

## New Hampshire

Reminder: **Vet 900 Animal Dental Care becomes effective 8/13/2023**

Adopt Vet 900 to read as follows:

CHAPTER Vet 900 ANIMAL DENTAL CARE

PART Vet 901 DENTAL CARE

### **Vet 901.01 Dental Care Performed by a Licensed Veterinarian.**

(a) Veterinary dentistry is a discipline of veterinary medicine and surgery and includes the diagnosis, treatment, and management of the oral health for companion animals, equines, livestock, and various exotic species.

(b) Surgical procedure of the head or oral cavity shall include the following:

(1) The administration of prescription of sedatives, tranquilizers, analgesics, or anesthetics;  
(2) Invasive procedures of the tissues of the oral cavity such as, but not limited to, the following:

- a. Removal of sharp enamel points, except as permitted by Vet 101.02(b)(4);
  - b. Treatment of malocclusions of premolars, molars, canine teeth, and incisors;
  - c. Odontoplasty;
  - d. Extraction of first premolars and deciduous premolars and incisors;
  - e. Extraction of damaged or diseased teeth;
  - f. Treatment of diseased teeth via restorations or endodontic procedures;
  - g. Periodontal and orthodontic treatments; and
  - h. Endoscopy of the oral cavity; and
- (3) Interpretation of dental radiography.

(c) A veterinarian shall perform operative dentistry and oral surgery for companion animals, equines, livestock, and various exotic species.

**Vet 901.02 Anesthesia or Sedation.**

(a) A small animal patient shall be anesthetized using an endotracheal tube for a complete oral examination, intraoral radiography, and dental scaling to be performed.

(b) Large animals and exotic patients shall be administered sedatives, tranquilizers, analgesics, or anesthetics based on the veterinarian's judgment and best practice.

(c) The veterinarian shall use the following criteria to determine if referral to a veterinary dental specialist or a practice with a veterinary anesthesiologist is appropriate:

(1) When the dental procedure requires skills, equipment, and expertise beyond the level of capabilities of the primary care veterinarian;

(2) When the client expressed the desire for a higher level of care that exceeds the capabilities of the primary care veterinarian; or

(3) When there is significant anesthetic risk factors and comorbidities.

**Vet 901.03 Medical Records of Dental Procedures:**

(a) The following information shall be included in the dental chart or medical record described in Vet 701.01(b)(19):

(1) A complete description of all dental, oral, or other disease present during the examination;

(2) A complete description of all abnormal findings; and

(3) Documentation of communication with the client with regards to any dental disease or abnormal dental findings.