

**California Code of Regulations  
Title 16. Professional and Vocational Regulations  
Division 20. Veterinary Medical Board**

PROPOSED LANGUAGE

Proposed amendments to the regulatory language are shown in single underline for new text and ~~single strikethrough~~ for deleted text.

Adopt Section 2038.5 to Article 4 of Division 20 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:

2038.5. Animal Physical Rehabilitation.

(a) Animal Physical Rehabilitation (APR):

(1) is defined as the treatment of injury or illness to address pain and improve function by means of physical corrective treatment.

(2) does not include relaxation, recreational or wellness modalities, including but not limited to, massage, athletic training, or exercise.

(b) Prior to performing or authorizing APR, a veterinarian shall establish a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship as defined in Sections 2032.1 or 2032.15.

(c) R.V.T.s may perform APR under the degree of supervision to be determined by the veterinarian who has established the veterinarian-client-patient relationship.

(d) Veterinary assistants may perform APR under the direct supervision of a veterinarian. If at the time the veterinary assistant is performing APR on an animal patient in a range setting, the supervising veterinarian shall be in the general vicinity of the treatment area.

(e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to restrict or amend Section 2038 regarding the performance of MSM.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 4808 and 4836, Business and Professions Code.

Reference: Sections 4825, 4826, 4836, and 4883, Business and Professions Code.