

Adopted Rules - Colorado

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Veterinarian and Veterinary Technician Rules and Regulations Effective 4/14/23

1.11 RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS

This Rule is promulgated pursuant to sections 12-20-204 and 12-315-119 3(b)(I), C.R.S.

A. Practice Types for Record Keeping

Records are required for practice types, including but not limited to, small animal, exotic animal, equine, shelter medicine, food animals, spay/neuter clinics, vaccination clinics and high volume/low-cost facilities.

B. Core Components of Required Records

1. Responsible professional: Name or initials of the veterinarian responsible for the animal.
2. Owner information: Name and available contact information of the animal's owner or other caretaker.
3. Patient identification: Name, age, species, breed color, and any additional identification or markings of animal.
4. Dates of interaction: Dates of consultation, examination, treatment and custody of the animal.
5. Medical information (if available): Medical history information, including vaccinations and any complications with vaccinations, anesthesia and/or surgeries.
6. Presentation: How the issue/complaint was presented.
7. Examination Findings: Physical assessment information.
8. Diagnostic Workup: All clinical laboratory reports, imaging records, or consultation.
9. Final Diagnosis: Differential diagnosis and final diagnosis if available.
10. Treatment Plan: Treatment and intended treatment plan including all medications and treatments recommended, prescribed, and dispensed, including strength, quantity, and frequency.

11. Surgery and Anesthesia (if applicable): Surgical procedures completed, including name of surgeon, summary of procedure noting abnormalities/complications, anesthesia/sedative agents used, route of administration, strength, monitoring record including name of anesthetist.
12. Progress Notes (if applicable): Case progress notes including status, assessment, treatments, and, initials of the veterinarian, veterinary technician, or staff responsible for entries.
13. Consent Forms: Signed consent forms.
14. Communications: Documentation of all forms of communication including services declined.
15. Animal/Herd/Flock Identification: Species, breed type, herd or flock identification and number of animals seen.
16. Treatments: Number of animals treated and dates. Identify any anomalies with specific issues.

C. Core Components for Required Records for Herds, Flocks, Other Groups of Animals and Vaccine Clinics

1. Responsible Professional: Name or initials of the veterinarian responsible for the animal.
2. Owner Information: Name and available contact information of the animal's owner or other caretaker.
3. Patient Identification: Name, age, species, breed, color, distinguishing markings, and/or appropriate identification of herd/flock/other groups of animals.
4. Date and type of service.
5. Medical information (if available): Medical history information pertinent to the vaccine clinic including vaccinations and any complications with vaccinations, anesthesia and/or surgeries.
6. Examination Findings (if applicable): Physical assessment information.
7. Consent Forms (if applicable): Signed consent forms.
8. Communications (if applicable): Documentation of all forms of communication including services recommended.