

Introducing Authorized Activities

Understanding opportunities for veterinary teams in the *Veterinary Professionals Act*

Team-based care is a key aspect of the ***Veterinary Professionals Act***. The new legislation recognizes veterinary technicians' knowledge and training and provides veterinary teams with opportunities to make use of this skillset. This is the one profession, two professionals approach!

The authorized activities model, introduced in the *Veterinary Professionals Act*, outlines what is the practice of veterinary medicine and who can perform those activities. As a helpful reference, this document introduces the authorized activities and their related terminology.

Veterinary Professionals Act (VPA)



- Modernizes legislation governing the veterinary profession in Ontario
- Supports team-based care

More info: cvo.org/modernization

VPA defines practice of veterinary medicine



- Assessment of an animal's physiology or behaviour
- Includes diagnosis, treatment, prevention and or control of any condition, disease, disorder or dysfunction

VPA introduces authorized activities model



- Outlines what activities are veterinary medicine and who can perform them
- Authorized activities are performed from an accredited veterinary facility
- Authorized activities are areas of risk to animals and/or humans

The veterinary team and authorized activities



Veterinarians (licensed member):

- permitted to perform all authorized activities*
- Primarily responsible for oversight of the practice of veterinary medicine; and
 - Accountable for own practice, development and oversight of orders, and delegation and supervision.



Veterinary Technicians (licensed member):

- permitted to perform authorized activities* that are delegated to them by a veterinarian. They may also perform some activities under their own initiative or under the order of a veterinarian.
- Accountable for own practice and adhere to orders and delegation.
 - Sub-delegation is not permitted.



Auxiliaries (clinic staff members):

- permitted to perform most authorized activities under delegation and supervision of a veterinarian.

* in accordance with regulations and any conditions or limitations on licence.

Team members must practise within their competence, and follow policies determined by the Facility Director and the College's professional practice standards and policies.

For further information: Your questions and input are important to us. Our team of practice advisors can assist you with clear information.

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