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**Department of Agriculture
Administrative Order 54
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**Subject: CODE OF STANDARDS FOR VETERINARY CLINICS
AND HOSPITALS FOR SMALL COMPANION ANIMALS**

Section 1. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

It shall be the duty of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) to supervise and regulate the establishment, operation and maintenance of veterinary clinics (non-surgical and surgical) and hospitals and any other form of structure for the confinement of animals where they are kept, maintained or treated. The following shall be the guiding principles in veterinary clinics and hospitals:

- 1.1 A veterinary clinic or hospital shall be kept clean at all times. Excrements (feces and urine) from small animals shall be cleaned within reasonable time.
- 1.2 Unless specified as a specialty veterinary clinic (specialty to species, discipline or organ system) the veterinary practice shall be presumed to be of general practice with limitations to species such as practice limited to dogs or cats, or birds or reptiles or a combination thereof.
- 1.3 The minimum requirement stated in Section 3 shall help ensure that the clinic and practitioner will have adequate support facilities to perform his/her duties; it shall ensure that the animals confined will be adequately comfortable.
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3.1.2 Documents, Books and Other Reading Materials

3.1.2.1 Documents such as PRC Registration, PTR, Dangerous Drugs License or S2, veterinary diploma, and other required documents shall always be made available in the office for inspection.

3.1.2.2 Books necessary for the practice of veterinary medicine in the clinic shall be available in the clinic. Veterinary drug index, formulary or compendium shall likewise be available.

3.1.2.3 Prescription pads bearing the name and address of the veterinary clinic must be available.

3.1.2.4 Vaccination Certificates

3.1.2.4.1 Single use, the name of the veterinarian or veterinary institution, veterinary clinic, address, TIN, PRC number and PTR number shall be reflected in the certificate.

3.1.2.4.2 Multiple use or certification (international

3.1.3.2 The Examination Room

3.1.3.2.1 The room shall be well lighted, with good ventilation or air-conditioning. The walls and floors shall be smooth for easy cleaning and disinfection.

3.1.3.2.2 There shall be an examination table of appropriate size with a top made of either formica, aluminum, stainless steel, or porcelain.

3.1.3.2.3 The room shall have a properly installed and functional sink (porcelain coated or stainless steel or others) with a permanent piping for water supply and drainage.

3.1.3.2.4 There shall be cabinets or shelves for medicines, instruments and others.

3.1.3.3 The following equipment, instrument and supplies shall be within the clinic:

3.1.3.3.1 refrigerator

3.1.3.3.2 weighing scale

3.1.3.3.3 muzzle and leash (3 pieces each)

3.1.3.3.4 dextrose stand or provisions in the rooms for attachment in the ceiling or walls in the form of hooks

3.1.3.3.5 oxygen cylinder with gauge and control and other paraphernalia to deliver oxygen to the patient

3.1.3.3.6 unused disposable syringes shall be at least 2.5 ml (20 pcs) and needles shall be of gauge 23

3.1.3.3.7 stethoscope

3.1.3.3.8 thermometer, 2 pieces

3.1.3.3.9 ophthalmoscope or penlight or equivalent (otoscope-optional)

3.1.3.3.10 compound microscope

3.1.3.3.11 nail clipper, 1 each for the dog and cat. (Human nail clipper may be used for cats)

3.1.3.3.12 catheters or infant feeding tubes, 2 pieces each of # 10 and #12

3.1.3.3.13 bandages, various sizes

3.1.3.3.14 glass slides and cover slips, 1 box each

3.1.3.3.15 test tubes and racks

3.1.3.3.16 magnifying lens

3.1.3.3.17 emergency pack shall contain the following:

- a) tranquilizer, 1 vial
- b) adrenaline, 2 ampules
- c) atropine, 2 ampules

3.1.3.4.3.3 Removable flooring or permanent flooring with appropriate drainage.

3.1.3.4.3.4 All cages and kennels shall be secured.

3.1.3.4.4 Waterer and feeder shall be made of durable materials.

3.1.3.4.5 Floors and walls shall be concrete or equivalent for easy cleaning and disinfecting.

3.1.3.5 The rest room shall be kept clean.

3.2 Surgical Clinic – requirements are the same as those of non-surgical clinic with the addition of the following:

3.2.1 Surgery Room

3.2.1.1 The room shall be well lighted, with good ventilation or air conditioning. In the absence, however, of an air conditioning unit, an exhaust fan shall be provided and windows screened. The walls and floors shall be smooth for easy cleaning and disinfection.

3.2.1.2 There shall be at least one operating table with top made of stainless steel, aluminum, formica or porcelain. There shall be one metal pail.

3.2.1.3. Dextrose stand or wall or ceiling attachment for dextrose.

3.2.1.4 Surgical lamp or equivalent.

3.2.1.5 Cabinet for surgical paraphernalia.

3.2.1.6 Instruments and Supplies

3.2.1.6.1 Instrument tray

3.2.1.6.2 One surgical pack shall contain the following:

- a) 3 mosquito curve forceps
- b) 3 mosquito straight forceps
- c) 3 Kelly curve forceps
- d) 3 Kelly straight forceps
- e) 2 Carmalt forceps straight
- f) 1 pair of abdominal retractor
- g) 1 pair Mayo/Metzenbaum scissors
- h) 2 scalpel handle with corresponding blades #4
- i) 1 thumb forceps plain
- j) 1 thumb forceps rat-toothed
- k) 1 pair of sharp and blunt forceps
- l) 1 needle holder 6"
- m) 4 towel clamps

- n) 2 Aliss tissue forceps
- o) 1 spay hook/or equivalent

3.2.1.6.3 Surgical needles

- a) 3 pcs traumatic (cutting, curved)
- b) 3 pcs atraumatic (non

3.2.2.3 Instruments and supplies shall be the same as that for the surgical clinic but shall have 2 or more surgical packs.

3.2.2.4 Medicines shall have twice the clinic requirements.

3.2.2.5 Shall provide personnel to attend to emergency cases outside of the regular hospital hours.

Section 4. PENAL PROVISIONS

Violation of any of the provisions of this Rules and Regulations shall be penalized in accordance with the law.

Section 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

In case any provision of this Rules and Regulations is declared unconstitutional and/or contrary to law, other provisions which are not affected thereby shall continue to be enforced and in effect.

Section 6. REPEALING CLAUSE

All Administrative Orders, Rules and Regulations and other administrative issuance or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Regulation are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 7. EFFECTIVITY

This Regulation shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.



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