

**VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD
RVT EMERGENCY ANIMAL CARE
ORDER OF ADOPTION**

Amend Section 2069 of Article 6 of Division 20 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations as follows:

§ 2069. Emergency Animal Care.

Emergency animal care rendered by registered veterinary technician.

(a) Under conditions of an emergency as defined in Section 4840.5 of the code, a registered veterinary technician may render the following life-saving/lifesaving aid and or emergency treatment to an animal:

- (1) Application of tourniquets and/or pressure bandages to control hemorrhage.
- (2) Administration of pharmacological agents to prevent or control shock, including parenteral fluids, shall be performed after direct communication with a licensed veterinarian or veterinarian authorized to practice in this state. In the event that direct communication cannot be established, the registered veterinary technician may perform in accordance with written instructions established by the employing veterinarian. Such veterinarian shall be authorized to practice in this state.
- (32) Resuscitative oxygen procedures.
- (43) Establishing open airways including intubation appliances but excluding surgery.
- (54) External cardiac resuscitation.
- (65) Application of temporary splints or bandages to prevent further injury to bones or soft tissues.
- (76) Application of appropriate wound dressings and external supportive treatment in severe burn cases.

(87) External supportive treatment in heat prostration cases.

(b) The following tasks shall only be performed after direct communication with a veterinarian licensed or otherwise authorized to practice in this state:

- (1) Administration of a drug or controlled substance to prevent or control shock, including parenteral fluids.
- (2) Administration of a drug or controlled substance to manage pain or to sedate an animal for examination or to prevent further injury.
- (3) Administration of a drug or controlled substance to prevent suffering of an animal, up to and including euthanasia.

(c) In the event that direct communication cannot be established as required under subdivision (b), the registered veterinary technician may perform the task in accordance with written instructions established by the supervising veterinarian, or, in the case of a sanctioned rodeo or other sporting event, the veterinarian charged with the responsibility to provide treatment to the animals at the rodeo or event.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 4808 and 4836, Business and Professions Code.
Reference: Sections 4836.1 and 4840.5, Business and Professions Code.