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THE VETERINARY ACT, 2003

(No 16 of 2003)

REGULATIONS

Made under Section 52

**THE VETERINARY ACT (VETERINARY PRACTICE BY PARAPROFESSIONALS AND
PARAPROFESSIONAL ASSISTANTS) REGULATION, 2005**

**PART 1
PRELIMINARY**

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| Citation | 1. These Regulations may be cited as Veterinary Act (Veterinary Practice by Paraprofessionals and Paraprofessional Assistants) Regulations. |
| Application | 2. These regulations shall apply to Veterinary practice by Paraprofessionals and paraprofessional assistant. |
| Interpretation | 3. In these regulations unless the context otherwise requires: - |

“Act” means the Veterinary Act, 2003;

“emergency” when an animal is in a life threatening condition and immediate treatment is necessary to save its life or where death is imminent means any action which is necessary to relieve its pain or suffering;

“facility” means as defined in the Act;

“supervision” means an act that is to be carried out by a registered veterinarian or veterinary specialist to guide or direct an enrolled paraprofessional or enlisted Paraprofessional Assistant when practicing veterinary medicine

PART 11

REQUIREMENT, DUTIES AND LEVELS OF SUPERVISION

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| Requirement for supervision | 4. A paraprofessional or paraprofessional assistant enrolled or enlisted pursuant to the Act shall at all times practice under the supervision of a registered veterinarian. |
| Supervision of paraprofessional duties | 5. A registered veterinarian working in a veterinary practice facility is duty bound to offer direction, supervision and control of paraprofessional and paraprofessional assistant duties at different supervision levels. |
| Levels of supervision | 6. (1) There shall be different levels of supervision:-
(a) immediate supervision means that an enrolled paraprofessional or enlisted paraprofessional assistant is under the supervision of a registered veterinarian who is in audible and visual range of the animal patient being attended or treated. |

- (b) Direct supervision means that an enrolled paraprofessional and / or enlisted paraprofessional assistant is under the supervision of a registered veterinarian who is on the premise of the veterinary practice facility and is readily available.
- (c) Indirect supervision means that of an enrolled paraprofessional and /or paraprofessional assistant is under supervision of a registered veterinarian who is not on the premise of the veterinary practice facility.

Paraprofessional
duties

7. (1) An enrolled paraprofessional working in a veterinary practice facility may perform duties under the direction, supervision and control of a registered veterinarian in practice at different supervision levels as hereunder:-
- (2) Immediate Supervision means and includes:
- (a) assist in diagnostic, medical and surgical procedures;
 - (b) induction of anaesthesia and monitoring the anaesthesia
- (3) Direct Supervision means and includes:
- (a) perform minor surgical treatments
 - (b) carry out routine laboratory test procedures
 - (c) application of splints and slings
 - (d) radiography setting, positioning and processing
 - (e) dispensing of drugs and medicine
 - (f) perform postmortem
 - (g) vaccination
 - (h) euthanasia
 - (i) provide nursing care.
- (4) Indirect Supervision means and includes:
- (a) give appropriate advice to clients on animal health management;
 - (b) give appropriate advice to clients on animal house management;
 - (c) carry out prophylactic measures against diseases;
 - (d) carry out artificial insemination;
 - (e) hoof trimming and dehorning;
 - (f) perform bloodless castration;
 - (g) administration and application of treatments after diagnoses;
 - (h) parenteral fluid administration after diagnoses;
 - (i) collection of blood, urine and other samples for laboratory analysis;
 - (j) routine laboratory tests procedures;
 - (k) perform meat inspection;
 - (l) give advice on sanitation of slaughter house;
 - (m) supervision of disposal of carcasses found unfit for human consumption;
 - (n) submit report on the occurrence of notifiable diseases;
 - (o) compile and submit a monthly report of all vaccinations done and other diseases attended;
 - (p) device good methods of branding of cattle;
 - (q) perform other duties that will be determined from time to time by a registered veterinarian.

Paraprofessional
assistant duties

8. (1) An enlisted paraprofessional assistant working in a veterinary practice facility may perform duties under the direction, supervision and control by a registered veterinarian and paraprofessional at different supervision levels that is direct supervision and indirect supervision

(2) Direct Supervision means and includes

- (a) carry out routine laboratory procedures;
- (b) carry out post-operative care;
- (c) application of splints and slings;
- (d) perform postmortem
- (e) vaccinations;
- (f) carry out other duties that will be determined from time to time by a registered veterinarian or an enrolled paraprofessional.

(3) Indirect Supervision means and includes

- (a) give appropriate advice to clients on animal health management;
- (b) perform bloodless castration;
- (c) carry out prophylactic measures against diseases;
- (d) perform meat inspection in the rural areas;
- (e) give advice on sanitary of rural slaughter house;
- (f) supervision of disposal of a carcasses found unfit for human consumption:
- (g) administration and application of treatments;
- (h) collection of blood smears for laboratory analysis;
- (i) submit report on the occurrence of notifiable diseases;
- (j) compile and submit a monthly report of all vaccinations done and other diseases attended;
- (k) carry out other duties that will be determined from time to time by a registered veterinarian.

PART III

EMERGENCY ANIMAL CARE, RESTRICTIONS AND TREATMENT

Emergency of
animal health

9. Under conditions of an emergency animal care, an enrolled paraprofessional or enlisted paraprofessional assistant may perform the following life saving aid and treatment to an animal:

- (a) application of tourniquets and/or pressure bandages to control haemorrhage;
- (b) administration of pharmacological agents to prevent or control shock after direct communication with the registered veterinarian;
- (c) external cardiac resuscitation;
- (d) application of temporary splints or bandages to prevent further injury to bones or soft tissues; and
- (e) application of appropriate wound dressing and external supportive treatment in severe burn cases.

Restrictions to
paraprofessionals
and
paraprofessional
assistants

10. Nothing in these Regulations shall be construed to permit an enrolled paraprofessional or an enlisted paraprofessional assistant to do the following functions or activity which represents the practice of veterinary medicine or requires the knowledge, skill and training of a registered veterinarian:

- (a) perform surgery.
- (b) certification.

PART IV EXEMPTIONS FROM SUPERVISION

Livestock
management
practice

11. (1) Any treatment given to an animal by the owner thereof, by any other member of a household of which the owner is a member, or by a person in the regular employment of the owner or of any other member of such household.

(2) Anything done, otherwise than for reward, by a person engaged or employed in farming to an animal owned whether by himself or another person for the purpose of livestock management practice, the performance of these shall include the following:-

- (a) bloodless castration or caponizing;
- (b) the castration of a pig not over the age of three months;
- (c) the docking of a lamb;
- (d) the docking of the tail of a dog before its eyes are open;
- (e) the amputation of the dewclaws of a dog before its eyes are open;
- (f) the disbudding of a calf under the age of four weeks;
- (g) ear-marking an animal raised for human consumption.

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