

321.181 Definitions for chapter.

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (1) "Board" means the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners;
- (2) "Animal" means any animal, except human beings;
- (3) "Compensation" includes any gift, bonus, fee, money, credit, or other thing of value;
- (4) "Veterinarian" means a practitioner of veterinary medicine who is duly licensed in the Commonwealth of Kentucky;
- (5) "Practice of veterinary medicine" means:
 - (a) To diagnose, treat, correct, change, relieve, or prevent: animal disease, deformity, defect, injury, or other physical or mental conditions, including the prescription or administration of any drug, medicine, biologic, apparatus, application, anesthetic, or other therapeutic or diagnostic substance or technique, and the use of any manual or mechanical procedure for testing for pregnancy, or for correcting sterility or infertility, or to render advice or recommendation with regard to any of the above;
 - (b) To engage in veterinary surgery, obstetrics, embryo transfer, dentistry, acupuncture, laser therapy, manipulation, and all other branches or specialties of veterinary medicine and the prescribing, administering, or dispensing of drugs and medications for veterinary purposes, in accordance with the applicable federal statutes and regulations governing controlled prescription and legend drugs; and
 - (c) To use the words "veterinarian," or "veterinary," or any title, words, abbreviation, or letters in a manner or under circumstances which may induce the belief that the person using them is qualified to do any act described in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection;
- (6) "Embryo transfer" means to remove any embryo from any animal for the purpose of transplanting the embryo into another female animal or for the purpose of cryopreserving the embryo, or to implant the embryo into any animal, including food and companion animals;
- (7) "Chemical restraint" means the use of any prescription or legend drug that restrains or tranquilizes the animal;
- (8) "Direct supervision" means the veterinarian is on the premises, and is quickly and easily available, and the animal has been examined by a veterinarian at the times acceptable veterinary medical practice requires, consistent with the particular delegated animal health care tasks;
- (9) "Indirect supervision" means the veterinarian does not have to be on the premises as long as a valid veterinary/client/patient relationship has been established and the veterinary technician or veterinary assistant has been instructed on the applicable animal health care tasks in accordance with KRS 321.441 and 321.443;
- (10) "Emergency" means the animal has been placed in a life threatening condition and immediate treatment is necessary to sustain life;
- (11) "Veterinary wellness program" means the board-sponsored program for the

identification, intervention, and monitoring of credential holders or applicants who may be impaired as a result of alcohol abuse, chemical dependence, drug abuse, or any physical or mental condition;

- (12) "Veterinary wellness committee" means a committee appointed by the board that shall be composed of individuals who have expertise in the areas of alcohol abuse, chemical dependence, drug abuse, or physical or mental condition designated by the board to perform activities related to the veterinary wellness program;
- (13) "Veterinary technician" means a person who has completed an associate or bachelor's degree level accredited program of veterinary technology approved by the board, and who is licensed in accordance with KRS 321.441;
- (14) "Veterinary assistant" means a lay person employed by a licensed veterinarian in accordance with KRS 321.443;
- (15) "Certified animal control agency" means a county or municipal animal shelter or animal control agency; private humane society; state, county, or municipal law enforcement agency; or any combination of those entities that temporarily houses stray, unwanted, or injured animals and that is certified under the provisions of KRS 321.207;
- (16) "Certified animal euthanasia specialist" means a person employed by a certified animal control agency who is authorized by the board, under KRS 321.207, to humanely euthanize animals by administering drugs designated by the board for euthanasia; and
- (17) "Student" means:
 - (a) A person enrolled in any veterinary school or college approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association while pursuing a degree in veterinary medicine; or
 - (b) A person in a post-Doctor of Veterinary Medicine temporary private internship, residency, or veterinary hospital-based program, not to exceed thirty (30) days in a calendar year.

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