

TITLE 216 – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

CHAPTER 40 – PROFESSIONAL LICENSING AND FACILITY REGULATION

SUBCHAPTER 05 – PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

PART 14 – Veterinarians

14.1 Authority

These regulations are promulgated pursuant to the authority conferred under R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-25-6 and are established for the purpose of adopting prevailing standards for the licensure of veterinarians in this state.

14.2 Definitions

A. Wherever used in this Part, the terms listed below shall be construed as follows:

1. "Act" means R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 5-25, entitled, "Veterinary Practice Act."
2. "Animal" means any animal other than man and includes, by the way of illustration, not limitation, fowl, birds, fish, livestock and reptiles, wild or domestic, living or dead.
3. "Animal rescue" means an entity, without a physical brick-and-mortar facility, that is owned, operated, or maintained by a duly incorporated humane society, animal welfare society, society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, or other nonprofit organization.
4. "Animal shelter" means a brick-and-mortar facility that is used to house or contain animals and that is owned, operated, or maintained by a duly incorporated humane society, animal welfare society, society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, or other nonprofit organization devoted to the welfare, protection, and humane treatment of animals.
35. "Board" means the Board of Veterinary Medicine established under the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-25-1.
46. "Client" means the owner of the pet.
57. "Department" means the Rhode Island Department of Health.
68. "Director" means the Director, of the Rhode Island Department of Health.

9. "Donated Drug" means a drug donated as a free contribution to a person/animal or institution.
- ~~7~~10. "Non-contact hours" means Internet courses, correspondence courses, tapes, or other continuing education programs that do not provide for direct interaction between faculty and the participant.
11. "Nonprofit corporation" means a corporation of which no part of the income or profit is distributable to its members, directors, or officers, except as otherwise expressly permitted by R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 7-6.
12. "Pound" or "Dog pound" means a facility operated by the state, or any political subdivision of the state, for the purpose of impounding or harboring seized, stray, homeless, abandoned, or unwanted dogs, cats, and other animals, or a facility operated for that purpose under contract with any municipal corporation or incorporated society for the prevention of cruelty to animals.
- ~~8~~13. "Practice of veterinary medicine" means any person shall be regarded as practicing veterinary medicine, surgery and dentistry within the meaning of the Act who, either directly or indirectly, conducts those activities stated in R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-25-7(a). The term "practicing veterinary medicine" does not include those exceptions stated in R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-25-7(b).
- ~~9~~14. "Prescription" means an order from a veterinarian to a pharmacist authorizing the dispensing of a prescription veterinary drug to a client for use on or in a patient.
- ~~40~~15. "Veterinarian" means a person who practices veterinary medicine and is licensed to practice veterinary medicine in this state pursuant to the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 5-25.
- ~~44~~16. "Veterinarian/client/patient relationship" or "VCPR" means a relationship where all of the following conditions have been met:
- 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 (i.e., animal owner or custodian) has agreed to follow the instructions of the veterinarian.
 - b. The veterinarian has sufficient knowledge of the animal(s) to initiate at least a general or preliminary (e.g., tentative) diagnosis of the medical condition of the animal~~(s)~~. This or animals. "Sufficient knowledge," as used in this subsection, means that the veterinarian has recently seen and is personally acquainted with the keeping and care of the animal~~(s)~~, or animals, and/or by medically appropriate and timely visits to the premises where the animal~~(s)~~ or animals are kept.

- c. The veterinarian is readily available for follow-up in cases of adverse reactions or failure of the regimen of therapy.
- d. The veterinarian maintains records ~~which~~that document patient visits, diagnosis, treatment, and other relevant information.

17. "Veterinary clinic" means any premises to which animals are brought or where they are temporarily kept, solely for the purpose of diagnosis or treatment of any illness or injury.

1218. "Veterinary dentistry" means that part of veterinary science that deals with the prevention and treatment of diseases, developmental conditions and injuries of the teeth, gums and oral cavity in animals.

14.3 Code of Professional Conduct for Veterinarians

A. A veterinarian or anyone acting on behalf of a veterinary practice shall follow the Code of Professional Conduct to include, but not be limited to the following:

1. A veterinarian or anyone acting on behalf of a veterinary practice shall always conduct professional activities in conformity with Federal, State and municipal laws, ordinances and/or Regulations, including the Regulations of the Board.
2. A veterinarian or anyone acting on behalf of a veterinary practice shall be influenced only by the welfare of the patient, the needs of the client, the safety of the public, and the need to uphold the public trust vested in the veterinary profession and shall avoid conflicts of interest.
3. A veterinarian or anyone acting on behalf of a veterinary practice shall provide competent veterinary medical clinical care under the terms of a veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR), with compassion and respect for animal welfare and human health.
4. A veterinarian or anyone acting on behalf of a veterinary practice shall uphold the standards of professionalism, be honest in all professional interactions, and file complaints on veterinarians who are deficient in character or competence to the appropriate entities.
5. A veterinarian or anyone acting on behalf of a veterinary practice shall continue to study, apply, and advance scientific knowledge, maintain a commitment to veterinary medical education, complete required continuing veterinary medical education, make relevant information available to clients, colleagues, the public, and obtain consultation or referral when indicated.
6. A veterinarian or anyone acting on behalf of a veterinary practice shall not dispense drugs, devices, or other substances in a manner which is

intended, either directly or indirectly, to circumvent the law or professional standards for prescribing medications.

7. A veterinarian or anyone acting on behalf of a veterinary practice shall observe the standards of the current United States Pharmacopoeia (USP) in addition to State laws and Regulations in the handling, administration, and dispensing of drugs.
8. A veterinarian or anyone acting on behalf of a veterinary practice shall be responsible for the proper preservation and security of all drugs in the practice, including the proper refrigeration, storage, and inventory of said drugs.
9. A veterinarian or anyone acting on behalf of a veterinary practice shall not knowingly administer, prescribe, or dispense expired, outdated or otherwise substandard drugs or devices or counterfeit drugs or devices to any animal or animal owner.
10. A veterinarian or anyone acting on behalf of a veterinary practice shall not engage in any fraudulent or deceptive act including and not limited to misrepresentation of facts on a licensing application.
11. A veterinarian or anyone acting on behalf of a veterinary practice shall not in any way aid or abet the unlawful practice of veterinary medicine.
12. A veterinarian or anyone acting on behalf of a veterinary practice shall not abuse or bear witness to the abuse of any animal in a veterinary practice or during the practice of veterinary medicine in any off-site or home setting.
13. A veterinarian or anyone acting on behalf of a veterinary practice shall make available donated drugs in accordance with § 14.10.4 of this Part.

14.34 License Requirements

- A. No person unless licensed to practice veterinary medicine in this state shall practice veterinary medicine or attempt to practice veterinary medicine or hold himself or herself out to the public as a practitioner of veterinary medicine, surgery or dentistry, whether by sign, words, advertisements, listing in directories, or use of the title "doctor" or any abbreviation thereof or any title including "VS" or by the use of any other means, implying a practitioner of veterinary medicine or any of its branches, or fraudulently uses or posts any degree, diploma or certificate implying a practitioner of veterinary medicine or who opens an office or maintains an establishment or facility for the purpose of or with the intention of practicing veterinary medicine.
 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 14.34(A) of this Part, excluded from the application of the term "practice of veterinary medicine" are those

individuals who under given circumstances are excluded from the provisions of the Act as set forth in R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-25-7(b), and consequently excluded from the licensure requirements of this Part.

14.45Qualifications for Licensure

14.45.1 Graduates of Schools Located in the U.S.A. and Canada

A. An applicant seeking licensure to practice veterinary medicine in this state must:

1. ~~Be of good moral character;~~Shall conduct themselves in accordance with the Code of Professional Conduct for Veterinarians pursuant to § 14.3 of this Part.
2. Have graduated from a school or college of veterinary medicine accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association; and
3. Have satisfactorily completed a national veterinary board licensing examination as approved by the Board and as follows:
 - a. Prior to May 1, 1979, an applicant shall have successfully completed the National Board Examination (NBE) for Veterinary Medicine;
 - b. Between May 1, 1979 and April 2000, an applicant shall have successfully completed the NBE and the Clinical Competency Test (CCT);
 - (1) The passing score for the National Board Examination (NBE) for Veterinary Medicine and the Clinical Competency Test (CCT) shall be minus one (-1.0) Standard Deviation of the median score as determined by the testing service for all applicants who were administered the NBE and the CCT prior to December 1, 1992. For applicants administered the NBE and the CCT after December 1, 1992, the passing score shall be the criterion referenced passing score, as recommended by the National Board Examination Committee, Standard Setting Committee.
 - c. After May 2000, an applicant shall have successfully completed the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE); The passing score shall be the criterion referenced passing score, as recommended by the National Board Examination Committee, Standard Setting Committee.
 - d. Applicants may complete other national veterinary board examination(s), including a Clinical Competency Test, as may be approved by the Board. The passing score shall be the criterion

referenced passing score, as determined by the national veterinary board administering the examination.

4. Comply with the continuing education requirements adopted by the Department.

14.45.2 Licensure by Endorsement

- A. A license to practice veterinary medicine may be issued without examination to an applicant who has been duly licensed by examination as a veterinarian under the laws of another state or territory or District of Columbia provided:
 1. The board of veterinary medicine in each state in which the applicant has held or holds licensure submits directly to the Board of this state, a statement attesting to the licensure status of the applicant during the time period the applicant held licensure in said state;
 2. The applicant meets the qualifications to practice veterinary medicine in this state in accordance with § 14.45 of this Part; and
 3. The applicant submits the licensure application form with supporting certified documentation of credentials in accordance with § 14.56 of this Part.

14.45.3 Graduates of Foreign Veterinary Medical Schools

- A. An applicant seeking licensure to practice medicine in this state and who is a graduate of a foreign veterinary medical school must:
 1. ~~Be of good moral character;~~Shall conduct themselves in accordance with the Code of Professional Conduct for Veterinarians pursuant to § 14.2 of this Part.
 2. Have graduated from an "American Veterinary Medical Association-listed" or "American Veterinary Medical Association-approved" institution.
 3. Have obtained certification by the Educational Council (Commission) for Foreign Veterinary Graduates or the Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence (PAVE) pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-25-10 of the Act; and
 4. Have satisfactorily passed the National Board Examination for Veterinary Medicine and the Clinical Competency Test approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association, or other Board-approved examination as indicated in § 14.45.1(A)(3) of this Part.
 5. Comply with the continuing education requirements adopted by the Department.

14.56 Application for License and Fees

- A. Application for licensure shall be made on forms provided by the Department and shall be completed and submitted to the Board sixty (60) days prior to the scheduled date of the Board meeting by applicants seeking licensure.
- B. Such application shall be accompanied by the following documents and fee (non-refundable and non-returnable):
 - 1. Photographs: a recent identification photograph of the applicant, head and shoulder front view approximately two inches by three inches (2" x 3") in size;
 - 2. Verification: the Board of Veterinary Medicine in each state in which the applicant has held or holds licensure submitted directly to the Board of this state, a statement attesting to the licensure status of the applicant during the time period the applicant held licensure in said state;
 - 3. Transcripts:
 - a. For graduates of accredited schools in the U.S. and Canada: supporting certified transcript of education credentials as required in the appropriate section of § 14.45 of this Part, signed by the Dean or registrar of the school of veterinary medicine, verifying the dates of attendance and completion of the veterinary program. Such documentation must consist of original statements and/or photocopies bearing the signature of the Dean or Registrar and the imprint of the school seal;
 - b. For graduates of foreign "listed or approved" schools: a letter from the ECFVG attesting to the satisfactory completion of evaluation of credentials and veterinary knowledge.
 - c. The results of the national veterinary board examination as required by § 14.45.1(A)(3) of this Part must be submitted directly to the Board.
 - 4. Fees: the application fee as set forth in the Fee Structure for Licensing, Laboratory and Administrative Services Provided by the Department of Health (Part [10-05-2](#) of this Title) (non-returnable nor non-refundable);
 - 5. Initial Licensure Fee: the initial licensure fee as set forth in the Fee Structure for Licensing, Laboratory and Administrative Services Provided by the Department of Health (Part [10-05-2](#) of this Title) made payable to the General Treasurer, State of Rhode Island.
 - 6. Other: such other information as may be deemed necessary and appropriate by the Board.

14.67 Issuance and Renewal of License and Fee

- A. Upon completion of the aforementioned requirements and at the recommendation of the Board, qualified applicants which the Department may accept or reject, the Department may issue an initial license to those applicants found to have satisfactorily met all the requirements of this Part and upon submission of an initial licensure fee as set forth in the Fee Structure for Licensing, Laboratory and Administrative Services Provided by the Department of Health (Part [10-05-2](#) of this Title) made payable to the General Treasurer, State of Rhode Island. Said license unless sooner suspended or revoked shall expire on the first (1st) day of May of each even numbered year and may be renewed upon submission of licensure renewal fee as set forth in the Fee Structure for Licensing, Laboratory and Administrative Services Provided by the Department of Health (Part [10-05-2](#) of this Title) made payable to the General Treasurer, State of Rhode Island.
- B. On or before the first (1st) day of March of each two (2) year period, the Department shall mail an application for renewal of license to every person to whom a license has been issued or renewed during the current licensure period. Every person so licensed who desires to renew his or her license shall file with the Department such renewal application duly executed, together with a renewal fee as set forth in the Fee Structure for Licensing, Laboratory and Administrative Services Provided by the Department of Health (Part [10-05-2](#) of this Title) on or before the thirty-first (31st) day of March of each even year.
- C. Upon receipt of such application, and payment of said fee, the Department shall grant a renewal license effective the second (2nd) day of May, and expiring on the first (1st) day of May of the next even-numbered year.
- D. Any person who allows his or her license to lapse by failing to renew it on or before the thirty-first day of March of the next even year, may be reinstated by the Department on payment of the current renewal fee, plus an additional fee as set forth in the Fee Structure for Licensing, Laboratory and Administrative Services Provided by the Department of Health (Part [10-05-2](#) of this Title) made payable to the General Treasurer, State of Rhode Island. Any person using the title "veterinarian" during the time that his/her license has lapsed shall be subject to the penalties provided for violations of the Act.

14.78 Continuing Education

- A. Continuing education requirements for veterinary medicine practice are pursuant to the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-25-12(e).
- B. Veterinarians initially licensed after the first (1st) day of May^{4st} renewal date shall be exempt from the continuing education requirements stated in this Part until the date of the next renewal cycle (i.e., the thirtieth (30th) day of April^{30th} of the next even numbered year).

- C. All veterinarians licensed to practice in this state shall maintain evidence that in the preceding two (2) years, he~~/~~or she has satisfactorily completed at least twenty-four (24) hours of continuing veterinary medical education courses offered or sponsored by organizations approved by the Board.
- D. Continuing education programs approved by the Board include those offered or approved by:
1. Rhode Island Veterinary Medical Association or other state veterinary medical association;
 2. American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA);
 3. Registry of Approved Continuing Education (RACE);
 4. American Animal Hospital Association;
 5. Boards of licensure of veterinary medicine in other states;
 6. Academic coursework or continuing education programs offered by an approved school of veterinary medicine.
- E. A maximum of four (4) hours of the required twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education in a two (2) year period may be non-contact hours (e.g., online courses) or articles such as those in the Veterinary Learning Systems Compendium for continuing education. Contact hours may be earned via in-person programs or live on-line streamed programs which allow for the audience to participate and ask questions to the presenter(s).
- F. A maximum of four (4) hours of the required twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education in a two (2) year period may be related to business management. The remaining twenty (20) hours of continuing education in a two (2) year period shall be related to the professional practice of veterinary medicine.
- G. It shall be the sole responsibility of the individual veterinarian to obtain documentation from the recognized sponsoring or co-sponsoring organizations, agencies or other, of his or her participation in the learning experience and the number of dated credits earned. Furthermore, it shall be the sole responsibility of the individual to safeguard the documents for review by the Board, if required. These documents shall be retained by each licensee for no less than four (4) years and are subject to random audit by the Department.
- H. The Department may extend for any one six (6) month period, these educational requirements if the Department is satisfied that the applicant has suffered hardship which prevented him~~/~~or her from meeting the educational requirements stipulated in this Part.

- I. Failure to produce satisfactory documentation of completion of the continuing education requirements of this section, upon request by the Board, constitutes grounds for disciplinary action under the provisions of the Act and this Part.

14.89 Denial, Suspension, Revocation of License

The Department is authorized to deny, revoke or suspend any license issued under the statutory and regulatory provisions of this Part or otherwise discipline a licensee upon proof of the actions stipulated by R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-25-14.

14.910 Veterinary Practice

14.910.1 Emergency Services

When a practicing veterinarian is not available, he/or she shall provide for referral for emergency veterinary services. Such referral must fulfill the requirements of R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-25-13.

14.910.2 Record of Animals Receiving Veterinary Services

- A. A veterinarian subject to the provisions of the Act and this Part shall keep a written record, or a computerized record able to produce a printed copy, of all animals receiving veterinary services, and provide a summary of that record to the owner of animals receiving veterinary services, when requested.
- B. The minimum amount of information which shall be included in written or computerized records and summaries shall include no less than the following:
 - 1. Client's name;
 - 2. Patient's name;
 - 3. Patient's species and breed;
 - 4. Patient's age or date of birth;
 - 5. Patient's gender and reproductive status;
 - 6. Patient's color and/or markings;
 - 7. Dates(s) of treatment;
 - 8. Presenting problem;
 - 9. Pertinent history;
 - 10. Examination findings;
 - 11. Assessment;

12. Plan for treatment/care.

- C. The minimum duration of time for which a licensed veterinarian or his ~~/or~~ her designee shall retain the written or computerized record, including imaging studies regardless of format~~radiographs~~, shall be no less than five (5) years from the date of the last patient visit or, for deceased patients, no less than three (3) years from the date of death.
- D. An imaging study, regardless of format, ~~radiograph~~ is the property of the veterinary practice in which the veterinarian associated with that practice originally ordered it to be prepared, and it shall be released upon the written request of another veterinarian who has the authorization of the owner of the animal to whom it pertains and such imaging study, regardless of format, ~~radiograph~~ shall be returned to the original veterinary practice within a reasonable time.
- E. When a patient/owner requests in writing that his ~~/or~~ her animal(s)' records and/or imaging studies, regardless of format, ~~radiographs~~ be transferred to another veterinarian, the original veterinarian shall promptly honor such request.
 - 1. The fee charged for the transfer shall not exceed the direct expense incurred to make copies of such veterinary records and/or imaging study(ies), regardless of format~~radiograph(s)~~.
- F. Any veterinarian licensed in the State of Rhode Island who writes a prescription for an animal patient shall provide a copy of that prescription to the owner of the animal patient, upon request of the owner, for the purpose of filling the prescription with a licensed pharmacy. Said prescription shall be written in accordance with the requirements of R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 21-31.1 ("Veterinary Drugs").
- G. Veterinary drugs dispensed by a veterinarian shall comply with the requirements of R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-31.1-8, except for the prescription number.

14.910.3 Immunity from Liability

Immunity from liability is in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-25-17.

14.10.4 Donation of Veterinary Medications for Use by Nonprofit, State, and Local Facilities

- A. Pursuant to statutory provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 4-9.1 veterinary medications may be donated to licensed veterinarians or a facility in which veterinary medicine is practiced if the licensed veterinarian or facility chooses to accept the drug for the purpose of re-dispensing the drug.
 - 1. The terms "drugs" and "medications" shall be used interchangeably in these regulations.

B. Except as provided in R.I. Gen. Laws § 4-9.1-3, a licensed veterinarian may re-dispense a drug accepted under the following conditions:

1. The veterinarian is licensed to practice veterinary medicine in Rhode Island;
2. The drug is being dispensed to fill a prescription needed to treat an animal under the care of a Rhode Island registered nonprofit shelter, municipal pound, shelter, veterinary clinic, or animal rescue facility;
3. Wildlife rehabilitators licensed by the State of Rhode Island will have access to these medications under the direction of a licensed Rhode Island veterinarian;
4. The prescription is authorized by the veterinarian within a valid VCPR;
5. The licensed veterinarian determines that the drug is suitable for that purpose; and
6. The drug was originally dispensed by a licensed veterinarian, a facility in which veterinary medicine is practiced that is licensed by the State of Rhode Island, a licensed pharmacy, an internet pharmacy that is accredited through the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy's Veterinary-Verified Internet Pharmacy Practice Sites program, or its successor.

C. Drugs that meet the following criteria will not be eligible for donation and re-dispensing:

1. Controlled substances;
2. Drugs that require refrigeration unless it is a drug that only requires refrigeration after being opened and the drug is donated in an unopened condition; and
3. The packaging or bottle of the drug does not list an expiration date.

D. Drugs that meet the criteria for donation can be re-dispensed under the following conditions:

1. Any re-dispensed medication shall have the name of the animal and the name of the owner of the animal for which the drug was originally dispensed, the prescription number, and any other identifying marks obliterated from the packaging prior to re-dispensing of the drug. When the medication is re-dispensed to owned pets, the owner of the pet will be informed that the drug is from a donated source.

2. A licensed veterinarian shall label the re-dispensed drug in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-19.1-18 and Pharmacists, Pharmacies, and Manufacturers, Wholesalers, and Distributors § 15-1.6.17(A) of this Chapter.
3. A licensed veterinarian shall not re-dispense a donated drug for an animal raised to produce food for human consumption or an animal which is normally consumed by other animals that become food for human consumption.
4. The medication shall be re-dispensed at no charge and the veterinarian or facility shall not sell or resell donated medication pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 4-9.1-6.
5. A veterinarian shall ensure prescription records be maintained for re-dispensed donated drugs in readily retrievable form for a period of no less than two (2) years so they are available for state and federal inspectors.

E. Receipt, Storage, and Record Keeping for Donated Medications

1. The licensed veterinarian receiving donated drugs shall:
 - a. Inspect and deem that the donated drug has not been tampered with and is properly labeled upon arrival at the practice, clinic, or facility and sign a record of this inspection which shall be maintained for two (2) years.
 - b. Identify and maintain separately from other stock any drug accepted pursuant to this Part; and
 - c. Ensure adequate measures are in place such as security cameras to prevent diversion of donated drugs.
 - d. A record of each donated drug accepted shall be maintained pursuant to this Chapter that includes, without limitation:
 - (1) The date on which the drug was donated;
 - (2) The name of the person who donated the drug; and
 - (3) The name, strength, and quantity of the donated drug received;
 - (4) The expiration date of the drug; and,
 - (5) A running balance and perpetual inventory of donated drug on hand.

- (6) Records shall be retained and be readily retrievable for state and federal inspectors for a period of two (2) years.
 - e. The donated drug(s) has been stored according to manufacturer or USP storage requirements;
 - f. The donated drug does not have any signs of tampering, misbranding, deterioration, compromised integrity, or adulteration.
 - g. Donated drugs shall be delivered personally to a licensed veterinarian and shall never be delivered in a drop-box.
 - h. The licensed veterinarian shall be responsible for drug recalls for donated drugs that were re-dispensed and shall have an established mechanism to notify recipients in the event of a drug recall.
 - i. The licensed veterinarian shall have a quarantine area for donated drugs that are expired, adulterated, recalled, misbranded, or deteriorated such that these drugs are separated from drugs to be re-dispensed and shall be destroyed pursuant to Part 20-20-1 of this Title, Disposal of Drugs
 - j. If any one of the conditions contained in this part are not satisfied the donated drugs shall not be re-dispensed and shall be destroyed pursuant to Part 20-20-1 of this Title, Disposal of Drugs.
- 2. Any for-profit or nonprofit facility or licensed veterinarian receiving donated drugs may then donate them to another qualifying facility or licensed veterinarian that shall assume responsibility in adhering to all requirements of § 14.10.4 of this Part herein.
 - 3. All records in this section must be maintained for not less than two (2) years.

14.1011 Violations/Sanctions/Practices and Procedures

14.1011.1 Violations and Sanctions

Pursuant to the provisions of the Act, the Department is authorized to deny, revoke or suspend licenses to any person found to have violated any provisions of this Part, and to impose such other sanction pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-25-8. The procedure for the discipline of veterinarians shall be in accordance with the provisions set forth in R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-25-15.

14.1011.2 Rules and Regulations Governing Practices and Procedures

All hearings and reviews required under the provisions of the Act and this Part, shall be held in accordance with the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-25-15 and ~~the rules and regulations regarding~~ Practices and Procedures Before the Department of Health (Part [10-05-4](#) of this Title) and Access to Public Records (Part [10-05-1](#) of this Title).