WAC 246-935-050 Animal health care tasks. CHANGES?

No individual, other than a licensed veterinary technician may advertise or offer their services in a manner calculated to lead others to believe that they are a trained or licensed veterinary technician.

1. Licensed veterinary technicians and unregistered assistants are prohibited from performing the following activities:
2. Surgery except as outlined below;
3. Diagnosis and prognosis;
4. Prescribing drugs, medication, or appliances;
5. Initiation of treatment without prior instruction by a veterinarian except as outlined under emergency animal care.
6. Tasks not specifically listed, or delegated by the veterinarian, or otherwise restricted may be performed by a licensed veterinary technician or unregistered assistant under the indirect supervision of a veterinarian.
7. Animal health care tasks may be performed as checked in the table below:

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| **Category** | **Task** | **Licensed Technician** | | | **Unregistered Assistant** | | | |
|  |  | **Immediate** | **Direct** | **Indirect** | **Immediate** | **Direct** | **Indirect** | **Strictly Prohibited** |
| **Anesthesia** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Induction of Anesthesia |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |
|  | Maintenance of anesthesia |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Monitor sedated or anesthetized patient |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |  |
|  | Intubation |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |
| **Bandaging** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Application of casts, splints, and slings for the immobilization of fractures |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |
|  | Application of splints/slings for the temporary immobilization of fractures |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |
|  | Closure, including suturing of prepared skin wound or gingival incision |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |
|  | Removal of sutures, drain tubes and staples |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |
|  | Removal of exposed foreign bodies |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |
| **Centesis Procedures** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Abdominocentesis; thoracocentesis; pericardiocentesis | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |  |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |
|  | Cystocentesis |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |
| **Category** | **Task** | **Licensed Technician** | | | **Unregistered Assistant** | | | |
|  |  | **Immediate** | **Direct** | **Indirect** | **Immediate** | **Direct** | **Indirect** | **Strictly Prohibited** |
| **Dental Procedures** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Single root extractions not requiring sectioning of the tooth or sectioning of the bone or incision of gingiva | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |  |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |
|  | Dental prophy |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |  |
|  | Floating teeth |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |
| **Procedures** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Blood Pressure |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |
|  | Cytology analysis including urine sediment and basic hematology |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |  |
|  | Electrocardiogram measurement |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |
|  | Fecal analysis |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |
|  | Urine dipstick and specific gravity |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |
|  | Placement of a urinary catheter in unobstructed animal |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |
|  | Acquisition of diagnostic images |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |
|  | Placement of nasogastric and orogastric tubes. |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |
|  | Use of nasogastric and orogastric tubes. |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |
|  | Skin scraping |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |
|  | Carbon dioxide and blood oxygen saturation |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |
| **Injections** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Intramuscular and subcutaneous injections |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |
|  | Intraperitoneal injections |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |
|  | Intra-testicular block for local anesthesia |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |  |
|  | Peripheral Nerve Block |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |
|  | Intravenous injection in uncatheterized vein |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |  |
|  | Microchip implantation |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |
|  | Vaccines (except rabies and those diseases described in subsection 8 of this section) with the veterinarian’s verification signature on an appropriate certificate |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |
| **Intravenous Devices** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Placement of arterial & central venous catheters |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |
|  | Place and secure an IV catheter |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |
|  | Blood and blood product administration |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |
| **Lab Sample collection and Test Preparation (not evaluation) Including:** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Venipuncture |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |
| **Category** | **Tasks** | **Licensed Technician** | | | **Unregistered Assistant** | | | |
|  |  | **Immediate** | **Direct** | **Indirect** | **Immediate** | **Direct** | **Indirect** | **Strictly Prohibited** |
| **Ophthalmological Procedures** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Tear production testing |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |
|  | Topical anesthetic application |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |
|  | Fluorescein staining of cornea |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |
|  | Eye pressures/tonometry |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |
| **Other** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Enema |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |
|  | Ear flush |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |
|  | Massage (except where regulated) |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |
|  | Non-invasive cardiopulmonary resuscitation and basic first aid procedures |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |
|  | Packaging, preparation, administration, or delivery of controlled substances  See also: WAC 246-935-420 |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |
| Veterinary Biologics |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Veterinary biologics for rabies and those diseases listed in WAC 16-42-026(1) |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  |

1. Emergency Animal Care

Under conditions of an emergency, a licensed veterinary technician and unregistered assistant may render certain life saving aid to an animal patient as checked in the matrix below:

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| **Category** | **Tasks** | **Licensed Technician** | | | **Unregistered Assistant** | | | |
|  |  | **Immediate** | **Direct** | **Indirect** | **Immediate** | **Direct** | **Indirect** | **Strictly Prohibited** |
| Emergency Care: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Provide emergency animal care as directed by a veterinarian (or LVT in absence of veterinarian) in an immediate, potentially life-threatening situation |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |  | Checkmark with solid fill |  |
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Nothing in the above chapter should be construed to prohibit the provision of basic first aid to animals in the absence of a veterinarian or veterinary technician.

(5) Rabies vaccinations require an appropriate rabies certificate. The certificate is considered part of the medical record and must contain at least the following information:

(a) Owner’s name, address, and telephone number;

(b) Species, age, breed, sex, size, name, and predominant colors/markings;

(c) Month, day, and year of vaccination;

(d) Month, day, and year of next vaccination due date;

(e) Product name and identification of manufacturer;

(f) Effective date of vaccine, example: One year, three years;

(g) Vaccine serial or lot number; and

(h) Veterinarian’s name, license number, address, and signature.

(10) To be authorized to dispense pharmaceuticals, unregistered assistants must be registered as a veterinary medication clerk under chapter 246-937 WAC.