



Readopt with amendment Vet 802.01, effective 5/15/23 (Document #13577), to read as follows:

PART Vet 802 TASKS ALLOWED TO BE PERFORMED BY A VETERINARY NURSE OR VETERINARY TECHNICIAN

Vet 802.01 Veterinary Nurse or Veterinary Technician.

(a) Under the immediate supervision of the licensed veterinarian, the veterinary nurse and

veterinary technician shall be authorized to assist during surgical procedures.

(b) Under direct supervision the following tasks may be delegated to a veterinary nurse or

veterinary technician:

- (1) Induction and maintenance of anesthesia, by inhalant gas or intravenous method, including placing of endotracheal tube;
- (2) Euthanasia;
- (3) Administration of parenteral sedatives, including those intended as a premedication for anesthesia;
- (4) Blood or blood component collection, preparation, or administration for the purpose of blood banking or transfusion;
- (5) Application of bandages and splints;
- (6) Dental procedures limited to the removal of calculus and plaque, polishing, and application of barrier sealants; and
- (7) Central intravenous or arterial catheterization.

(c) Under indirect supervision, the following tasks may be delegated:

- (1) Administration and application of treatments, drugs, medications, and immunological agents by oral and parenteral routes with the exception of:
 - a. Intra-cardiac or epidural routes; and
 - b. Medications intended to induce sedation as a premedication to anesthesia;
- (2) Intravenous catheterizations except central venous or arterial catheters;
- (3) Initiation of parenteral fluid administration;
- (4) Radiography including settings, positioning, processing, and safety procedures; (5) Collection of blood;
- (6) Collection of urine by expression, catheterization, or cystocentesis;

(7) Collection and preparation of tissue, cellular or microbiological samples by skin scrapings, impressions, or other non-surgical methods;

(8) Tonometry;

(9) Routine laboratory test procedures;

(10) Handling of biohazardous waste material; and

(11) Measurement of blood pressure.

(d) Other services may be delegated which a veterinary nurse or veterinary technician is competent to perform as directed by the supervising veterinarian based on the veterinary technician or veterinary nurse's skill level and shall include at a minimum indirect supervision unless those services are prohibited by this chapter or RSA 332-B.

(e) Under conditions of emergency, a veterinary nurse or veterinary technician may render the following aid and treatment:

(1) Without a direct order from a licensed veterinarian:

a. Application of a tourniquet or pressure bandage to control hemorrhage;

b. Resuscitative procedures not to include administration of drugs or defibrillation;

c. Application of splints, wound dressings, or bandages to prevent further damage of or to bones or soft tissue;

d. Peripheral intravenous catheterization; and

e. Oxygen therapy.

(2) After a direct order from a licensed veterinarian, a veterinary nurse or technician may perform the administration of pharmacological agents or parenteral fluids.

(f) No veterinary nurse or veterinary technician shall:

(1) Make any diagnosis or prognosis;

(2) Prescribe any treatments, drugs, medications, or appliances; or (3) Perform surgery.

(g) Any licensed Veterinarian providing supervision while working for an animal shelter as defined in RSA 437:1, shall be exempt from the requirement to provide "Direct Supervision" while working for the animal shelter.