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Guidance Document VEB-GD-007 VCPR Recently Examined and Timely Visits

Wis. Stat. § 89.02 (8)
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Topic

This guidance document clarifies the meaning of “recently examined” and “timely visits” for the purposes of the veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR).

Relevant Statutes and Administrative Code

Wis. Stat. § 89.02 (8) defines “veterinarian-client-patient relationship” as a relationship between a veterinarian, a client and the patient in which all of the following apply:

- (a) The veterinarian has assumed the responsibility for making medical judgments regarding the health of the patient and the patient’s need for medical treatment, and the client has agreed to accept those medical judgments and to follow the related instructions of the veterinarian.
- (b) The veterinarian has sufficient knowledge of the patient to initiate a general or preliminary diagnosis of the medical condition of the patient because the veterinarian has recently examined the patient or has made medically appropriate and timely visits to the premises on which the patient is kept.
- (c) The veterinarian is readily available for follow-up treatment of the patient if the patient has an adverse reaction to veterinary treatment.

Board Position

For the purposes of § 89.02 (8) (b), the VEB generally considers “recently examined” and “timely visits” to mean within the last 12 months. The timeframe is based on each veterinarian’s professional judgement and should be less than 12 months when circumstances warrant. The VEB may deviate from these guidelines based on the review of specific case information.