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For the purpose of 256 CMR, the terms listed below have the following meanings:

AVMA means American Veterinary Medical Association.

Board means the Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine of the Commonwealth.

Commonwealth means the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

DEA means the United States Drug Enforcement Administration

DPH means the Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Facilities

Emergency Service Facility means any veterinary facility that uses the title Emergency or any other terms of public notice to suggest it provides emergency services.

Full Service Facility means any veterinary facility that uses the title Hospital, Medical Center, or other terms of public notice, to suggest that it provides a complete range of standard veterinary services. Use of this title does not require all-night (24-hour) veterinary medical care.

First Aid is the emergency treatment administered to an injured or sick animal to assist breathing, control bleeding and reduce suffering before professional medical care is agreed to by a licensed veterinarian and the legal owner of, or duly authorized agent for, the animal.

International Veterinary Graduate means a graduate of a veterinary college or university recognized but not accredited or approved by the AVMA, approving authority or the Board.

LLC means any limited liability corporation created pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 156A.

LLP means any limited liability partnership created pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 108A.

NBEC means the National Board Examination Committee.

Supervision:

Direct Supervision means the active monitoring of the practice of veterinary medicine by a licensed veterinarian on the premises.

Immediate Supervision means the active oversight by a licensed veterinarian within close audible and visual range of the procedure being performed.

Veterinarian:

Licensed Veterinarian means a veterinarian with a current license to practice veterinary medicine in the Commonwealth.

Veterinary Specialist (Veterinary Diplomate) means a veterinarian currently certified by a speciality board recognized by the AVMA or the Board.

Veterinarian-client Patient Relationship (VCPR) exists when:

- (a) The veterinarian has assumed the responsibility for making medical judgments regarding the health of the animal(s) and the need for medical treatment, and the client has agreed to follow the instructions of the veterinarian; and

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(b) There is sufficient knowledge of the animal(s) by the veterinarian to initiate at least a general or preliminary diagnosis of the medical condition of the animal(s). This means the veterinarian has recently seen and is personally acquainted with the keeping and care of the animals(s) by virtue of an examination of the animal(s) and/or by medically appropriate and timely visits to the premises where the animal(s) are kept; and

(c) The practicing veterinarian is readily available for follow-up care in adverse reactions or failure of the regimen of therapy.

REGULATORY AUTHORITY

256 CMR 2.00: M.G.L. c. 112, §§ 54 and 54A.