



Oklahoma Veterinary Board

Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings from the Board of Veterinary Examiners!!

I hope your 2004 is going well. First, I want to congratulate you for a quiet and calm year. Complaints have been minimal and very few hearings have been held. Veterinarians are doing a great job of communicating with your clients and explaining procedures thoroughly. Poor communication is usually the biggest stimulus for someone to get upset with you and fire off a complaint. So keep up the good communication and follow up.

I also want to emphasize that we as a Board want to do everything to help you understand and know what the Practice Act says and means for you. We want every veterinarian to be compliant and knowledgeable as much as possible. If that means answering a phone call, any of the Board Members would be willing to help as well as our friendly staff. We also have our website available to download information and send E-Mails to us. We have taken extra time at our meetings and even arranged special get-togethers with vets to help them understand how we operate and function. So let us know if you have a question or a suggestion. You never know until you ask!

The last thing I want to emphasize is-Get your license renewal in before June 30. New fees are going to go into effect July 1. \$125 license fee before June 30 goes to \$175.00 after July 1. The \$25.00 reactivation fee before June 30 goes to \$100.00 after July 1. I'm giving you notice to help save some heartache later. Don't put your renewal off.

Thanks for a quiet year.

Dwight A Olson, DVM

RENEWAL CHANGES

Please take a moment to review the renewal form; we have made a few changes to the questions portion. On the previous renewal forms the question asked if you had ever been charged or convicted of a felony or misdemeanor or if you had ever been the subject of any disciplinary action by any Government, Jurisdictional or Licensing Authority, Federal, State or Municipal you were required to answer yes, year after year. To expedite the process, we changed the form to since the date of your last application for renewal.

Another change will be the fee increase that will be in effect 7/1/04. Please be aware if you have not renewed your license to practice on or before 6/30/04, the license fee will increase to \$175.00. In addition, the reactivation fee for the period 7/1/04 to 8/29/04 has been increased to \$100.00, making the total cost to renew \$275.00. Please be extra sure that the renewal has been postmarked by 6/30/04.

Also, effective this November there will be an addition to the Practice Act regarding the confidentiality of an investigative record. The Board shall keep confidential all citizen complaints and information obtained during an investigation into allegations of violations of the Practice Act, including any review or investigation made to determine whether to allow an applicant to take an examination, or whether the Board shall grant a certificate, license, or permit. All information obtained in the course of conducting an investigation, including investigative reports provided to the Board by a registrant, examinations and test scores shall also be held confidential by the Board, its employees and independent contractors. At the present time when the public inquires about a complaint that may have been filed against a veterinarian we must respond yes even if the complaint had no finding.

CALENDAR

SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

July 23, 2004 7:00 pm

July 24, 2004 8:30 am

September 10, 2004 7:00 pm

September 11, 2004 8:30 am

November 19, 2004 7:00 pm

November 20, 2004 8:30 am

OSBVME Board Office
201 NE 38th Terr Suite 1, OKC OK

RVT NATIONAL & STATE EXAMINATIONS

June 18, 2004

OSU - OKC

900 N Portland, OKC OK

TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ANIMAL EUTHANASIA TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION

The Board is offering two-day certification training for Animal Euthanasia Technicians at a reduced cost of \$200.00.

An additional cost of \$41.00 maybe required if a National Fingerprinting Based Criminal History Search has not been completed the past 12 months.

This certification will allow an individual that is employed by a law enforcement agency, animal control agency or an animal shelter to obtain all of the necessary training that will allow them to purchase, possess, or administer drugs for the sole purpose of animal euthanasia.

To obtain an application packet; Please call the Board office at 405-524-9006. The application must be received at least ninety days prior to the training course. The next training is tentatively scheduled for July 2004.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

We recently discovered a number of licensees whose OBND registration had expired. Please take a moment to check the expiration date of yours.

DISCIPLINED DOCTORS NOVEMBER 2003 - APRIL 2004

Deborah Wysocki, DVM:

Dr. Wysocki entered into a Voluntary Submission to Jurisdiction and Agreed Order regarding excessive charges for an examination and treatment of fleas on a kitten. The client received a bill from Dr. Wysocki's clinic in the amount of \$858.50. The doctor did admit her conduct could likely deceive the public.

Dr. Wysocki was reprimanded; assessed an administrative penalty of \$2,500; must prepare a 10 page double spaced report covering ethics and management practices; complete an additional 10 CE hours before June 30, 2004; take and pass Jurisprudence exam and pay the cost of \$150.00

NEW RULES AND REGULATIONS

New rules and regulations were drafted and approved by the Governor and Legislature this session; these rules will become effective July 1, 2004.

The annual renewal for a veterinarian including a faculty renewal will be increased to \$175.00; the reactivation fee for the period July 1st through August 29th will be increased to \$100.00; if the renewal is not received on or postmarked by June 30, 2004, the total cost of a renewal will be \$275.00.

The annual renewal fee for a veterinary technician will be increased to \$45.00; if the renewal is not received on or postmarked by June 30, 2004 the fee will be \$45.00.

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As of April 1, 2004

DVM	1718
SDVM	2
EMERITUS	76
FACULTY	28
RVT	177
CAET	7