

Alabama State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

RULE NUMBER: 930-X-1-.37

TITLE OF RULE: RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT FOR LICENSED VETERINARY TECHNICIANS/
GROUNDS OF DISCIPLINE.

(1) The following conduct is unprofessional and violates Section 34-29-94 (j) of the Alabama Veterinary Practice Act and is grounds for disciplinary action by the board.

- (a) Practicing or offering to practice as a licensed veterinary technician without being employed and supervised by a licensed veterinarian;
- (b) Accepting payment for services rendered as a licensed veterinary technician from someone other than the licensed veterinary technician's employer;
- (c) Compromising the confidentiality of the veterinarian-client-patient relationship;
- (d) Failing to acknowledge that the licensed veterinary technician is not a licensed veterinarian or that the licensed veterinary technician is an employee of a veterinarian;
- (e) Undertaking procedures or performing treatment that has not been authorized by the supervising veterinarian;
- (f) Undertaking procedures or performing treatment that the licensed veterinary technician is not trained or competent to perform;
- (g) Soliciting patients for any practitioner of veterinary medicine;
- (h) Willfully or negligently divulging professional information or discussing a veterinarian's diagnosis or treatment without the express permission of the veterinarian;
- (i) Being unable to practice as a licensed veterinary technician with reasonable skill and safety to patients because of the use of drugs, alcohol, narcotics, chemicals or as a result of any mental or physical condition;
- (j) Fraud or misrepresentation in applying for or procuring a license to practice as a licensed veterinary technician in the State of Alabama, or for any other purpose;
- (k) Impersonating another person licensed as a licensed veterinary technician or allowing any person to use the licensee's license;
- (l) Aiding or abetting the practice of veterinary medicine or veterinary technology by a person not licensed by the board;
- (m) Gross negligence or malpractice in the performance of duties, tasks or functions assigned to a licensed veterinary technician by a licensed veterinarian;
- (n) Demonstrating incapacity or incompetence to perform as a licensed veterinary technician,

(o) Giving false sworn information in testimony or affidavit about the content of clinical records or the rendering of patient care in the course of practice as a licensed veterinary technician;

(p) Cruelty to animals;

(q) Any conduct unbecoming a person identified as a licensed veterinary technician, reflecting negatively on the veterinary medical profession or detrimental to the best interests of the public;

(r) Conviction of a felony or conviction of any offense punishable by incarceration in either a state or federal penitentiary. A copy of the record of conviction, certified by the clerk of the court entering the conviction, shall be conclusive evidence of such punishment;

(s) Failure of a licensed veterinary technician to annually renew the license to practice veterinary technology or to satisfy the annual continuing education requirement;

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Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §34-29-69.