

By: Shurden of the Senate  
and  
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[ professions and occupations - Oklahoma Veterinary  
Practice Act ]

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2001, Section 698.12, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 172, O.S.L. 2002 (59 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 698.12), is amended to read as follows:

Section 698.12 The Oklahoma Veterinary Practice Act shall not be construed to prohibit:

1. Acts of dehorning, branding, tagging or notching ears, pregnancy checking, collecting semen, preparing semen, freezing semen, castrating, worming, vaccinating, injecting or artificial insemination of farm animals; or the acts or conduct of a person advising with respect to nutrition, feeds or feeding;

2. ~~The owner of an animal or the owner's employees or helpers from caring for or treating animals belonging to the owner; provided that, the acts of the owner's employees or helpers otherwise prohibited by the Oklahoma Veterinary Practice Act are only an incidental part of the employment duties and for which no special compensation is made~~ Notwithstanding any other law, rule or regulation to the contrary, an individual may care for or treat an animal owned by that individual, or an agent of the owner, acting with the owner's approval, may care for or treat an animal, if that individual or agent does not represent himself or herself as a veterinarian or use any title or degree appertaining to the practice thereof and does not diagnose, prescribe or perform surgery;

3. Acts of a person in lawful possession of an animal for some other purpose than practicing veterinary medicine; provided that, no charge may be made or included in any other charge or fee or adjustment otherwise made of any charge or fee for acts performed pursuant to this subsection unless the acts are performed by a licensed veterinarian as provided by the Oklahoma Veterinary Practice Act;

4. Acts of auction markets and other shippers of food animals in preparing such animals for shipment;

5. Acts of a person who is a student in good standing in a veterinary school, in performing duties or functions assigned by the student's instructors, or working under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian for each individual case and acts performed by an instructor or student in a school of veterinary medicine recognized by the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners and performed as a part of the educational and training curriculum of the school under the direct supervision of faculty. The unsupervised or unauthorized practice of veterinary medicine even though on the premises of a school of veterinary medicine is prohibited;

6. Acts of any employee in the course of employment by the federal government or acts of a veterinarian practicing on property and persons outside the jurisdiction of the State of Oklahoma;

7. A veterinarian currently licensed in another state from consulting with a licensed veterinarian of this state;

8. Acts of vocational-agriculture instructors or students while engaged in regular vocational-agriculture instruction in programs approved by the Oklahoma Department of Vocational and Technical Education; provided that said acts are under the supervision of instructors and are carried out in the usual course of instruction and not as independent practice by an unlicensed veterinarian without supervision;

9. Any person employed by a licensed veterinarian who is assisting with the professional duties of the licensed veterinarian and who is under the direct supervision of the licensed veterinarian from administering medication or rendering auxiliary or supporting assistance under the direct supervision of such licensed veterinarian, provided that the practice is conducted in compliance with all laws of this state and rules of this Board;

10. Any chiropractic physician licensed in this state who is certified by the Board of Chiropractic Examiners to engage in animal chiropractic diagnosis and treatment from practicing animal chiropractic diagnosis and treatment; or

11. Any chiropractic physician licensed in this state who is not certified to practice animal chiropractic diagnosis and treatment by the Board of Chiropractic Examiners from providing chiropractic treatment to an animal referred to such chiropractic physician by a licensed veterinarian.

Passed the Senate the 28th day of February, 2005.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2005.

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of Representatives