technician (RVT) shall be deemed to have received proper training to administer, without the presence of a veterinarian, sodium pentobarbital for euthanasia of sick, injured, homeless, or unwanted domestic pets or animals if the person has completed a curriculum of at least eight (8) hours as specified in the publication by the California Animal Welfare Association Control Directors Association and the State Humane Association of California entitled "Euthanasia Training Curriculum" dated October 24, 1997, that includes the following subjects:

- (1) History and reasons for euthanasia
- (2) Humane animal restraint techniques
- (3) Sodium pentobarbital injection methods and procedures
- (4) Verification of death
- (5) Safety training and stress management for personnel
- (6) Record keeping and regulation compliance for sodium pentobarbital

At least five (5) hours of the curriculum shall consist of hands-on training in humane animal restraint techniques and sodium pentobarbital injection procedures.

(b) The training curriculum shall be provided by a veterinarian, an RVT, or an individual who has been certified by the California Animal Welfare Association Control Directors Association and the State Humane Association of California to train persons in the humane use of sodium pentobarbital as specified in their publication entitled "Criteria for Certification of Animal Euthanasia Instructors in the State of California" dated September 1, 1997.

NOTE:

Authority cited: Section 4808, Business and Professions Code.

Reference: Section 4827, Business and Professions Code.