

**930-X-1-.37      Rules Of Professional Conduct For Licensed  
Veterinary Technicians/Grounds For 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 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 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;

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## Veterinary Medicine

(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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