

LCB File No. R220-97

January 23, 1998

**Notice of Workshop and Hearing for the Adoption of Regulations
of the Nevada State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners**

The Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners will hold a workshop and a public hearing:

**FEBRUARY 26, 1998 12:30 P.M.
4600 KIETZKE LANE BLDG. B-111
RENO, NEVADA 89502**

The purpose of this hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the adoption of regulations pertaining to Chapter 638 of the Nevada Administrative Code.

The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of NRS 233B.060:

A. Statement of the purpose of the proposed regulation

The purpose of the workshop and the hearing is to solicit comments from interested persons on the **topic of standards for administering general anesthesia.**

B. Economic effect of the regulation on the business it is to regulate

There is no economic effect of the regulation on the business it is to regulate.

C. Economic effect on the public

There will be no economic effect on the public.

D. Estimated cost to the agency for enforcement

There will be no additional expenses for enforcement of this regulation.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners may appear at the scheduled workshop and public hearing or may address their comments, data, views or arguments in written form to the Nevada State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, 4600 Kietzke Lane, O-265, Reno, Nevada, 89502. Written submissions must be received by the board at least five days before the scheduled public hearing. If no person who is directly affected by the proposed action appears to request time to make an oral presentation the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners may proceed immediately to act upon any written submissions.

A copy of this notice and the proposed regulation to be adopted will be on file at the State Library, 100 Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada, for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies of the notice and the regulation to be amended will be available at the Nevada State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, 4600 Kietzke Lane, O-265, Reno, Nevada, 89502, and in all counties in which an office of the agency is not maintained, at the main public library for inspection and copying by the public during business hours. The notice and the text of the proposed regulation is also available in the State of

Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations which is prepared and published monthly by the Legislative Counsel Bureau pursuant to NRS 233B.0653 and on the Internet at <http://www.leg.state.nv.us>. Copies will also be mailed to the public upon request. A reasonable fee may be charged for copies if it is deemed necessary.

Upon adoption of any regulation, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either before adoption or within 30 days thereafter, will issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption, and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.

The notice has been posted at the following locations:

Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners All Nevada County
4600 Kietzke Lane, O-265 Public Libraries
Reno, Nevada

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SECTION 1. CHAPTER 638 OF NAC IS HEREBY AMENDED BY ADDING THERETO A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 2 Anesthesia

1. General anesthesia is a condition caused by the administration of a drug or combination of drugs sufficient to produce a state of unconsciousness or disassociation and blocked response to a given pain or alarming stimulus. Appropriate and humane methods of anesthesia, analgesia and sedation shall be utilized to minimize pain and distress and prevent injury during surgical procedures.

2. A veterinarian shall comply with the following standards when administering a general anesthetic:

(a) Every animal shall be given a physical examination within twelve (12) hours prior to the administration of an anesthetic; and

(b) The animal under general anesthesia shall be under continuous observation until at least the swallowing reflex has returned and shall not be released to the client until the animal is ambulating as expected under the circumstances and examined by a veterinarian. This shall not preclude direct transfer of an animal under anesthesia to a suitable facility for referred observation.

3. The following equipment must be available and in working order at all times:

(a) Anesthetic machine with breathing bags appropriate to the size of the animal; and

(b) Assortment of cuffed endotracheal tubes; and

(c) Oxygen delivery system.

4. If applicable to species, intubation is required if the swallowing reflex is impaired and an inspired O₂ concentration of at least 30% is mandatory.

5. Some method of respiratory monitoring is mandatory, such as observing chest movements, watching the rebreathing bag or use of a respirometer. Some methods of cardiac monitoring are recommended and may include, but not limited to the use of a stethoscope or electrocardiographic monitor.

6. *Adequate support (ie. IV Catheter, fluids and monitoring) as indicated by patient status and procedure done consistent with high quality standard of care.*

7. *An anesthetic history that contains patients name, preanesthetic and anesthetic information and method of monitoring used must be maintained on any patient under anesthesia.*

8. *Effective means shall be provided for exhausting waste gases from hospital areas in which inhalation anesthesia is used. These means shall comply with existing federal, state and local regulations and may include use of filtration canisters, gravitational or negative-suction venting or a combination of these.*