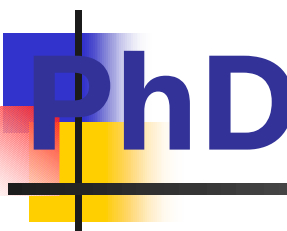




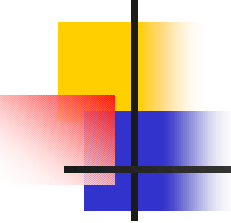
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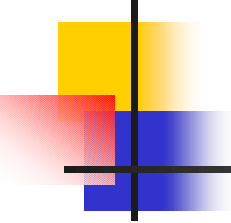
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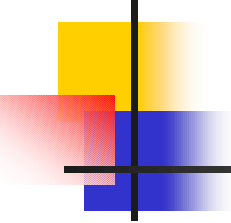
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- Each state has a Veterinary Practice Act with statutes and rules in effect



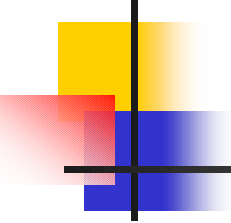
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- In Minnesota it is a gross misdemeanor for any person to practice veterinary medicine without a veterinary license or temporary permit



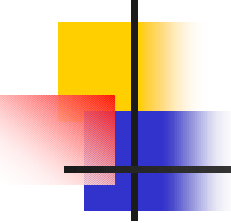
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- In many states the owner of an animal may care for and administer to his/her own animals



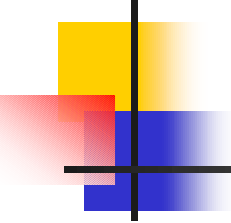
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- In Minnesota--the performance of obstetrical procedures, including determination of pregnancy and correction of sterility and infertility (A.I.'s), is considered the practice of veterinary medicine.



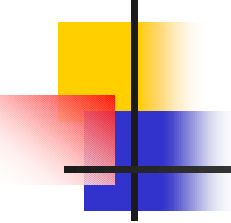
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- The Practice Act includes rendering advice or recommendations regarding the above



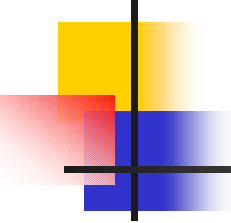
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- The veterinarian-client-patient relationship has specific requirements



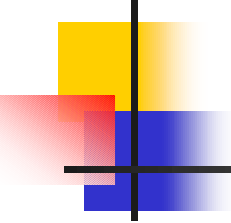
The veterinarian...

- Assumes responsibility for making judgements regarding the animal's health needs and the client agrees to follow instructions



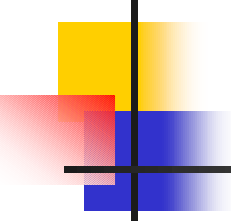
The veterinarian...

- Has sufficient knowledge to initiate at least a tentative diagnosis



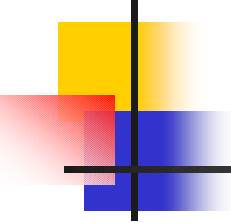
The veterinarian...

- is available for consultation in cases of problems



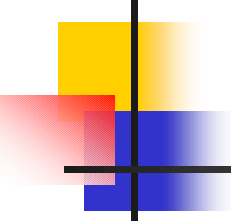
The veterinarian...

- maintains records



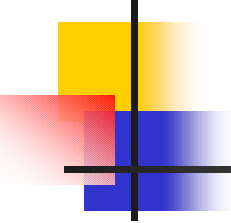
The veterinarian...

- Supervises unlicensed employees, including technicians whether certified or non-certified.



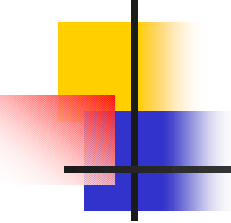
Technicians take note!

- Practice of veterinary medicine without a license constitutes grounds for the board to take action against the unlicensed individual AND the licensed veterinarian.
- The veterinarian must have examined the animal patient prior to delegating an animal health care task to a non-licensed employee.



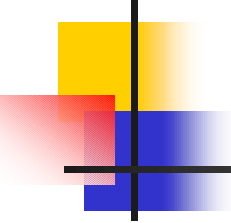
Technicians take note!

- A veterinarian shall not authorise a non-licensed employee to perform the following functions:
 - Surgery
 - Diagnosis and Prognosis
 - Prescribing of drugs, medicines, and appliances.



Technicians take note!

- The veterinarian shall ensure that the activities of the supervised individual follow the orders, assignment, or prescription of the veterinarian and are within the capabilities of the individual.



Finally

- Read and understand the requirements of the Veterinary Practice Act of the state that applies to you.