

321.200 Exemptions from application of chapter.

- (1) No provision of this chapter shall be construed to prohibit any of the following:
 - (a) Any persons from gratuitously treating animals in cases of emergency, provided they do not use the word "veterinarian," "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 practice veterinary medicine as described in KRS 321.181(5);
 - (b) The owner of any animal or animals and the owner's full-time, or part-time, regular employees from caring for and treating, including administering drugs to, any animals belonging to the owner. Transfer of ownership or a temporary contract shall not be used for the purpose of circumventing this provision;
 - (c) Any person from castrating food animals and dehorning cattle, as long as any drugs or medications are obtained and used in accordance with applicable federal statutes and regulations governing controlled and legend drugs;
 - (d) Any student as defined in KRS 321.181 from working under the direct supervision of a veterinarian who is duly licensed under the laws of this Commonwealth;
 - (e) Nonlicensed graduate veterinarians in the United States Armed Services or employees of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the United States Department of Agriculture or the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Health while engaged in the performance of their official duties, or other lawfully qualified veterinarians residing in other states, from meeting licensed veterinarians of this Commonwealth in consultation;
 - (f) A trainer, sales agent, or herdsman from caring for animals, upon instruction from a Kentucky-licensed veterinarian, provided there is a veterinary-client-patient relationship, as defined in KRS 321.185;
 - (g) A university faculty member from teaching veterinary science or related courses, or a faculty member or staff member from engaging in veterinary research, including drug and drug testing research, provided that research is conducted in accordance with applicable federal statutes and regulations governing controlled and legend drugs;
 - (h) Any person who holds a postgraduate degree in reproductive physiology or a related field, and who has performed embryo transfers in Kentucky during the five (5) years immediately preceding July 14, 1992, from performing embryo transfers;
 - (i) Volunteer health practitioners providing services under KRS 39A.350 to 39A.366; or
 - (j) A retailer or its agent from providing information and suggestions regarding the over-the-counter products it sells to treat animals so long as the information and suggestions are consistent with the product label.
- (2) (a) A nonresident of the United States may be employed in this state to practice veterinary medicine for not more than thirty (30) days of each year, provided he or she:

1. Holds a valid, current license as a veterinarian in his or her home country;
 2. Practices under the direct supervision of a veterinarian licensed in Kentucky;
 3. Registers with the board prior to commencing practice in the state; and
 4. Agrees to practice and follow all the rules and administrative regulations of this chapter and be subject to discipline for violations of those rules and administrative regulations by the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners.
- (b) This subsection shall not apply to a nonresident of the United States who is otherwise eligible for a Kentucky license under this chapter.
- (3) Nothing in this chapter shall interfere with the professional activities of any licensed pharmacist.

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