

Shelter Minimum Standards Report
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We have taken the work that Jon Klingborg, DVM, and David Johnson, RVT, presented at the last meeting which was agenda item 5, pages 2-7 of 13. We would strongly recommend that everyone, especially the new members of the MDC, review the webcast of the May 22nd meeting to refresh your memory on the discussion for this set of regulations. The discussion starts at approximately the 7th minute and goes for two hours plus; it will put all of the following into proper context.

In the first section we finally decided to remove entirely; we left it in the report for reference; we have included a definition of shelter medicine under the proposed section 2030.6.

Underlined language is new language, stricken language is language to be removed from the current language and [language in blue are changes that have been made since the last MDC meeting.](#)

After the first section, we have listed:

Sec. 2035. Duties of Supervising Veterinarian.

Sec. 2035.5 Duties of Supervising Veterinarian and Animal Health Care Tasks for R.V.T. and Veterinary Assistant in the Shelter Setting.

Section 4840. Authorized Services by Technicians and Assistants.

Proposed new sections:

Section 2030.6. Minimum Standards – Animal Shelter Medicine in a Fixed Facility.

Section 2030.7. Minimum Standards – Animal Shelter Ambulatory Medicine

Also included for your reference is the completed work of Sections 2030 – 2030.5 that has been forwarded to the VMB from the MDC (separate document titled “CCR Sections 2030-2030.5: Language for Minimum Standards of Alternate Premises”).

Please note that the numbers and letters in parenthesis and in bold refer back to our existing Minimum Standards to show you where they came from and to show that we haven’t missed any of the existing regulations.

BEGINNING OF REPORT:

~~For the purposes of this section, an “animal shelter” is defined as any city and county animal care and control agency, public or private organization that contracts with a city or county to house animals and provides on site veterinary services to those animals.~~

~~An animal shelter that provides on site veterinary services shall have a premises permit and a Licensee Manager as set forth in 2030.05.~~

~~The Minimum Standards shall conform to the Small Animal Fixed Facility (20302.1) or Large Animal Fixed Facility (2030.15) based on the species housed within the animal shelter.~~

CCR 2035. Duties of Supervising Veterinarian.

(a) The supervising veterinarian shall be responsible for determining the competency of the R.V.T., permit holder or veterinary assistant to perform allowable animal health care tasks.

(b) A supervising veterinarian shall not delegate any function or allowable animal health care task to an R.V.T. or veterinary assistant that requires extensive clinical skill and judgment and that is beyond the training and demonstrated competency of the R.V.T. or veterinary assistant.

(c) The supervising veterinarian of an R.V.T., permit holder or veterinary assistant shall make all decisions relating to the diagnosis, treatment, management and future disposition of the animal patient.

(d) The supervising veterinarian shall have examined the animal patient prior to the delegation of any animal health care task to an R.V.T., permit holder or veterinary assistant. The examination of the animal patient shall be conducted at such time as good veterinary medical practice requires consistent with the particular delegated animal health care task.

(e) Rabies vaccines may be administered to an owned animal upon redemption from an animal shelter and pursuant to the direct order, written order, or telephonic order of a veterinarian licensed or authorized to practice in this state.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 4808 and 4836, Business and Professions Code.
Reference: Sections 4836, 4836.1, 4840 and 4840.9, Business and Professions Code.

~~(e) would not be necessary if animals were vaccinated for rabies on intake like they are for other vaccines.~~

~~(e) is in conflict with our “Animal Vaccine Practice” minimum standards.~~

CCR Section 2035.5 Duties of Supervising Veterinarian and Animal Health Care Tasks for R.V.T. and Veterinary Assistant in the Shelter Setting

(a) Notwithstanding subsection (c) of section 2035 and pursuant to subdivision (b) of section 4840 of the code, limited medical care may be provided in a shelter setting by an R.V.T. or veterinary assistant for the specific purpose of controlling infectious and zoonotic disease, controlling acute pain, and preventing environmental contamination if all the following are met:

(1) The supervising veterinarian has direct knowledge of the animal population and examines the animal(s) at such time as good veterinary medical practice requires consistent with the particular delegated animal health care tasks.

(2) The supervising veterinarian establishes written orders for:

(A) The indirect supervision of an R.V.T. or veterinary assistant for vaccinations and prophylactic control of internal parasites and external parasites on intake.

(B) The indirect supervision of an R.V.T. for the treatment of medical conditions based on an animal's symptoms.

(C) The direct supervision of a veterinary assistant by an R.V.T. for the treatment of medical conditions based on an animal's symptoms.

(3) Treatment rendered under paragraph (2) may only be continued under the direction of a licensed veterinarian.

(b) Emergency animal care may be rendered by an R.V.T. pursuant to section 2069.

(c) An R.V.T. or veterinary assistant shall not diagnose, perform surgery, or prescribe pursuant to section 4840.2 of the code.

(d) The supervising veterinarian shall maintain whatever physical presence is reasonable within the facility to ensure that the requirements in subsections (a) through (c) are met.

(e) Animals that have been adopted and returned to the shelter by the owner for treatment of a medical condition shall be examined by a veterinarian prior to treatment or dispensing medication pursuant to section 2032.1, unless the care is continued treatment of an existing medical condition prior to the animal being

[adopted and the R.V.T. is following the treatment protocol established by the veterinarian.](#)

BPC 4840. Authorized services by technicians and assistants

(a) Registered veterinary technicians and veterinary assistants are approved to perform those animal health care services prescribed by law under the supervision of a veterinarian licensed or authorized to practice in this state.

(b) Registered veterinary technicians and veterinary assistants may perform animal health care services on those animals impounded by a state, county, city, or city and county agency pursuant to the direct order, written order, or telephonic order of a veterinarian licensed or authorized to practice in this state.

(c) Registered veterinary technicians may apply for registration from the federal Drug Enforcement Administration that authorizes the direct purchase of sodium pentobarbital for the performance of euthanasia as provided for in subdivision (d) of Section 4827 without the supervision or authorization of a licensed veterinarian.

CCR 2030.6 Minimum Standards – Animal Shelter Medicine in a Fixed Facility

For purposes of these regulations, “animal shelter facility” shall mean a building where veterinary medicine and its various branches are being practiced and where veterinary services are being provided to stray, unwanted, or seized animals that are deposited or impounded by a privately or publicly operated agency or organization. An animal shelter facility shall meet the following standards:

- (a) All instruments, apparatus, and apparel shall be kept clean and sanitary at all times. {2030}
- (b) Indoor lighting for halls, wards, reception areas, and examining and surgical rooms shall be adequate for their intended purpose. {2030 (a)}
- (c) Fire precautions shall meet the requirements of local and state fire prevention codes. {2030 (f)(1)}
- (d) The facility, temperature, and ventilation shall be maintained so as to assure the comfort of all patients. {2030 (f)(2)}
- (e) The floors, table tops, and counter tops in areas where animals are being treated shall be made of a material suitable for regular disinfecting and cleaning and shall be cleaned and disinfected regularly. {2030 (g)(7)}
- (f) The animal shelter facility shall have a reception area and office, or a combination of the two. {2030(b)}
- (g) The animal shelter facility shall have an examination room separate from other areas of the facility and be of sufficient size to accommodate the doctor, assistant, patient, and client. {2030(c)}
- (h) Current veterinary reference materials shall be readily available at the facility. {2030(f)(9)}
- (i) All drugs and biologicals shall be stored and maintained according to the manufacturer’s recommendations and administered, prescribed, and dispensed in compliance with state and federal laws. {2030(f)(6)}
- (j) The animal shelter facility shall have the ability to provide diagnostic radiological services. Radiological procedures shall be conducted in accordance with Health and Safety Code standards. {2030 (f)(4)}
- (k) The animal shelter facility shall have the ability to provide clinical pathology and histopathology diagnostic laboratory services. {2030 (f)(5)}
- (l) The animal shelter facility shall have appropriate drugs, including oxygen, and equipment to provide immediate emergency care. {2030 (f)(12)}
- (m) The disposal of waste material shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. {2030 (f)(3)}
- (n) If animals are housed or retained for treatment, the following shall be provided: {2030 (d)}
 - (1) Compartment or exercise runs or areas for animals shall be consistent with husbandry standards and shall be comfortable, sanitary, and provide for effective separation of animals and waste products. {2030 (d)(1)}
 - (2) Effective separation of known or suspected contagious animals. {2030 (d)(2)}

- (3) Prior notice to the client if there are to be no personnel on-site during any time an animal is left at the facility. For purposes of this paragraph, prior notice may be accomplished by posting a sign in a place and manner conspicuous to the clients at the primary entrance of the premises, stating that there may be times when there are no personnel on the premises. {2030 (d)(3)}
- (4) When medically and/or species appropriate for a given species, –where animals are kept on the veterinary premises for 24 hours or more, the animals shall be provided with an opportunity for proper exercise. Compliance with this paragraph may be achieved by the use of exercise runs/areas or by providing the animal with the opportunity for outdoor walks. {2030.1 (a)}
- (o) When the facility is closed, a sign shall be posted and visible outside the primary entrance with a telephone number and location where emergency care is available. An answering machine or service shall be used to notify the public when the facility will be re-opened and where after-hours emergency care is available. If no after-hours emergency care is available, full disclosure shall be provided to the public prior to rendering services. {2030 (e)}
- (p) Anesthetic equipment in accordance with the procedures performed shall be maintained in proper working condition and available at all times. {2030 (f)(10)}
- (q) Sanitary methods for the disposal of deceased animals shall be provided. {2030 (f)(7)}
- (r) When the client has not given the veterinarian authorization to dispose of his or her deceased animal, the veterinarian shall retain the carcass in a freezer for at least 14 days prior to disposal. {2030(f)(7)}
- (s) If aseptic surgery is performed, the following shall be provided: {2030 (g)}
- (1) A room, separate and distinct from all other rooms, shall be reserved for aseptic surgical procedures that require aseptic preparations. A veterinarian may perform emergency aseptic surgical procedures in another room when the room designated for aseptic surgery is occupied or temporarily unavailable. {2030 (g)(1)} The board may exempt a facility that is currently registered with the board but does not have a separate aseptic surgery room, where the board determines that it would be a hardship for the facility to comply with the provisions of this paragraph. In determining whether a hardship exists, the board shall give due consideration to the following factors: {2030 (g)(1)(B)}
- (A) Zoning limitations. {2030 (g)(1)(B)(1)}
- (B) Whether the facility constitutes a historical building. {2030 (g)(1)(B)(2)}
- (C) Whether compliance with this requirement would compel the veterinary practice to relocate to a new location. {2030 (g)(1)(B)(3)}
- (2) Storage in the surgery room shall be limited to items and equipment normally related to aseptic surgery and surgical procedures. Equipment not normally related to surgery and surgical procedure includes, but is not

- limited to, equipment used for dental prophylaxis, autoclaves, and non-surgical radiographic equipment. {2030 (g)(2)}
- (3) Open shelving is prohibited in the surgical room. {2030 (g)(3)}
- (4) The surgical room shall not contain a functional sink with an open drain. {2030 (g)(4)}
- (5) Surgery room doors shall be able to be fully closed, fill the entire door space, be made of a material suitable for regular disinfecting and cleaning, and be cleaned and disinfected regularly, and not provide access from outside the facility when aseptic surgery services are provided. {2030 (g)(5)}
- (6) The surgery room shall be well-lighted, have equipment for viewing radiographs, and have effective emergency lighting with a viable power source. {2030 (g)(6)}
- (7) Surgical instruments and equipment shall be:
- a. Adequate for the type of surgical procedures performed. {2030 (g)(8)(A)}
- b. Sterilized as required by the surgical procedure performed and instruments used. {2030 (g)(8)(B)}
- (8) In any sterile procedure, a separate sterile pack shall be used for each animal. {2030 (g)(9)}
- (9) All instruments, packs, and equipment shall be sterilized and have an indicator that reacts to and verifies sterilization. {2030 (g)(10)}
- (10) The following attire shall be required for aseptic surgery: {2030 (g)(11)}
- (A) Each member of the surgical team shall put on an appropriate sanitary cap and sanitary mask that covers his or her hair and mouth, nose, and any facial hair, except for eyebrows or eyelashes. All members of the surgical team who will be handling the instruments or touching the surgical site shall wear sterilized surgical gowns with long sleeves and sterilized gloves. {2030 (g)(11)(A)}
- (B) Ancillary personnel in the surgery room shall wear clean clothing, footwear, sanitary cap, and mask. {2030 (g)(11)(B)}
- (t) When performing clean surgery, the instruments used to perform such surgery shall have been sterilized, and the surgeon(s) and ancillary personnel shall wear appropriate apparel. {2030 (h)} For purposes of this subsection, "clean surgery" shall mean the performance of a surgical procedure for the treatment of a condition and under circumstances that, consistent with the standards of good veterinary medicine, do not warrant the use of aseptic surgical procedures. {2030 (h)}

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

2030.7 Minimum Standards – Animal Shelter Ambulatory Medicine

For purposes of these regulations, an “animal shelter ambulatory practice” shall mean the practice of shelter medicine at a location outside a fixed facility where veterinary medicine and its various branches are being practiced. Animal shelter ambulatory practice shall meet the following minimum standards:

- (a) All instruments, apparatus, and apparel shall be kept clean and sanitary at all times. {2030}
- (b) Prior notice shall be given to the client when the practice is closed. An answering machine or service shall be used to notify the public when the facility will be re-opened and where after-hours emergency care is available. If no after-hours emergency care is available, full disclosure shall be provided to the public prior to rendering services. {2030 (e)}
- (c) The disposal of waste material shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. {2030 (f)(3)}
- (d) The animal shelter ambulatory practice shall have the ability to provide diagnostic radiological services. Radiological procedures shall be conducted in accordance with Health and Safety Code standards. {2030 (f)(4)}
- (e) The animal shelter ambulatory practice shall have the ability to provide clinical pathology and histopathology diagnostic laboratory services {2030 (f)(5)}
- (f) All drugs and biologicals shall be stored and maintained according to the manufacturer’s recommendations and administered, prescribed, and dispensed in compliance with state and federal laws. {2030(f)(6)}
- (g) Current veterinary reference materials shall be readily available. {2030(f)(9)}
- (h) The animal shelter ambulatory practice shall have the appropriate drugs and equipment to provide immediate emergency care at a level commensurate with the specific veterinary medical services provided. {2030 (f)(12)}
- (i) When performing clean surgery, the instruments used to perform such surgery shall have been sterilized, and the surgeon(s) and ancillary personnel shall wear appropriate apparel. {2030 (h)} For purposes of this subsection, “clean surgery” shall mean the performance of a surgical procedure for the treatment of a condition and under circumstances that, consistent with the standards of good veterinary medicine, do not warrant the use of aseptic surgical procedures. {2030 (h)}

Note: Authority cited: Sections 4808 and 4854, Business and Professions Code.
Reference: Sections 4825.1, 4854, and 4883, Business and Professions Code.

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2030. Minimum Standards

The facilities and practice types in sections 2030.1 through 2030.5 are premises pursuant to section 4853 of the code and shall be registered with the board and meet all of the requirements in section 2030.05. If the facility or practice type is operated from a building or facility that is the licensee manager's principal place of business and the building or facility is registered with the board, the facility or practice type shall be considered a mobile unit and exempt from independent registration with the board.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 4808 and 4854, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4853, 4854, and 4883, Business and Professions Code.

2030.05. Minimum Standards - Licensee Manager.

- (a) A Licensee Manager is the California licensed veterinarian named as the Licensee Manager on a facility's premises permit.
- (b) The Licensee Manager is responsible for ensuring that the premises for which he/she is manager complies with the requirements in sections 4853, 4854, 4855 and 4856 of the code. The Licensee Manager is responsible for ensuring that the physical and operational components of a premises meet the minimum standards of practice as set forth in sections 2030 through 2032.5 of the California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Division 20, Article 4.
- (c) The Licensee Manager is responsible for ensuring that no unlicensed activity is occurring within the premises or in any location where any function of veterinary medicine, veterinary surgery or veterinary dentistry is being conducted off the premises under the auspices of this premises license.
- (d) The Licensee Manager shall maintain whatever physical presence is reasonable within the facility to ensure that the requirements in subdivisions (a) – through (c) are met.
- (e) Each licensed veterinarian shall be responsible for their individual violations of the Veterinary Medicine Practice Act or any regulation adopted thereunder.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 4808 and 4854, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4853, 4854, 4855, 4856, and 4883, Business and Professions Code.

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PREMISES PERMIT PROPOSED REGULATION FROM THE MDC

Section 2030.1. Minimum Standards – Small Animal Fixed Facility.

For purposes of these regulations, a “small animal fixed facility” shall mean a building where veterinary medicine and its various branches are being practiced and where veterinary services are being provided to household pets. A small animal fixed facility shall meet the following minimum standards:

- (a) All instruments, apparatus, and apparel shall be kept clean and sanitary at all times. **{2030}**
- (b) Indoor lighting for halls, wards, reception areas, examining and surgical rooms shall be adequate for their intended purpose. **{2030 (a)}**
- (c) Fire precautions shall meet the requirements of local and state fire prevention codes. **{2030 (f)(1)}**
- (d) The facility, temperature, and ventilation shall be maintained so as to assure the comfort of all patients. **{2030 (f)(2)}**
- (e) The floors, table tops, and counter tops in areas where animals are being treated shall be made of a material suitable for regular disinfecting and cleaning, and shall be cleaned and disinfected regularly. **{2030 (g)(7)}**
- (f) Shall have a reception area and office, or a combination of the two. **{2030(b)}**
- (g) Shall have an examination room separate from other areas of the facility and of sufficient size to accommodate the doctor, assistant, patient, and client. **{2030(c)}**
- (h) Current veterinary reference materials shall be readily available at the facility. **{2030(f)(9)}**
- (i) All drugs and biologicals shall be stored and maintained according to the manufacturer’s recommendations and administered, prescribed, and dispensed in compliance with state and federal laws. **{2030(f)(6)}**
- (j) Shall have the ability to provide diagnostic radiological services. Radiological procedures shall be conducted in accordance with Health and Safety Code standards. **{2030 (f)(4)}**
- (k) Shall have the ability to provide clinical pathology and histopathology diagnostic laboratory services. **{2030 (f)(5)}**
- (l) Shall have appropriate drugs, including oxygen, and equipment to provide immediate emergency care. **{2030 (f)(12)}**
- (m) The disposal of waste material shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. **{2030 (f)(3)}**
- (n) If animals are housed or retained for treatment, the following shall be provided: **{2030 (d)}**
 - (1) Compartments or exercise runs or areas for animals shall be consistent with husbandry standards and shall be comfortable, sanitary, and provide for effective separation of animals and waste products. **{2030 (d)(1)}**
 - (2) Effective separation of known or suspected contagious animals. **{2030 (d)(2)}**

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- (3) Prior notice shall be given to the client if there are to be no personnel on-site during any time an animal is left at the facility. For purposes of this paragraph, prior notice may be accomplished by posting a sign in a place and manner conspicuous to the clients at the primary entrance of the premises, stating that there may be times when there are no personnel on the premises. **{2030 (d)(3)}**
- (4) When medically and/or species appropriate for a given species, -where animals are kept on the veterinary premises for 24 hours or more, the animals shall be provided with an opportunity for proper exercise. Compliance with this section may be achieved by the use of exercise runs/areas or by providing the animal with the opportunity for outdoor walks. **{2030.1 (a)}**
- (o) When the facility is closed, a sign shall be posted and visible outside the primary entrance with a telephone number and location where emergency care is available. An answering machine or service shall be used to notify the public when the facility will be re-opened and where after-hours emergency care is available. If no after-hours emergency care is available, full disclosure shall be provided to the public prior to rendering services. **{2030 (e)}**
- (p) Anesthetic equipment in accordance with the procedures performed shall be maintained in proper working condition and available at all times. **{2030 (f)(10)}**
- (q) Sanitary methods for the disposal of deceased animals shall be provided. **{2030 (f)(7)}**
- (r) When the client has not given the veterinarian authorization to dispose of his or her deceased animal, the veterinarian shall be required to retain the carcass in a freezer for at least 14 days prior to disposal. **{2030(f)(7)}**
- (s) If aseptic surgery is performed, the following shall be provided: **{2030 (g)}**
- (1) A room, separate and distinct from all other rooms shall be reserved for aseptic surgical procedures which require aseptic preparations. A veterinarian may perform emergency aseptic surgical procedures in another room when the room designated for aseptic surgery is occupied or temporarily unavailable. **{2030 (g)(1)}** The board may exempt a facility which is currently registered with the board, but does not have a separate aseptic surgery room, where it determines that it would be a hardship for the facility to comply with the provisions of this section. In determining whether a hardship exists, the board shall give due consideration to the following factors: **{2030 (g)(1)(B)}**
- (A) Zoning limitations. **{2030 (g)(1)(B)(1)}**
- (B) Whether the facility constitutes a historical building. **{2030 (g)(1)(B)(2)}**
- (C) Whether compliance with this requirement would compel the veterinary practice to relocate to a new location. **{2030 (g)(1)(B)(3)}**
- (2) Storage in the surgery room shall be limited to items and equipment normally related to aseptic surgery and surgical procedures. Equipment not normally related to surgery and surgical procedure includes, but is not limited to, equipment used for dental prophylaxis, autoclaves and non-surgical radiographic equipment. **{2030 (g)(2)}**
- (3) Open shelving is prohibited in the surgical room. **{2030 (g)(3)}**

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- (4) The surgical room shall not contain a functional sink with an open drain. **{2030 (g)(4)}**
- (5) Surgery room doors shall be able to be fully closed, fill the entire door space, be made of a material suitable for regular disinfecting and cleaning, and shall be cleaned and disinfected regularly, and not provide access from outside the facility when aseptic surgery services are provided. **{2030 (g)(5)}**
- (6) The surgery room shall be well lighted, shall have equipment for viewing radiographs and shall have effective emergency lighting with a viable power source. **{2030 (g)(6)}**
- (7) Surgical instruments and equipment shall be:
- (8) Adequate for the type of surgical procedures performed. **{2030 (g)(8)(A)}**
- (9) Sterilized as required by the surgical procedure performed and instruments used. **{2030 (g)(8)(B)}**
- (10) In any sterile procedure, a separate sterile pack shall be used for each animal. **{2030 (g)(9)}**
- (11) All instruments, packs, and equipment shall be sterilized and have an indicator that reacts to and verifies sterilization. **{2030 (g)(10)}**
- (12) The following attire shall be required for aseptic surgery: **{2030 (g)(11)}**
 - (A) Each member of the surgical team shall put on an appropriate sanitary cap and sanitary mask which covers his or her hair and mouth, nose and any facial hair, except for eyebrows or eyelashes. All members of the surgical team who will be handling the instruments or touching the surgical site shall wear sterilized surgical gowns with long sleeves and sterilized gloves. **{2030 (g)(11)(A)}**
 - (B) Ancillary personnel in the surgery room shall wear clean clothing, footwear, sanitary cap and mask. **{2030 (g)(11)(B)}**
- (t) When performing clean surgery, the instruments used to perform such surgery shall have been sterilized and the surgeon(s) and ancillary personnel shall wear appropriate apparel. **{2030 (h)}** For purposes of this section, “clean surgery” shall mean the performance of a surgical procedure for the treatment of a condition and under circumstances which, consistent with the standards of good veterinary medicine, do not warrant the use of aseptic surgical procedures. **{2030 (h)}**

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Section 2030.15. Minimum Standards – Large Animal Fixed Facility.

For purposes of these regulations, a “large animal fixed facility” shall mean a building where veterinary medicine and its various branches are being practiced and where veterinary services are being provided to equine and food animals and livestock as defined in section 4825.1 (c) and (d) of the code. A large animal fixed facility shall meet the following minimum standards:

- (a) All instruments, apparatus, and apparel shall be kept clean and sanitary at all times. **{2030}**
- (b) Indoor lighting for halls, wards, reception areas, examining and surgical rooms shall be adequate for their intended purpose. **{2030 (a)}**
- (c) Fire precautions shall meet the requirements of local and state fire prevention codes. **{2030 (f)(1)}**
- (d) The facility, temperature, and ventilation shall be maintained so as to assure the comfort of all patients. **{2030 (f)(2)}**
- (e) The floors, table tops, and counter tops in areas where animals are being treated shall be made of a material suitable for regular disinfecting and cleaning, and shall be cleaned and disinfected regularly. **{2030 (g)(7)}**
- (f) Shall have a reception area and office, or a combination of the two. **{2030(b)}**
- (g) Shall have an examination room separate from other areas of the facility and of sufficient size to accommodate the doctor, assistant, patient, and client. **{2030(c)}**
- (h) Current veterinary reference materials shall be readily available at the facility. **{2030(f)(9)}**
- (i) All drugs and biologicals shall be stored and maintained according to the manufacturer’s recommendations and administered, prescribed, and dispensed in compliance with state and federal laws. **{2030(f)(6)}**
- (j) Shall have the ability to provide diagnostic radiological services. Radiological procedures shall be conducted in accordance with Health and Safety Code standards. **{2030 (f)(4)}**
- (k) Shall have the ability to provide clinical pathology and histopathology diagnostic laboratory services. **{2030 (f)(5)}**
- (l) Shall have appropriate drugs and equipment to provide immediate emergency care. **{2030 (f)(12)}**
- (m) The disposal of waste material shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. **{2030 (f)(3)}**
- (n) If animals are housed or retained for treatment, the following shall be provided: **{2030 (d)}**
 - (1) Compartments or exercise areas for animals shall be consistent with husbandry standards and shall be comfortable, sanitary, and provide for effective separation of animals and waste products. **{2030 (d)(1)}**
 - (2) Effective separation of known or suspected contagious animals. **{2030 (d)(2)}**
 - (3) Prior notice shall be given to the client if there are to be no personnel on-site during any time an animal is left at the facility. For purposes of this paragraph,

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prior notice may be accomplished by posting a sign in a place and manner conspicuous to the clients at the primary entrance of the premises, stating that there may be times when there are no personnel on the premises. **{2030 (d)(3)}**

(4) When medically appropriate for a given species, where animals are kept at the facility for 24 hours or more, the animals shall be provided with an opportunity for proper exercise. Compliance with this section may be achieved by the use of exercise areas or by providing the animal with the opportunity for outdoor walks. **{2030.1 (a)}**

(o) When the facility is closed, a sign shall be posted and visible outside the primary entrance with a telephone number and location where emergency care is available. An answering machine or service shall be used to notify the public when the facility will be re-opened and where after-hours emergency care is available. If no after-hours emergency care is available, full disclosure shall be provided to the public prior to rendering services. **{2030 (e)}**

(p) Anesthetic equipment in accordance with the procedures performed shall be maintained in proper working condition and available at all times. **{2030 (f)(10)}**

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(1) A room, separate and distinct from all other rooms shall be reserved for aseptic surgical procedures which require aseptic preparations. A veterinarian may perform emergency aseptic surgical procedures in another room when the room designated for aseptic surgery is occupied or temporarily unavailable. **{2030 (g)(1)}** The board may exempt a facility which is currently registered with the board, but does not have a separate aseptic surgery room, where it determines that it would be a hardship for the facility to comply with the provisions of this section. In determining whether a hardship exists, the board shall give due consideration to the following factors: **{2030 (g)(1)(B)}**

(A) Zoning limitations. **{2030 (g)(1)(B)(1)}**(B) Whether the facility constitutes a historical building. **{2030 (g)(1)(B)(2)}**

(C) Whether compliance with this requirement would compel the veterinary practice to relocate to a new location. **{2030 (g)(1)(B)(3)}**

(2) Storage in the surgery room shall be limited to items and equipment normally related to aseptic surgery and surgical procedures. Equipment not normally related to surgery and surgical procedure includes, but is not limited to, equipment used for dental prophylaxis, autoclaves and non-surgical radiographic equipment. **{2030 (g)(2)}**

(3) Open shelving is prohibited in the surgical room. **{2030 (g)(3)}**

Surgery room doors shall be able to be fully closed, fill the entire door space, be made of a material suitable for regular disinfecting and cleaning, and shall be cleaned and disinfected regularly, and not provide access from outside the facility when aseptic surgery services are provided. In cases where the size of the animal prevents entry to the hospital via a regularly-sized door, doors for outside access are permitted as long as such doors are

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- (4) able to be fully closed, fill the entire door space and be made of a material suitable for regular disinfecting and cleaning, and shall be cleaned and disinfected regularly. **{2030 (g)(5)}**
- (5) The surgery room shall be well lighted, shall have equipment for viewing radiographs and shall have effective emergency lighting with a viable power source. **{2030 (g)(6)}**
- (6) Surgical instruments and equipment shall be:
 - (A) Adequate for the type of surgical procedures performed. **{2030 (g)(8)(A)}**
 - (B) Sterilized as required by the surgical procedure performed and instruments used. **{2030 (g)(8)(B)}**
- (7) In any sterile procedure, a separate sterile pack shall be used for each animal. **{2030 (g)(9)}**
- (8) All instruments, packs, and equipment shall be sterilized and have an indicator that reacts to and verifies sterilization. **{2030 (g)(10)}**
- (9) The following attire shall be required for aseptic surgery: **{2030 (g)(11)}**
 - (A) Each member of the surgical team shall put on an appropriate sanitary cap and sanitary mask which covers his or her hair and mouth, nose and any facial hair, except for eyebrows or eyelashes. All members of the surgical team who will be handling the instruments or touching the surgical site shall wear sterilized surgical gowns with long sleeves and sterilized gloves. **{2030 (g)(11)(A)}**
 - (B) Ancillary personnel in the surgery room shall wear clean clothing, footwear, sanitary cap and mask. **{2030 (g)(11)(B)}**
- (s) When performing clean surgery, the instruments used to perform such surgery shall have been sterilized and the surgeon(s) and ancillary personnel shall wear appropriate apparel. **{2030 (h)}** For purposes of this section, “clean surgery” shall mean the performance of a surgical procedure for the treatment of a condition and under circumstances which, consistent with the standards of good veterinary medicine, do not warrant the use of aseptic surgical procedures. **{2030 (h)}**

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2030.2. Small Animal Mobile Facility.

For purposes of these regulations, a “small animal mobile facility” shall mean a mobile unit or vehicle where veterinary medicine and its various branches are being practiced and where veterinary services are being provided to household pets. A small animal mobile facility shall meet the following minimum standards: **{2030.2}**

- (1) All instruments, apparatus, and apparel shall be kept clean and sanitary at all times. **{2030}**
- (b) Shall have hot and cold water. **{2030.2 (a)(1)}**
- (c) Shall have a 110-volt power source for diagnostic equipment. **{2030.2 (a)(2)}**
- (d) Shall have a collection tank for disposal of waste material. **{2030.2 (a)(3)}**
- (e) Indoor lighting for halls, wards, reception areas, examining and surgical rooms, which shall be adequate for its intended purpose. **{2030.2 (b)(1)}**
- (f) Fire precautions shall meet the requirements of local and state fire prevention codes. **{2030.2 (b)(3)}**
- (g) The facility, temperature, and ventilation controls shall be maintained so as to assure the comfort of all patients. **{2030.2 (b)(4)}**
- (h) The floors, table tops, and counter tops shall be made of a material suitable for regular disinfecting and cleaning, and shall be cleaned and disinfected regularly. **{2030.2 (a)(5)}**
- (i) Shall have an examination room of sufficient size to accommodate the doctor, assistant, patient, and client. **{2030.2 (b)(2)}**
- (j) Current veterinary reference materials shall be readily available at the facility. **{2030(f)(9)}**
- (k) All drugs and biologicals shall be stored and maintained according to the manufacturer’s recommendations and administered, prescribed, and dispensed in compliance with state and federal laws. **{2030(f)(6)}**
- (l) Shall have the ability to provide diagnostic radiological services. Radiological procedures shall be conducted in accordance with Health and Safety Code standards. **{2030 (f)(4)}**
- (m) Shall have the ability to provide clinical pathology and histopathology diagnostic laboratory services. **{2030 (f)(5)}**
- (n) Shall have appropriate drugs, including oxygen, and equipment to provide immediate emergency care. **{2030.2 (c)}**
- (o) The disposal of waste material shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. **{2030 (f)(3)}**
- (p) If animals are housed or retained for treatment, the following shall be provided: **{2030 (d)}**
 - (1) Compartments or exercise runs or areas for animals shall be consistent with husbandry standards and shall be comfortable, sanitary, and provide for effective separation of animals and waste products. **{2030.2 (a)(6)}**
 - (2) Effective separation of known or suspected contagious animals. **{2030 (d)(2)}**

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- (3) When medically appropriate for a given species, where animals are kept at the facility for 24 hours or more, the animals shall be provided with an opportunity for proper exercise. Compliance with this section may be achieved by the use of exercise runs/areas or by providing the animal with the opportunity for outdoor walks. **{2030.1 (a)}**
- (4) Prior notice shall be given to the client if there are to be no personnel on-site during any time an animal is left at the facility. **{2030 (d)(3)}**
- (q) Prior notice shall be given to the client when the facility is closed. An answering machine or service shall be used to notify the public when the facility will be re-opened and where after hour emergency care is available. If emergency services are not provided by the facility, a legible list of contact information for facilities or practices that provide emergency services shall be provided to the client. If no after-hour emergency care is available, full disclosure shall be provided to the public prior to rendering services. **{2030.2 (d)}**
- (r) Anesthetic equipment in accordance with the procedures performed shall be maintained in proper working condition and available at all times. **{2030 (f)(10)}**
- (s) Sanitary methods for the disposal of deceased animals shall be provided. **{2030 (f)(7)}**
- (t) When the client has not given the veterinarian authorization to dispose of his or her deceased animal, the veterinarian shall be required to retain the carcass in a freezer for at least 14 days prior to disposal. **{2030.2 (e)}**
- (u) If aseptic surgery is performed, the following shall be provided: **{2030.2 (b)(5)}**
 - (1) A room, separate and distinct from all other rooms, which shall be reserved for aseptic surgical procedures. A veterinarian may perform emergency aseptic surgical procedures in another room when the room designated for aseptic surgery is occupied or temporarily unavailable. **{2030.2 (b)(5)}**
 - (2) Shall have an examination area separate from the surgery room. **{2030.2 (b)(5)(A)}**
 - (3) Storage in the surgery room shall be limited to items and equipment normally related to surgery and surgical procedures. Equipment not normally related to surgery and surgical procedure includes, but is not limited to, equipment used for dental prophylaxis, autoclaves, and non-surgical radiographic equipment. **{2030.2 (b)(5)}**
 - (4) Open shelving is prohibited in the surgical room. **{2030 (g)(3)}**
 - (5) The surgical room shall not contain a functional sink with an open drain. **{2030 (g)(4)}**
 - (6) The surgery room shall be well lighted, shall have equipment for viewing radiographs and shall have effective emergency lighting with a viable power source. **{2030 (g)(6)}**
 - (7) Surgical instruments and equipment shall be:
 - (A) Adequate for the type of surgical procedures performed. **{2030 (g)(8)(A)}**
 - (B) All instruments, packs, and equipment shall be sterilized and have an indicator that reacts to and verifies sterilization **{2030 (g)(10)}**

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- (C) A separate sterile pack shall be used for each animal. **{2030 (g)(9)}**
- (8) Surgery room doors shall be able to be fully closed, fill the entire door space, be made of a material suitable for regular disinfecting and cleaning, and shall be cleaned and disinfected regularly. **{2030 (g)(5)}**
- (9) The following attire shall be required:
- (A) Each member of the surgical team shall put on an appropriate sanitary cap and sanitary mask which covers his or her hair and mouth, nose and any facial hair, except for eyebrows or eyelashes. All members of the surgical team who will be handling the instruments or touching the surgical site shall wear sterilized surgical gowns with long sleeves and sterilized gloves. **{2030 (g)(11)(A)}**
- (B) Ancillary personnel in the surgery room shall wear clean clothing, footwear, sanitary cap and mask. **{2030 (g)(11)(B)}**
- (10) When performing clean surgery, the instruments used to perform such surgery shall have been sterilized and the surgeon(s) and ancillary personnel shall wear appropriate apparel. **{2030 (h)}** For purposes of this section, “clean surgery” shall mean the performance of a surgical procedure for the treatment of a condition and under circumstances which, consistent with the standards of good veterinary medicine, do not warrant the use of aseptic surgical procedures. **{2030 (h)}**

Note: Authority cited: Sections 4808 and 4854, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4853 and 4854, Business and Professions Code.

Section 2030.3. Minimum Standards – Animal Vaccination Practice.

For purposes of these regulations, an “animal vaccination practice” shall mean a location where the scope of veterinary practice is limited to only vaccinations and preventative procedures for parasite control. An animal vaccination practice shall meet the following minimum standards: **{2030.3 (a)}**

- (a) All instruments, apparatus, and apparel shall be kept clean and sanitary at all times. **{2030. }**
- (b) Diagnostic tests shall not be performed, and dangerous drugs shall not be prescribed or dispensed. **{2030.3 (l)}**
- (c) A veterinarian must remain on site throughout the duration of a vaccination practice. The veterinarian is responsible for proper vaccination and preventative procedures for parasite control and the completeness of recommendations made to the public by the paraprofessional staff that the veterinarian supervises or employs. The veterinarian is responsible for documenting that the patient appears healthy enough

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- to receive vaccines or preventable parasiticides as well as providing consultation and referral of clients when disease is detected or suspected. **{2030.3 (b)}**
- (d) Lighting shall be adequate for the procedures to be performed in the vaccination practice. **{2030.3 (e)}**
 - (e) Fire precautions shall meet the requirements of local and state fire prevention codes. **{2010 (f)(1)}**
 - (f) When applicable, floors, table tops, and counter tops in areas where animals are being treated shall be made of a material suitable for regular disinfecting and cleaning, and shall be cleaned and disinfected regularly. **{2030.3 (f)}**
 - (g) The disposal of waste material shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. **{2030.3 (c)}**
 - (h) Current veterinary reference materials shall be readily available at the practice. **{2030 (f)(9)}**
 - (i) All drugs and biologicals shall be stored, and maintained according to the manufacturer's recommendations and administered in compliance with state and federal laws. **{2030.3 (d)}**
 - (j) Shall have the appropriate drugs and equipment to provide immediate emergency care at a level commensurate with the specific veterinary medical services provided. **{2030.3 (i)}**
 - (k) Equipment shall be of the type and quality to provide for the delivery of vaccines and parasiticides in the best interest of the patient and with safety to the public. **{2030.3 (g)}**
 - (l) Fresh, clean water shall be available for sanitizing and first aid. Disposable towels and soap shall be readily available. **{2030.3 (h)}**
 - (m) A legible list of contact information for facilities or practices that provide or advertise emergency services shall be provided to the client. **{2030.3 (j)}**
 - (n) Maintain records of all vaccinations and drugs administered to each patient for a minimum of three (3) years from the date that they were administered. **{2030.3 (k)}**
 - (o) The veterinarian shall be identifiable to the public, including, but not limited to the posting of the veterinarian's license, as set forth in section 4850 of the code. **{2030.3 (m)}**

Note: Authority cited: Sections 4808 and 4854, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4853, 4854, and 4883, Business and Professions Code.

Section 2030.4. Minimum Standards – Small Animal House Call Practice.

For purposes of these regulations, a "small animal house call practice" shall mean one in which veterinary medicine and its various branches are being practiced and where veterinary services are being provided to household pets at the location where the animal resides. A small animal house call practice shall meet the following minimum standards:

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- (a) All instruments, apparatus, and apparel shall be kept clean and sanitary at all times. **{2030}**
- (b) General anesthesia and aseptic surgical procedures shall not be performed.
- (c) Prior notice shall be given to the client when the practice is closed. An answering machine or service shall be used to notify the public when the practice will be re-opened and where after-hours emergency care is available. If no after-hours emergency care is available, full disclosure shall be provided to the public prior to rendering services. **{2030 (e)}**
- (d) A legible list of contact information for facilities or practices that provide emergency services shall be provided to the client. **{2030.3 (m)}**
- (e) The disposal of waste material shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. **{2030 (f)(3)}**
- (f) Shall have the ability to provide diagnostic radiological services. Radiological procedures shall be conducted in accordance with Health and Safety Code standards. **{2030 (f)(4)}**
- (g) Shall have the ability to provide clinical pathology and histopathology diagnostic laboratory services. **{2030 (f)(5)}**
- (h) All drugs and biologicals shall be stored and maintained according to the manufacturer's recommendations and administered, prescribed, and dispensed in compliance with state and federal laws. **{2030(f)(6)}**
- (i) Sanitary methods for the disposal of deceased animals shall be provided. **{2030 (f)(7)}**
- (j) When the client has not given the veterinarian authorization to dispose of his or her deceased animal, the veterinarian shall be required to retain the carcass in a freezer for at least 14 days prior to disposal. **{2030.1 (b)}**
- (k) Shall have the appropriate drugs and equipment to provide immediate emergency care at a level commensurate with the specific veterinary medical services provided. **{2030 (f)(12)}**
- (l) Current veterinary reference materials shall be readily available. **{2030(f)(9)}**
- (m) When performing clean surgery, the instruments used to perform such surgery shall have been sterilized and the surgeon(s) and ancillary personnel shall wear appropriate apparel. **{2030 (h)}**
- (n) For purposes of this section, "clean surgery" shall mean the performance of a surgical procedure for the treatment of a condition and under circumstances which, consistent with the standards of good veterinary medicine, do not warrant the use of aseptic surgical procedures. **{2030 (h)}**

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2030.5. Minimum Standards – Large Animal Ambulatory Practice.

For purposes of these regulations, a “large animal ambulatory practice” shall mean a practice where veterinary medicine and its various branches are being practiced either at the location of the animal or by operating in more than one location providing veterinary services to large animals belonging to multiple clients that are not permanently housed or boarded at that location(s). For purposes of this section, large animal pertains to equine and food animals and livestock, as defined in subdivisions (c) and (d) of section 4825.1 of the code. A large animal ambulatory practice shall meet the following minimum standards:

- (a) All instruments, apparatus, and apparel shall be kept clean and sanitary at all times. **{2030}**
- (b) Prior notice shall be given to the client when the practice is closed. An answering machine or service shall be used to notify the public when the facility will be re-opened and where after-hours emergency care is available. If no after-hours emergency care is available, full disclosure shall be provided to the public prior to rendering services. **{2030 (e)}**
- (c) The disposal of waste material shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. **{2030 (f)(3)}**
- (d) Shall have the ability to provide diagnostic radiological services. Radiological procedures shall be conducted in accordance with Health and Safety Code standards. **{2030 (f)(4)}**
- (e) Shall have the ability to provide clinical pathology and histopathology diagnostic laboratory services **{2030 (f)(5)}**
- (f) All drugs and biologicals shall be stored and maintained according to the manufacturer’s recommendations and administered, prescribed, and dispensed in compliance with state and federal laws. **{2030(f)(6)}**
- (g) Current veterinary reference materials shall be readily available. **{2030(f)(9)}**
- (h) Shall have the appropriate drugs and equipment to provide immediate emergency care at a level commensurate with the specific veterinary medical services provided. **{2030 (f)(12)}**
- (i) When performing clean surgery, the instruments used to perform such surgery shall have been sterilized and the surgeon(s) and ancillary personnel shall wear appropriate apparel. **{2030 (h)}** For purposes of this section, “clean surgery” shall mean the performance of a surgical procedure for the treatment of a condition and under circumstances which, consistent with the standards of good veterinary medicine, do not warrant the use of aseptic surgical procedures. **{2030 (h)}**

Note: Authority cited: Sections 4808 and 4854, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4825.1, 4854, and 4883, Business and Professions Code.