

Maryland

## **Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners – [July 25, 2024 Minutes](#)**

### **• Prescribing Medicine in Animal Shelters and to Animals adopted from shelters.**

The Board reviewed an inquiry about shelter veterinarians and prescriptions and VCPRs.

- Shelters can have SOPs to start patients with common illnesses on medications until they can be seen by a veterinarian (usually within 1 week, to evaluate progress and adjust medications).
- Exams of shelter animals can be done virtually when appropriate under the VCPR being established with the shelter by regular visits to the shelter.
- Once an animal has been adopted a veterinarian would need to establish a new VCPR with the new owners before being able to prescribe medications. This would require an in-person exam.

### **• Prescriptions for non-veterinary supplements**

The Board reviewed an inquiry from a veterinarian regarding prescribing supplements as requested by a client. Some supplements may not have a veterinary formula.

- The Board has no problem with this as long as the veterinarian is comfortable providing them and discusses and documents any risks and off-label uses.

### **• DMV Reciprocity**

The Board reviewed the draft DMV “Reciprocity Agreement” aiming to streamline licensing within the region.

- The Board had some concerns about requirements to disclose confidential information.
- The Board had some concerns regarding what this looks like and how it will impact licensees who have held long-term licenses in VA but also hold licenses in other jurisdictions where verifications have not occurred.
- The Board had some concerns regarding the differences in NAVLE score acceptance. (MD Recently changed to 7 years, DC is 7 years, but VA has no limits.)
- The agreement also talks about Physicians still and not Veterinarians in parts.