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ARKANSAS LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY COMMISSION RULES GOVERNING VETERINARY TECHNICIAN SPECIALISTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

Commenter Name: Courtney Shere (3/07/2024)

Comment: The memorandum states CVT where it should state VTS

Division/ Commission Response: This is in a memo, not in the law. The Law is clear on the definition of a VTS vs CVT. **No Changes are recommended.**

Commenter Name: Lindy O’Neal (in care of Maggie Milligan); Arkansas Veterinary Medical Association (3-14-24)

Comment:

1. Statement that the VTS is licensed in AR and in good standing with the Commission.
2. They want more clarity on the practice agreement and what it should say.
3. They want clarity on how a VTS can establish a “preliminary” VCPR.

Division/ Commission Response:

1. The rule already established that it is a state held license.
 2. The practice agreement is a contract between the VTS and the Vet. The state does not involve itself in private contracts. It is the responsibility of the VTC to follow and the Vet to enforce; they are their employee and hold all responsibility for their actions.
 3. Much debate was on this issue. The preliminary is only a temporary VCPR. The Vet establishes this relationship with the client at a later date. This was so the tech can proceed with an emergency call if necessary.
 4. **No changes are recommended.**
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Commenter Name: Meg Harrington (2-29-24)

Comment:

1. Wants to establish a template for the practice agreement

Division/ Commission Response:

1. The practice agreement is a contract between the VTS and the Vet. The state does not involve itself in private contracts. It is the responsibility of the VTS to follow and the Vet to enforce; they are their employee and hold all responsibility for their actions.
 2. **No changes are recommended.**
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Commenter Name: Janet Donlin (in care of Rachel Cole) (3-11-24)

Comment:

1. Concerned about the training and right to conduct certain practices not appropriate for a VTS.
2. Also wants to make requirements for the practice agreement.
3. Takes issue with the words diagnosis and prognosis

Division/ Commission Response:

1. The law (the Practice Act) is clear on what a VTS can and cannot do.
2. The practice agreement is a contract between the VTS and the Vet. The state does not involve itself in private contracts. It is the responsibility of the VTS to follow and the Vet to enforce; they are their employee and hold all responsibility for their actions.
3. Diagnosis and prognosis were taken out of previous versions.
4. **No changes are recommended.**