

Readopt with amendments Vet 501.01, effective 12/30/16 (Document #12080), cited and to read as follows:

CHAPTER Vet 500 ETHICAL STANDARDS

PART Vet 501 UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Vet 501.01 Adoption of Principles of Veterinary Medical Ethics. All licensed veterinarians shall comply with the Principles of Veterinary Medical Ethics of the AVMA as revised April [2016] **2019** and available as noted in Appendix II **except where the Vet Rules have a stricter requirement**.

Adopt Vet 501.03 and Vet 501.04 to read as follows:

Vet 501.03 Veterinary Specialists.

(a) No veterinarian shall identify him or herself as a member of an AVMA-recognized specialty organization if such certification has not been awarded and maintained. Only those veterinarians who have been certified by an AVMA-recognized veterinary specialty organization should refer to themselves as specialists.

(b) All licensees shall clearly identify their level of veterinary degree and expertise, whether they are specialists or not, to the client to avoid confusion so that the client may seek an appropriate level of care.

Vet 501.04 Specialty Facilities Naming Guidelines.

(a) A facility that provides services by AVMA-recognized board-certified veterinary specialist(s) shall be referred to as a specialty referral facility.

(b) In order to use the term specialty or referral in the name of a facility, more than half of the total average veterinary hours worked per week shall be worked by AVMA-recognized board-certified veterinary specialists as described in Vet 501.03.

(c) In order to use the terms specialty, specialist, referral, or similar in the facilities name, a facility shall offer specialty services as defined in Vet 501.03 and shall not provide general practice services on a regular basis.

Change the part heading for Vet 502 to read as follows:

PART Vet 502 EMERGENCY COVERAGE **AND AFTER HOURS CARE**

Readopt with amendments Vet 502.01, effective 8/1/19 (Document #12842, Interim), to read as follows:

Vet 502.01 Emergency Coverage. [~~A licensee shall be deemed to have violated the AVMA Ethical Principles captioned “Professional Behavior” and “The Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship” if he or she engages in active patient care and does not provide for continuous emergency veterinary services for his or her clients at a level and of a nature consistent with the service ordinarily available from his or her practice. Such emergency services may be provided by the licensee’s own partners, associates, or pursuant to a previously agreed upon referral to another veterinary facility.~~]

(a) The licensed veterinarian shall be available for follow-up evaluation or provide guidance to clients for veterinary emergency coverage, and continuing care and treatment.

(b) The licensed veterinarian shall disclose what his or her usual and customary business hours are when establishing a VCPR.

Adopt Vet 502.02 to read as follows:

Vet 502.02 After Hours Care. The licensed veterinarian shall disclose to the client what level of supervision (e.g. veterinarian, veterinary technician or veterinary nurse, veterinary assistant) the patient will have at any time a patient is on the premises, including, but not limited to, overnight hospitalization.

Adopt Vet 503 to read as follows:

PART Vet 503 EUTHANASIA

Vet 503.01 Adoption of AVMA Guidelines for the Euthanasia of Animals: 2020 Edition. All licensed veterinarians shall comply with the AVMA Guidelines for the Euthanasia of Animals: 2020 Edition, available as noted in Appendix II and except where Vet rules have a stricter requirement.

APPENDIX I

Rule	State Statute
Vet 501.01	RSA 332-B:9
Vet 501.03	RSA 332-B:7-a, II
Vet 501.04	RSA 332-B:7-a, XII
Vet 502.01	RSA 332-B:7-a, VI
Vet 502.02	RSA 332-B:7-a, XII
Vet 503.01	RSA 332-B:7-a, VI

APPENDIX II

Rule	Material Incorporated	How Materials May Be Obtained
Vet 501.01 thru 501.02	Principles of Veterinary Medical Ethics of the AVMA, April 2019	Electronic via AVMA website, https://www.avma.org/resources-tools/avma-policies/principles-veterinary-medical-ethics-avma
Vet 503.01	AVMA Guidelines for the Euthanasia of Animals: 2020 Edition	Electronic via AVMA website, https://olaw.nih.gov/avma-guidelines-2020.htm
Vet 1001.01, (b) + (c)	2015 AAHA/AAFP Pain Management Guidelines for Dogs and Cats	Electronic via https://www.aaha.org/professional/resources/pain_management.aspx
Vet 1001.01, (b) + (c)	WSAVA Guidelines for Recognition, Assessment, and Treatment of Pain, June 2014	Electronic via https://ivapm.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Mathews_et_al-2014-Journal_of_Small_Animal_Practice-WSAVA-03.10.17.pdf