

West Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine
Explanation of Rule changes to Series 4
June 2016

This rule was written in 1992 and has not been updated since 2000. The purpose of these Rule change is to update the Rule to meet current standards of veterinary care.

§26-4-2. Definitions.

Added

Ambulatory Practice
Convenient Access
Emergency Clinic
Immunization Clinics
Mobile
Sedation
Stationary Facility
Veterinarian
Veterinarian in Charge
Veterinary Practice

Modified:

Dental Operation
Exercise Run
General Anesthesia
Humane Disposal
Legend Drugs
Sterile Surgery
Surgery

Deleted:

Immediate access
Minor Surgery
Mobile veterinary practice
General Mobile veterinary practice
Limited service Mobile veterinary practice
Secondary outpatient facilities

§26-4-3. General Professional Ethics

Modified professional ethics and added Specialty Area, Release of Records, and Advertising requirements.

§26-4-4. Classification of Veterinary Practices:

Added classifications of veterinary practices.

§26-4-5. Mandatory Standards for the Practice of Veterinary Medicine:

This section clarifies the standards for the practice of veterinary medicine. We combined veterinary practice and facility mandatory standards.

Added and clarified prescription dispensing and refill requirements.

§26-4-6. Mobile and Stationary Mandatory Facility Standards:

This section was added and clarified facility standards for mobile, stationary, and emergency facilities.

§26-4-7. Veterinarian in Charge:

Added and clarified “Veterinarian in Charge” responsibilities to this section.

§26-4-8. Facility Inspections and Registration:

Minor changes to inspection requirements – an owner of a new facility, shall notify the Board within 5 days of purchase and required a re-inspection.

§26-4-9. Abandoned Animals:

Changed the time limit of 14 days to 7 days that a veterinarian may elect humane disposal of an abandoned animal.

§26-4-10. Immunization Clinics:

Added this section to clarify immunization clinic requirements.

Changed the time period allowance.