

## **875-005-0005**

### **Definitions**

- (1) “Agency”: Any animal control department, humane society, or facility which contracts with a public agency or arranges to provide animal sheltering services and is [certified by the Euthanasia Task Force and] registered by the Oregon State Board of Pharmacy.
- (2) “Board”: The Oregon State Veterinary Medical Examining Board.
- (3) “Board of Pharmacy”: The Oregon State Board of Pharmacy.
- (4) “Certified Euthanasia Technician or “CET”: A person who is [recognized] employed by or a volunteer at [an] a humane society, animal control agency or animal holding facility (agency) [as a paid or volunteer staff member] and is [instructed and] certified by the [Euthanasia Task Force] Board pursuant to ORS 475.190(4). Any person who was trained prior to October 15, 1983 in euthanasia methods, in the course provided by Multnomah County Animal Control and the Oregon Humane Society, and who has been subsequently certified by the [Euthanasia Task Force] Board.

## **875-040-0005**

### **Certified Euthanasia Technicians (CETs)**

No person not licensed as a veterinarian shall perform euthanasia or administer sodium pentobarbital unless the person is certified by the Board. CETs shall administer euthanasia in conformance with the 2010 Association of Shelter Veterinarians (SVA) Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Euthanasia for small animals and the 2011 American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Guidelines on Euthanasia for large animals. Under ORS 609.405, lethal injection of sodium pentobarbital is the only approved method for the euthanasia of dogs and cats by an animal control agency, humane society or subcontractor thereof.

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### **Certification of Technicians**

- (1) In order for a person to become a Certified Euthanasia Technician (CET), the person must:
  - (a) Be an employee or a volunteer at a humane society, animal control agency or animal holding facility (agency);
  - (b) Complete Board-approved training;
  - (c) Pay an annual certification fee of \$25.00.
- (2) Upon separation from an agency, a CET may not euthanize animals until the person is employed by or a volunteer at another agency, and the agency has notified the Board. Certificates are valid only for the agency at which the person is currently working.
- (3) If a CET is reemployed or volunteers again within 18 months of last certification, the agency may apply to the Board for reactivation of the person’s certification. After an 18-month lapse in certification, the person must become recertified as described in (1).
- (4) All certifications expire on October 31st of each year.