

1 **Chapter 30 Veterinary Medicine**

2 **Title 33 Professions and Occupations**

3 **Article 1**

4 **In General**

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6 **33-30-101. Citation and purpose of article.**

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8 (a) This act is enacted as an exercise of the powers of the state of Wyoming to
9 promote the public health, safety, and welfare by ensuring the delivery of
10 competent veterinary medical care. It is hereby declared that the practices of
11 veterinary medicine, veterinary technology, artificial insemination, embryo
12 transplant, embryo transfer, animal euthanasia, equine dentistry, pregnancy
13 diagnosis, and ultrasonography technician are privileges conferred by legislative
14 grant to persons possessing the qualifications specified in this act.

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16 (b) This act [33-30-101 through 33-30-1004] shall be known as the Wyoming
17 Veterinary Medical Practice Act.

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19 **33-30-102. Veterinary officers to be licensed.** No person shall hereafter be appointed or
20 elected to any public position in this state or in any county or city thereof, requiring veterinary
21 skill or knowledge, who has not, prior to his appointment or election, become a duly licensed
22 veterinarian and duly licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Wyoming.

1 **33-30-103. Definitions.** As used in this act;

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3 (a) "Abandoned" means to forsake entirely, to neglect or refuse to provide or
4 perform legal obligations for the care and support of an animal, or to refuse to pay for treatment
5 or other services without an assertion of good cause. Such abandonment shall constitute the
6 relinquishment of all rights and claims by the client to such an animal.

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8 (b) "Animal" means any animal other than a human and includes fowl, birds, fish
9 and reptiles, wild or domestic, living or dead.

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11 (c) "Animal euthanasia technician" means a person who is employed or sponsored
12 by a law enforcement agency whose duties include euthanizing unwanted, sick, injured or
13 dangerous animals;

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15 (d) "Animal health emergency" means any event or situation involving animal
16 disease or animal welfare that threatens the viability of animal industries, including but not
17 limited to incursion of foreign animal disease, natural disaster, and bioterrorism.

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19 (e) "Artificial Insemination" as used in this act shall for the purposes herein mean
20 the fertilization of or the attempt to fertilize the female domestic animal by placing the seminal
21 fluid obtained from the male animal in the vagina/uterus of the female domestic animal by
22 artificial means.

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24 (f) "Artificial Insemination Technician" means an individual permitted by the

1 Board to perform artificial insemination of a food animal.

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3 (g) "Board" means the Wyoming State Board of Veterinary Medicine.

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5 (h) "Client" means the patient's owner, owner's agent, or other person responsible
6 for the patient.

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8 (i) "Complementary, alternative, and integrative therapies" means a heterogeneous
9 group of preventive, diagnostic, and therapeutic philosophies and practices, which at the time
10 they are performed may differ from current scientific knowledge, or whose theoretical basis and
11 techniques may diverge from veterinary medicine routinely taught in accredited veterinary
12 medical colleges, or both.

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14 (j) "Direct supervision" means a licensed veterinarian is readily available on the
15 premises where the patients are being treated.

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17 (k) "Direct Embryo Transfer" means the placing of an embryo into the reproductive
18 tract of a female food animal by transcervical methods.

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20 (l) "Direct Embryo Transfer Technician" means an individual permitted by the
21 Board to perform direct transfer to a food animal.

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23 (m) "Embryo Transplant" means the procedure of the removal of ova or embryos

1 from a donor bovine animal and subsequent implantation of the embryos into a surrogate mother
2 of the selected specie of animal.

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4 (n) "Embryo Transplant Technician" means a person who has a valid and current
5 permit issued by the Board to perform embryo transplants.

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7 (o) "Equine Dentist" means a person who has a valid and current permit issued by
8 the Board to perform equine dentistry.

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10 (p) "Euthanasia" or "euthanizing" means the act or practice of providing a humane
11 death for animals through the use of euthanizing drugs;

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13 (q) Euthanizing drugs" means any pentobarbital-based drug labeled by the
14 manufacturer for the purpose of euthanizing animals, with the exception of Schedule I drugs as
15 defined in W.S. 35-7-1013 and 35-7-1014;

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17 (r) "Impaired" means an individual who is unable to practice with reasonable skill
18 and safety because of a physical or mental disability as evidenced by a written determination
19 from a competent authority or written consent based on clinical evidence, including deterioration
20 of mental capacity, loss of motor skills, or abuse of drugs or alcohol of sufficient degree to
21 diminish the person's ability to deliver competent patient care.

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23 (s) "Indirect supervision" means a licensed veterinarian has given either written or

1 oral instructions for treatment of the patient and is readily available by telephone or other form of
2 communication.

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4 (t) "Licensed veterinarian" means a persons who represents themselves to the
5 public by any title or description of veterinary medicine services incorporating the word
6 "veterinarian", who offers to render professional services regulated by this act implying that they
7 are licensed, trained, experienced and expert in the field of veterinary medicine and who hold a
8 valid license to engage in the practice of veterinary medicine.

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10 (u) "Manual rectal palpation" means the art, science and knowledge to diagnose
11 pregnancy in an animal by rectal palpation of the female reproductive organs.

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13 (v) "Owner consent" means the licensed veterinarian has informed the client, in a
14 manner that would be understood by a reasonable person, of the diagnostic and treatment
15 options, risk assessment, and prognosis, and has provided the client with an estimate of the
16 charges for veterinary services to be rendered and the client has consented to the recommended
17 treatment.

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19 (w) "Patient" means an animal that is provided services by a person licensed,
20 certified or permitted under this Act.

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22 (x) "Practice of animal euthanasia" means to provide a humane death for unwanted,
23 sick, injured or dangerous animals through the use of euthanizing drugs.

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(y) “Practice of artificial insemination” means to fertilize or attempt to fertilize the female domestic animal by placing and implanting the seminal fluid obtained from the male animal in the appropriate location of the female domestic animal by artificial means.

(z) “Practice of embryo transplanting” means the basic knowledge, skills, and abilities in manual rectal palpitation, synchronization and stimulation with hormones, administration of local anesthetics, flushing with lab media, use of microscopes, freezing and thawing of embryos, catheterizing the receptive animal, administration of antibiotics and grading of embryos. The practice and procedures of embryo transplanting is limited to non-surgical embryo transfer.

(aa) “Practice of equine dentistry” means the knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform procedures such as teeth floating, creating bit seats, incisor reduction and realignment, wave and hook correction, wolf teeth removal, canine teeth reduction, cap removal, full mouthy complete balancing and non-surgical extraction techniques;

(bb) "Practice of veterinary medicine" means to

(i) Directly or indirectly consult, diagnose, prognose, correct, treat, supervise, or recommend treatment of an animal, for the prevention, cure or relief of a wound, fracture, bodily injury, pain, disease, deformity, defect, illness, or physical, dental or mental condition;

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(ii) Prescribe, dispense or administer a drug, medicine, biologic, appliance, application, apparatus, anesthetic, or other therapeutic or diagnostic substance;

(iii) Perform a surgical or dental operation;

(iv) Perform a Complementary, Alternative or Integrative Veterinary Medical procedure;

(v) Perform any manual or mechanical procedure for the diagnoses and/or treatment of pregnancy, sterility, or infertility;

(vi) Determine the health, fitness, or soundness of an animal;

(vii) The rendering of advice or recommendation by any means including telephonic and other electronic communications with regard to any of the above.

(cc) "Practice of veterinary technology" means to perform patient care or other services that require a technical understanding of veterinary medicine on the basis of written or oral instruction of a licensed veterinarian, excluding diagnosing illness or injury, prognosing, surgery, or prescribing drugs, medicine, or appliances.

(dd) "Pregnancy Diagnostician" means a person that has a valid and current permit

1 issued by the Board to perform pregnancy diagnosis on cattle by manual rectal palpation.

2 (ee) "Supervised services" are patient care procedures performed under direct or
3 indirect licensed veterinary supervision.

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5 (ff) "This act" means W.S. 33-30-101 through 33-30-708;

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7 (gg) "Ultrasound Technician " means a person who has a valid and current permit
8 issued by the Board to perform ultrasound techniques to determine pregnancy in animals

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11 (hh) "Veterinarian" means a person who has received a professional veterinary
12 medical degree from an accredited college of veterinary medicine or who holds an equivalent
13 certificate from any school of veterinary medicine.

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15 (ii) "Veterinary Technician" means a graduate of a (2) two or (3) three year
16 accredited program in veterinary technology approved by the Board.

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18 (jj) "Veterinary Technologist" means a graduate of a (4) four year accredited
19 program in veterinary technology.

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21 (kk) "Veterinarian-client-patient relationship" means a mutual agreement entered
22 into between the licensed veterinarian and the client for any and all treatment of the patient(s)
23 agreed upon by the client after examination of the patient(s) by the licensed veterinarian.

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(II) "Veterinary prescription drug" means a drug that may not be dispensed without the prescription of a licensed veterinarian with a valid veterinary-client-patient relationship.

33-30-104. Board created; expenses.

(a) The members of the Wyoming board of veterinary medicine shall be appointed by the governor, by and with the consent of the senate. The Board shall consist of six (6) members who shall hold office for a term of six (6) years. Four (4) members shall be licensed veterinarians; one (1) member shall be a consumer of veterinary services, and one (1) member shall be the state veterinarian as an ex officio member of the board who is afforded the same rights as other members. Terms shall be staggered so that the terms of not more than two (2) members shall expire in any one (1) biennium. Any licensed member vacancy occurring on the board may be filled by the governor from a list of eligible candidates submitted by the Wyoming Veterinary Medical Association. Public at large vacancies shall be filled at the pleasure of the governor. No person shall serve more than two (2) consecutive six (6) year terms, but a person appointed for a term of fewer than six (6) years, or to fill a vacancy, may succeed himself. Appointments shall be made in accordance with W.S. 28-12-101 through 28-12-103.

(b) Any veterinarian appointed to the board is required to be both a licensed veterinarian and resident of the State of Wyoming for the previous five (5) years, and licensed to practice in the State of Wyoming.

1 (c) The governor may remove any board member from office as provided in W.S.
2 9-1-202.

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4 (d) Immediately and before entering upon the duties of said office, newly appointed
5 members of the board shall take the constitutional oath of office and shall file the same in the
6 office of the secretary of state.

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8 (e) Members of the board shall each receive compensation from the veterinary
9 medicine account at the salary rate provided in W.S. 28-5-101(d) for each day actually spent in
10 the performance of their board duties along with per diem and mileage allowance as allowed to
11 state employees.

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13 **33-30-105. Immunity from Liability.** Any member of the Board, any witness testifying in a
14 proceeding or hearing authorized under this act, any person who lodges a complaint pursuant to
15 this act, and any person reporting an impaired veterinarian shall be immune from liability in any
16 civil or criminal action brought against him for any action occurring while he was acting in his
17 capacity as a Board member, witness, complainant, or reporting party, if such person was acting
18 in good faith within the scope of his respective capacity.

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20 **33-30-106. Powers and duties of the board.** The powers enumerated herein are granted for the
21 purpose of enabling the board to effectively supervise all facets of veterinary medicine and are to
22 be construed liberally to accomplish this objective.

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1 (a) The board shall adopt rules not inconsistent with this act or the laws of this state
2 that are reasonable and necessary to administer this act including, but not limited to, the
3 requirements for the issuance and renewal of licenses, certificates or permits, establishment of
4 standards of practice, professional conduct and continuing education requirements for renewal.
5 The rules shall be adopted in accordance with the provisions of the Wyoming Administrative
6 Procedure Act.

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8 (b) The board shall elect a chairperson and a vice-chairperson and a secretary-
9 treasurer who shall hold office according to the rules adopted by the board.

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11 (c) All meetings of the board shall be conducted in accordance with W.S. 16-4-403,
12 except that the board may hold executive sessions as provided by W.S. 16-4-405. A majority of
13 the board, which includes at least one (1) officer, constitutes a quorum.

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15 (d) The board shall adopt a seal that shall be affixed to all licenses, certificates and
16 permits issued by the board and to other documents requiring the same.

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18 (e) All board records shall be maintained in accordance with the Wyoming Public
19 Records Act.

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21 (f) All decisions of the board involving the granting, denial, renewal, revocation,
22 suspension or withdrawal of a license, certificate or permit shall be conducted pursuant to the
23 provisions of the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act.

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(g) The Board may conduct investigations of suspected violations of this act and the rules adopted under this act to determine whether there are sufficient grounds to initiate disciplinary or injunctive proceedings or request criminal prosecutions. The initial inquiry will be conducted by a subcommittee (Board Member), appointed by the Chairperson, which will make recommendations to the board for action. All administrative hearings shall be conducted in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act of the state of Wyoming or other applicable laws.

(h) The board may, in its own name, proceed in any court of competent jurisdiction to enjoin and restrain any person from violating this act and may similarly act to bring suit to prevent or remedy any other violation of this act or of the rules adopted under this act. The action is in addition to any other proceeding or remedy authorized by law. The board shall be represented in all such actions by the attorney general or private counsel may be secured with approval of the attorney general.

(i) The Board may inspect veterinary premises and equipment, including practice vehicles, at any time in accordance with protocols established by rule.

(j) The board may employ personnel necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

(k) The board may charge fees for applications, examinations, licensing, certifying,

1 permitting, renewal and other services provided in amounts established by the board pursuant to
2 W.S. 33-1-201. All money received, and the interest thereon, shall be deposited in the state
3 treasury to the credit of an account within the earmarked fund and may be used only for the
4 administration of this act.

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6 (l) Upon receipt from the department of family services of a certified copy of an
7 order from a court to withhold, suspend or otherwise restrict a license, certificate or permit
8 issued by the board, the board shall notify the party named in the court order of the withholding,
9 suspension or restriction of the license in accordance with the terms of the court order. No
10 appeal under the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act shall be allowed for a license withheld,
11 suspended or restricted under this subsection.

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13 (m) The Board may issue a permit as a veterinary technician, veterinary
14 technologist, equine dentist, pregnancy diagnostician, or ultrasonography technician to a person
15 who satisfies the requirements of that practice established by the Board.

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17 **33-30-107. Exemptions.**

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19 (a) Nothing in this act shall be construed to prohibit the activities and services of:

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21 (i) Any employee of the federal, state, or local government in
22 performance of official duties.

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1 (ii) Qualified members of other legally recognized professions who are
2 otherwise licensed, certified or permitted by this state, and performing services consistent with
3 the laws of this state, their training and the code of ethics of their professions, provided they do
4 not represent themselves to be practicing the professions regulated under this act and do not
5 represent themselves to be veterinarians, veterinary technologists, veterinary technicians,
6 artificial insemination technicians, embryo transplant technicians, direct embryo transfer
7 technicians, animal euthanasia technicians, equine dentistry, pregnancy diagnostician, or
8 ultrasonography technician.

9 (iii) Any member of an organization or group approved by the Board
10 within the rules and regulations, providing assistance requested by a veterinarian licensed in the
11 state of Wyoming, acting with owner consent from the client, and acting under the direct or
12 indirect supervision and control of the licensed veterinarian. Providing assistance involves
13 active participation in the treatment and care of the patient. The licensed veterinarian shall
14 maintain responsibility for the veterinarian-client-patient relationship.

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16 (iv) Any person who is a student in an accredited college of veterinary
17 medicine or an accredited program in veterinary technology performing duties or actions
18 assigned by instructors while working under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

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20 (v) Any graduate of a non-accredited college of veterinary medicine who
21 is in the process of obtaining education and examination equivalency and is performing duties or
22 actions assigned by instructors in an accredited college of veterinary medicine.

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1 (vi) Any instructor at an accredited college of veterinary medicine or
2 accredited program in veterinary technology performing his regular functions or any person
3 lecturing or giving instructions or demonstrations at an accredited college of veterinary medicine
4 or accredited program in veterinary technology or in connection with a veterinary or veterinary
5 technology continuing education course or seminar.

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7 (vii) Any person engaging in bona fide scientific research that reasonably
8 requires experimentation involving animals.

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10 (viii) Any veterinarian employed by an accredited college of veterinary
11 medicine providing assistance requested by a veterinarian licensed in the state of Wyoming,
12 acting with owner consent from the client, and acting under the direct or indirect supervision and
13 control of the licensed veterinarian. Providing assistance involves active participation in the
14 treatment and care of the patient. The licensed veterinarian shall maintain responsibility for the
15 veterinarian-client-patient relationship.

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17 (ix) Any pharmacist, merchant, or manufacturer selling medicines, feed,
18 appliances, or other products used in the prevention or treatment of animal diseases at his regular
19 place of business as permitted by law.

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21 (x) Any person lawfully engaged in the art or profession of being a farrier.

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23 (xi) Any person rendering advice without expectation of compensation.??

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(xii) Any owner of an animal and any of the owner's regular employees caring for and treating the animal belonging to such owner, except where the ownership of the animal was transferred for purposes of circumventing this act. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, a veterinarian-client-patient relationship must exist when prescription drugs or nonprescription drugs intended for extra label use are administered, dispensed, or prescribed.

(xiii) Any person who provides appropriate training for animals that does not include diagnosing or the use, prescribing or dispensing of any therapeutic agent.

(xiv) Any veterinary technician, veterinary technologist, or other employee of a licensed veterinarian performing duties other than diagnosis of illness or injury, prognosis, prescription, or surgery under the direction and supervision of such veterinarian who shall be responsible for the performance of the employee.

(xv) Any person who, without expectation of compensation, provides emergency veterinary care at the site in an emergency or disaster situation.

(xvi) The State Veterinarian from deputizing licensed veterinarians to assist as Deputy State Veterinarians in case of an emergency as addressed in W. S. 11-18-103(a)(ii). The State Veterinarian may request the assistance of licensed veterinarians from other States as needed in emergency situations without requiring Wyoming licensure

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(b) Nothing in this act shall prevent a qualified person exempted by this section from being licensed, certified or permitted under this act.

33-30-108. Renewal and continuing education.

(a) Persons licensed, certified or permitted under this act shall submit the appropriate renewal application and fee in a manner and at a time specified by the board. The renewal shall be accompanied by evidence satisfactory to the board of compliance with this act and participation in continuing education activities as established by rules and regulations of the board.

(b) Any person who continues to provide any of the services regulated in this act after the expiration of his license, certificate or permit is practicing in violation of this act.

33-30-109. Impaired Professionals.

(a) The Board may contract with an organization specializing in the rehabilitation and continued treatment of an impaired licensed veterinarian.

(b) The program shall include a written schedule of organized treatment, care, counseling, activities, or education satisfactory to the Board, designed for the purposes of restoring an impaired person to a condition whereby the impaired person can practice with

1 reasonable skill and safety of a sufficient degree to deliver competent patient care.

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3 (c) All persons authorized to practice by the Board shall report in good faith any
4 professional licensed, certified or permitted under this Act that they reasonably believe to be
5 impaired as defined in 33-30-201.

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7 **33-30-10. Prohibited acts; penalties.**

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9 (a) No person shall:

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11 (i) Engage in the practice of veterinary medicine, veterinary technology,
12 artificial insemination, embryo transplant, direct embryo transfer, equine dentistry, or animal
13 euthanasia unless licensed, certified or permitted to practice under this act or to represent himself
14 to the public as being licensed, certified or permitted as a veterinarian, veterinary technician,
15 veterinary technologist, artificial insemination technician, embryo transplant technician, direct
16 transfer technician, equine dentist, or animal euthanasia technician, or to represent himself to the
17 public as a veterinarian, veterinary technician, veterinary technologist, artificial insemination
18 technician, embryo transplant technician, direct transfer technician, equine dentist, animal
19 euthanasia technician, pregnancy diagnostician, or ultrasonography technician without having
20 first complied with this act;

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22 (ii) Practice veterinary medicine in the state of Wyoming except within the
23 context of a veterinarian-client-patient relationship. A veterinarian-client-patient relationship

1 cannot be established solely by telephonic or other electronic means.

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3 (b) The board may refuse to renew, or may deny, reprimand, limit, suspend, revoke
4 or otherwise restrict a license, certificate or permit under this act for any of the following causes:

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6 (i) The employment of fraud, misrepresentation, or deception in obtaining
7 a license, certificate or permit.

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9 (ii) Knowingly submitting false or misleading information to the board;

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11 (iii) Aiding the unlawful practice of any of the services regulated in this

12 Act.

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14 (iv) Directing persons to perform services for which they are not trained or
15 competent to provide.

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17 (v) Fraud or dishonesty in the application or reporting of any test for
18 disease in animals.

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20 (vi) Failure to report, as required by law, or making false or misleading
21 report of, any contagious or infectious disease required to be reported pursuant to WS.11-19-102.

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23 (vii) Failure to keep accurate and comprehensive patient records as set by

1 rules promulgated by the Board.

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3 (viii) Dishonesty or negligence in the performance of food safety
4 inspections or the issuance of any health or inspection certificates.

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6 (ix) Failure to keep veterinary premises and equipment, including practice
7 vehicles, in a clean and sanitary condition as set by rules promulgated by the Board.

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9 (x) Failure to permit the Board or its agents to enter and inspect veterinary
10 premises and equipment, including practice vehicles, as set by rules promulgated by the Board.

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12 (xi) Revocation, suspension, or other disciplinary action imposed on a
13 license, certificate or permit to practice of any of the services regulated in this Act by another
14 state, territory, or district of the United States on grounds other than nonpayment of renewal fee.

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16 (xii) Loss or suspension of accreditation by any federal or state agency on
17 grounds other than nonpayment of renewal fees.

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19 (xiii) The dispensing, distribution, prescription, or administration of any
20 veterinary prescription drug, or the extra label use of any drug in the absence of a veterinarian-
21 client-patient relationship.

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23 (xiv) Violations of state or federal drug laws.

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(xv) The use of advertising or solicitation that is false or misleading.

(xvi) Conviction of the following in any court, including pleas of nolo contendere, regardless of whether the sentence is deferred. A certified copy of the conviction shall be conclusive evidence of the conviction;

(A) Any felony.

(B) Any crime involving cruelty, abuse, or neglect of animals, including bestiality.

(C) Any crime of moral turpitude.

(D) Any crime involving unlawful sexual contact; child abuse; the use or threatened use of a weapon; the infliction of injury; indecent exposure; perjury, false reporting, criminal impersonation, forgery and any other crime involving a lack of truthfulness, veracity, or honesty; intimidation of a victim or witness; larceny; or alcohol or drugs.

(xvii) Renting or lending the license, certificate or permit issued pursuant to this act;

(xviii) Unprofessional or unethical conduct as defined by the Board;

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(xix) Incompetence, negligence, or other malpractice in the practice of veterinary medicine;

(xx) The inability to practice veterinary medicine with reasonable skill and safety because of a physical or mental disability, including deterioration of mental capacity, loss of motor skills, or abuse of drugs or alcohol of sufficient degree to diminish the person's ability to deliver competent patient care.

(xxi) Habitual intemperate use of alcohol or a controlled substance;

(xxii) Violation and conviction of a charge under the Wyoming Controlled Substances Act;

(xxiii) Willful violation of any provisions of this act;

(xxiv) Willful violation of any provisions of the rules and regulations promulgated by the Board;

(xxv) Failure to make timely and sufficient application for licensure, certificate or permit, or renewal thereof.

(c) Proceedings under this section may be taken by the board from matters within

1 its knowledge or upon information from another. If the informant is a member of the board, the
2 other members of the board shall judge the accused. All complaints shall be in writing, verified
3 by some party familiar with the facts alleged, and shall be filed with the board. Upon receiving
4 the complaint the board, if it deems the complaint sufficient, shall proceed as in a contested case
5 under the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act.

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7 (d) Persons violating this act are guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of
8 not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), by imprisonment for not more than six (6)
9 months, or both. A third or subsequent conviction for violation of this section during a thirty-six
10 (36) month period shall constitute a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than two
11 (2) years, a fine of not more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00), or both. Each violation shall
12 constitute a separate offense.

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14 (e) The board may petition in its own name for an injunction to an appropriate court
15 to enjoin:

16 (i) Any person violating this Act, unless specifically exempt from licensure or
17 certification pursuant to W. S. 33-30-106;

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19 (ii) Any license or permit holder who is in violation of this act from
20 practicing veterinary medicine, veterinary technology, artificial insemination, embryo transplant,
21 equine dentistry, animal euthanasia technicians, equine dentistry, pregnancy diagnostician, or
22 ultrasonography technician.

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1 (iii) Any person, firm, corporation, institution, association, business or
2 other entity from employing any individual to practice veterinary medicine, veterinary
3 technology, artificial insemination, embryo transplant, direct transfer, animal euthanasia
4 technicians, equine dentistry, pregnancy diagnostician, or ultrasonography technician. who is not
5 licensed, certified or permitted as required by this act.

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7 **33-30-111. Immunity for Reporting Cruelty to Animals.** Any professional licensed or
8 permitted under this Act who reports, in good faith and in the normal course of business, a
9 suspected incident of animal cruelty, as described by law, to the proper authorities shall be
10 immune from liability in any civil or criminal action brought against such veterinarian or
11 permittee for reporting such incident.

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13 **33-30-112. Abandoned Animal**

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15 (a) Any animal placed in the custody of a licensed veterinarian for treatment,
16 boarding or other care, which is unclaimed by the client for more than ten (10) days after written
17 notice has been postmarked by registered mail, shall be deemed abandoned. Such abandoned
18 companion animal may be turned over to the nearest humane society or animal shelter, or
19 euthanized by the licensed veterinarian in a humane manner. Abandoned livestock would be
20 considered as estrays and would become the ward of the Wyoming Livestock Board.

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22 (b) If notice is sent pursuant to subsection (a) of this Section, the licensed
23 veterinarian responsible for such abandoned animal is relieved of any further liability for

1 disposal. If a licensed veterinarian follows the procedures of this Section, the veterinarian shall
2 not be subject to disciplinary action under Section 33-30-109 of this Act, unless such licensed
3 veterinarian fails to provide the proper notification to the client.

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5 (c) The disposal of an abandoned animal shall not relieve the client of any financial
6 obligation incurred for treatment, boarding, or other care provided by the licensed veterinarian.

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8 **Article 2**

9 **Veterinarians**

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11 **33-30-201. License required.** It is unlawful for any person to practice veterinary medicine in
12 the State of Wyoming unless a license is obtained as provided in this Act.

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14 **33-30-202. Requirements for license.** The board may issue a license as a veterinarian to any
15 applicant who files an application upon a form and in the manner prescribed by the board,
16 accompanied by the appropriate fee and who furnishes satisfactory evidence to the board of the
17 following:

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19 (a) The applicant has reached the age of majority;

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21 (b) The applicant has no felony convictions, and no misdemeanor convictions
22 involving moral turpitude, although exceptions to this requirement may be granted by the board
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(c) The applicant has received a doctorate degree in veterinary medicine from an accredited program and institution of higher education, which is professional in content and which meets the academic and training content standards established by the board, or the applicant holds an educational equivalency certificate;

(d) The applicant has demonstrated knowledge of the field of veterinary medicine in general by passing a standard examination which may be written or situational, as the board prescribes. The board may develop, adopt and administer appropriate examinations.

(e) The Board may, in its sole discretion, require the applicant to appear before the Board.

(f) Upon examination of all credentials the board may consider the credentials adequate evidence of professional competence and issue a license.

(g) Persons currently licensed as a veterinarian in this state as of July 1, 2011 shall be presumed to have met all requirements for licensure under this act and shall be eligible for renewal of licensure in accordance with the provisions of this act.

33-30-203. Reciprocity. Persons licensed to practice veterinary medicine under the laws of any other state having requirements substantially equal to those provided for in this act for a period of three (3) years may, in the discretion of the board, be issued a license to practice in this state

1 without examination.

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3 **33-30-204. Temporary Permit.** The Board, in its sole discretion, may issue a temporary permit
4 to practice veterinary medicine in the state of Wyoming. A temporary permit may be summarily
5 revoked or limited by the Board without a hearing in order to protect the public health, safety, or
6 welfare.

7 (a) A temporary permit without supervision may be issued for up to six (6) months
8 to an applicant for licensure provided the applicant is currently licensed in good standing to
9 practice veterinary medicine in another state, and has within the last six (6) months practiced
10 veterinary medicine in that state.

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12 (b) A temporary permit requiring responsible supervision may be issued to a
13 qualified graduate of a Board approved veterinary medicine educational program and who is
14 waiting to take the required exam. The permit shall be valid only until the next available
15 administration of the exam.

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17 (i) The temporary permit shall expire upon notification that a graduate
18 fails to successfully complete the examination.

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20 (ii) Upon payment of an additional fee set by the board in accordance with
21 W.S. 33-1-201, the board may reissue a permit until the next available administration of the
22 exam. A temporary permit may only be reissued once.

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1 **33-30-205. Veterinarian-Client Confidentiality,**

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3 (a) No licensed veterinarian shall disclose any information concerning the licensed
4 veterinarian's care of a patient except on written authorization or by waiver by the licensed
5 veterinarian's client or in appropriate court.
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7 (b) Copies of or information from veterinary records shall be provided without the
8 owner's consent to public, animal health, animal welfare, wildlife, or agriculture authorities,
9 employed by federal, state, or local governmental agencies who have a legal or regulatory
10 interest in the contents of said records for the protection of animal and public health.
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12 (c) Any licensed veterinarian releasing information under written authorization or
13 other waiver by the client or under court order, by subpoena, or as otherwise provided by this
14 Section shall not be liable to the client or any other person.
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16 **Article 3**

17 **Veterinary Technicians**

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19 **33-30-301. Certification Required.** Any veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine
20 in the State of Wyoming may use the services of one or more registered veterinary technicians.
21 Veterinary technicians provided for in this section before being employed by a licensed
22 veterinarian shall be registered by the board as provided and while registered and employed by a
23 licensed veterinarian are not considered to be engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine.

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33-30-302. Requirement for a Certificate. The Board may issue a certificate as a Veterinary Technician to any applicant who files an application upon a form and in the manner prescribed by the board, accompanied by the appropriate fee and who furnishes satisfactory evidence to the board of the following:

- (a) The applicant has reached the age of majority;
- (b) The applicant has no felony convictions, and no misdemeanor convictions involving moral turpitude, although exceptions to this requirement may be granted by the board if consistent with the public interest;
- (c) The applicant has successfully completed a veterinary technician course on as approved by the Board;
- (d) The Board may, in its sole discretion, require the applicant to appear before the Board.
- (e) Upon examination of all credentials the board may consider the credentials adequate evidence of professional competence and issue a permit.

33-30-303. Supervision. A veterinary technician may only work under the direction or supervision of the licensed veterinarian or veterinarians by whom the technician is employed.

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(a) The licensed veterinarian by whom a registered veterinary technician is employed is responsible for the acts of the technician, and nothing in this chapter relieves the employer of the ordinary duties and responsibilities of the acts or conduct of the employee.

(b) A veterinary technician may not maintain or operate any office separate from the office of the licensed veterinarian by whom the technician is employed.

33-30-304. Reciprocity. Persons issued a certificate to practice as a Veterinary Technician under the laws of any other state having requirements substantially equal to those provided for in this act may, in the discretion of the board, be issued a permit to practice in this state without examination.

Article 4

Artificial Insemination Technician

33-30-401. Permit Required. It is unlawful for any person to practice artificial insemination of domestic animals in the State of Wyoming unless a permit is obtained as provided in this act. No permit shall be required for any person to perform artificial insemination upon his own domestic animals.

33-30-402. Requirements for Permit. The Board may issue a permit as an Artificial Insemination Technician to any applicant who files an application upon a form and in the manner

1 prescribed by the board, accompanied by the appropriate fee and who furnishes satisfactory
2 evidence to the board of the following:

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4 (a) The applicant has reached the age of majority;

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6 (b) The applicant has no felony convictions, and no misdemeanor convictions
7 involving moral turpitude, although exceptions to this requirement may be granted by the board
8 if consistent with the public interest;

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10 (c) The applicant has successfully completed a course on artificial insemination as
11 approved by the Board;

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13 (d) The applicant has demonstrated knowledge of the field of artificial insemination
14 in general by passing a standard examination which may be written or situational, as the board
15 prescribes. The board may develop, adopt and administer appropriate examinations.

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17 (e) The Board may, in its sole discretion, require the applicant to appear before the
18 Board.

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20 (f) Upon examination of all credentials the board may consider the credentials
21 adequate evidence of professional competence and issue a permit.

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23 (g) Persons currently permitted as an artificial insemination technician in this state

1 as of July 1, 2011 shall be presumed to have met all requirements for permit under this act and
2 shall be eligible for renewal of permit in accordance with the provisions of this act.

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4 **33-30-403. Reciprocity.** Persons issued a permit to practice as an Artificial Insemination
5 Technician under the laws of any other state having requirements substantially equal to those
6 provided for in this act may, in the discretion of the board, be issued a permit to practice in this
7 state without examination.

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9 **33-30-404. Records.** Every person practicing artificial insemination as herein defined in the state of
10 Wyoming must make and keep a record showing each artificial insemination performed by the individual,
11 the date thereof, the owner of the animal so inseminated, and the source of the semen used for such
12 purpose. Such records shall at all times be open to the Board for examination and inspection and in
13 addition thereto the method and procedure used by any person in the practice of artificial insemination
14 under this act may be examined, inspected and investigated by the Board at any time.

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16 **Article 5**

17 **Direct Embryo Transfer Technician**

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19 **33-30-501. Permit Required.** It is unlawful for any person to practice direct embryo transfer
20 on domestic animals unless a permit is obtained as provided in this act. No permit shall be
21 required of or by any person to perform embryo transplanting upon their own domestic animals.

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23 **33-30-502. Requirements for Permit.** The Board may issue a permit as a direct embryo
24 transfer technician to any applicant who files an application upon a form and in the manner

1 prescribed by the board, accompanied by the appropriate fee and who furnishes satisfactory
2 evidence to the board of the following:

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4 (a) The applicant has reached the age of majority;

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6 (b) The applicant has no felony convictions, and no misdemeanor convictions
7 involving moral turpitude, although exceptions to this requirement may be granted by the board
8 if consistent with the public interest;

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10 (c) The applicant has successfully completed a course on direct embryo transfer
11 and sanitation as approved by the Board;

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13 (d) The applicant has demonstrated knowledge of the field of direct embryo transfer
14 in general by passing a standard examination which may be written or situational, as the board
15 prescribes. The board may develop, adopt and administer appropriate examinations.

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17 (e) The Board may, in its sole discretion, require the applicant to appear before the
18 Board.

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20 (f) Upon examination of all credentials the board may consider the credentials
21 adequate evidence of professional competence and issue a permit.

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23 (g) Persons currently permitted as a direct embryo transfer technician in this state as

1 of July 1, 2011 shall be presumed to have met all requirements for permit under this act and shall
2 be eligible for renewal of permit in accordance with the provisions of this act.

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4 **33-30-503. Reciprocity.** Persons issued a permit to practice as a direct embryo transfer
5 technician under the laws of any other state having requirements substantially equal to those
6 provided for in this act may, in the discretion of the board, be issued a permit to practice in this
7 state without examination.

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9 **33-30-504. Records.** Every person practicing direct embryo transfer as herein defined in the state of
10 Wyoming must make and keep a record showing each direct embryo transfer performed by the individual,
11 the date thereof, the owner of the animal so receiving the transfer, and the source of the embryo used for
12 such purpose. Such records shall at all times be open to the Board for examination and inspection and in
13 addition thereto the method and procedure used by any person in the practice of direct transfer under this
14 act may be examined, inspected and investigated by the Board at any time.

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16 **Article 6**

17 **Embryo Transplant Technician**

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19 **33-30-601. Permit Required.** It is unlawful for any person to practice embryo transplanting on
20 domestic animals unless a permit is obtained as provided in this act. No permit shall be required
21 of or by any person to perform embryo transplanting upon their own domestic animals.

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23 **33-30-602. Requirements for Permit.** The Board may issue a permit as an Embryo Transplant
24 Technician to any applicant who files an application upon a form and in the manner prescribed

1 by the board, accompanied by the appropriate fee and who furnishes satisfactory evidence to the
2 board of the following:

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4 (a) The applicant has reached the age of majority;

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6 (b) The applicant has no felony convictions, and no misdemeanor convictions
7 involving moral turpitude, although exceptions to this requirement may be granted by the board
8 if consistent with the public interest;

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10 (c) The applicant has successfully completed a course on embryo transplant and
11 sanitation as approved by the Board;

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13 (d) The applicant has demonstrated knowledge of the field of embryo transplant in
14 general by passing a standard examination which may be written or situational, as the board
15 prescribes. The board may develop, adopt and administer appropriate examinations.

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17 (e) The Board may, in its sole discretion, require the applicant to appear before the
18 Board.

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20 (f) Upon examination of all credentials the board may consider the credentials
21 adequate evidence of professional competence and issue a permit.

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23 (g) Persons currently permitted as an embryo transplant technician in this state as of

1 July 1, 2011 shall be presumed to have met all requirements for permit under this act and shall be
2 eligible for renewal of permit in accordance with the provisions of this act.

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4 **33-30-603. Reciprocity.** Persons issued a permit to practice as an embryo transplant technician
5 under the laws of any other state having requirements substantially equal to those provided for in
6 this act may, in the discretion of the board, be issued a permit to practice in this state without
7 examination.

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9 **33-30-604. Records.** Every person practicing embryo transplanting as herein defined in the state of
10 Wyoming must make and keep a record showing each embryo transplant performed by the individual, the
11 date thereof, the owner of the animal so receiving the transplant, and the source of the embryo used for
12 such purpose. Such records shall at all times be open to the Board for examination and inspection and in
13 addition thereto the method and procedure used by any person in the practice of embryo transplanting
14 under this act may be examined, inspected and investigated by the Board at any time.

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16 **Article 7**

17 **Animal Euthanasia**

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19 **33-30-701. Certificate Required.** It is unlawful for any person to practice animal euthanasia
20 unless a permit is obtained as provided in this act. .

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22 (a) An animal euthanasia technician shall register with the Wyoming Board of
23 Pharmacy to purchase, possess and administer euthanizing drugs.

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1 (b) If at any time there is a change in employment or sponsorship of an animal
2 euthanasia technician by a law enforcement agency, the law enforcement agency shall
3 immediately notify the board of the change. Changes include transfer to another division or part
4 of the law enforcement agency as well as firing, termination or other release of employment or
5 sponsorship by the law enforcement agency. The board shall adopt rules relating to changes in
6 employment or sponsorship by law enforcement agencies for the purposes of this act.

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8 **33-30-702. Requirements for Certification.** The board may issue a certificate as an animal
9 euthanasia technician to any applicant who files an application upon a form and in the manner
10 prescribed by the board, accompanied by the appropriate fee and who furnishes satisfactory
11 evidence to the board of the following:

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13 (a) The applicant has reached the age of majority;

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15 (b) The applicant has no felony convictions;

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17 (c) The applicant has no misdemeanor convictions involving moral turpitude, and
18 no criminal violations relating to cruelty to animals or animal neglect;

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20 (d) The applicant is employed or sponsored by a law enforcement agency;

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22 (e) The applicant has completed an animal euthanasia training and testing program
23 approved or developed by the board

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(f) The Board may, in its sole discretion, require the applicant to appear before the Board.

(g) Upon examination of all credentials the board may consider the credentials adequate evidence of professional competence and issue a certificate.

(h) Persons currently certified as an animal euthanasia technician in this state as of July 1, 2011 shall be presumed to have met all requirements for certification under this act and shall be eligible for renewal of certification in accordance with the provisions of this act.

33-30-703. Reciprocity. Persons permitted to practice animal euthanasia under the laws of any other state having requirements substantially equal to those provided for in this act may, in the discretion of the board, be issued a certificate to practice in this state.

Repeal W.S. 33-30-216 through W.S. 33-30-222.

Article 8

Equine Dentist

33-30-801. Permit Required. It is unlawful for any person to practice equine dentistry unless a permit is obtained as provided in this act. No permit shall be required of or by any person to

1 perform equine dentistry upon their own animals.

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3 **33-30-802. Requirements for Permit.** The Board may issue a permit as an Equine Dentist to
4 any applicant who files an application upon a form and in the manner prescribed by the board,
5 accompanied by the appropriate fee and who furnishes satisfactory evidence to the board of the
6 following:

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8 (a) The applicant has reached the age of majority;

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10 (b) The applicant has no felony convictions, and no misdemeanor convictions
11 involving moral turpitude, although exceptions to this requirement may be granted by the board
12 if consistent with the public interest;

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14 (c) The applicant has successfully completed an equine dentistry program as
15 approved by the Board;

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17 (d) The applicant has demonstrated knowledge of the field of equine dentistry in
18 general by passing a standard examination which may be written or situational, as the board
19 prescribes. The board may develop, adopt and administer appropriate examinations.

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21 (e) The Board may, in its sole discretion, require the applicant to appear before the
22 Board.

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1 (f) Upon examination of all credentials the board may consider the credentials
2 adequate evidence of professional competence and issue a permit.

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4 **33-30-803. Reciprocity.** Persons issued a permit to practice as an equine dentistry under the
5 laws of any other state having requirements substantially equal to those provided for in this act
6 may, in the discretion of the board, be issued a permit to practice in this state without
7 examination.

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9 **33-30-804. Records.** Every person practicing as an equine dentist as herein defined in the state of
10 Wyoming must make and keep a record of all services provided in the course of practicing equine
11 dentistry. Such records shall at all times be open to the Board for examination and inspection and in
12 addition thereto the method and procedure used by any person in the practice of equine dentistry under
13 this act may be examined, inspected and investigated by the Board at any time.

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15 **Article 9**

16 **Pregnancy Diagnostician**

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18 **33-30-901. Permit Required.** It is unlawful for any person to practice of manual rectal
19 palpation to determine pregnancy of an animal unless a permit is obtained as provided in this
20 act. No permit shall be required of or by any person to perform pregnancy diagnosis on their own
21 domestic animals.

22 **33-30-902. Requirements for Permit.** The Board may issue a permit as a pregnancy
23 diagnosis to any applicant who files an application upon a form and in the manner prescribed
24 by the board, accompanied by the appropriate fee and who furnishes satisfactory evidence to the

1 board of the following:

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3 (a) The applicant has reached the age of majority;

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5 (b) The applicant has no felony convictions, and no misdemeanor convictions
6 involving moral turpitude, although exceptions to this requirement may be granted by the board
7 if consistent with the public interest;

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9 (c) The applicant has successfully completed a pregnancy diagnosis program for
10 manual rectal palpation as approved by the Board;

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12 (d) The applicant has demonstrated knowledge of the field of pregnancy diagnosis
13 in general by passing a standard examination which may be written or situational, as the board
14 prescribes. The board may develop, adopt and administer appropriate examinations.

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16 (e) The Board may, in its sole discretion, require the applicant to appear before the
17 Board.

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19 (f) Upon examination of all credentials the board may consider the credentials
20 adequate evidence of professional competence and issue a permit.

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22 **33-30-903. Reciprocity.** Persons issued a permit to practice as an pregnancy diagnostition under
23 the laws of any other state having requirements substantially equal to those provided for in this

1 act may, in the discretion of the board, be issued a permit to practice in this state without
2 examination.

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4 **33-30-904. Records.** Every person practicing as a pregnancy diagnostician as herein defined in the
5 state of Wyoming must make and keep a record of all services provided in the course of practicing
6 pregnancy diagnosis. Such records shall at all times be open to the Board for examination and inspection
7 and in addition thereto the method and procedure used by any person in the practice of pregnancy
8 diagnosis under this act may be examined, inspected and investigated by the Board at any time.

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10 **Article 10**

11 **Ultrasonography Technician**

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13 **33-30-1001. Permit Required.** It is unlawful for any person to practice ultrasonography to
14 determine pregnancy of an animal unless a permit is obtained as provided in this act. No permit
15 shall be required of or by any person to perform ultrasonography on their own domestic animals.

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17 **33-30-1002. Requirements for Permit.** The Board may issue a permit as an ultrasound
18 technologist to any applicant who files an application upon a form and in the manner prescribed
19 by the Board, accompanied by the appropriate fee and who furnishes satisfactory evidence to the
20 Board of the following:

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22 (a) The applicant has reached the age of majority;
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24 (b) The applicant has no felony convictions, and no misdemeanor convictions

1 involving moral turpitude, although exceptions to this requirement may be granted by the board
2 if consistent with the public interest;

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4 (c) The applicant has successfully completed a program for ultrasonography as
5 approved by the Board;

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7 (d) The applicant has demonstrated knowledge of the field of ultrasonography in
8 general by passing a standard examination which may be written or situational, as the Board
9 prescribes. The Board may develop, adopt and administer appropriate examinations.

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11 (e) The Board may, in its sole discretion, require the applicant to appear before the
12 Board.

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14 (f) Upon examination of all credentials the board may consider the credentials
15 adequate evidence of professional competence and issue a permit.

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17 **33-30-1003. Reciprocity.** Persons issued a permit to practice ultrasonography under the laws of
18 any other state having requirements substantially equal to those provided for in this act may, in
19 the discretion of the board, be issued a permit to practice in this state without examination.

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21 **33-30-1004. Records.** Every person practicing ultrasonography as herein defined in the state of
22 Wyoming must make and keep a record of all services provided in the course of practicing
23 ultrasonography. Such records shall at all times be open to the Board for examination and inspection and
24 in addition thereto the method and procedure used by any person in the practice of pregnancy diagnosis

1 under this act may be examined, inspected and investigated by the Board at any time.

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