



MEMORANDUM

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TO	Veterinary Medical Board (Board)
FROM	Jeffrey Olguin, Lead Administrative & Policy Analyst
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 16.D. Outreach

Inspector Recruitment in Kings and Fresno Counties

In August 2023, the Board distributed information to nearly 300 veterinarians and RVTs in Kings and Fresno counties requesting interested individuals apply to serve as inspectors for the Board’s Hospital Inspection Program. As part of the recruitment, licensees were required to submit an application, references, and meet certain selection criteria requirements, including (1) having a valid and current license with the Board, (2) having at least five years of clinical practice experience within the six years immediately preceding the application, and (3) having no past or current disciplinary action taken against the licensee’s license in this or any other state, district, or territory. Qualified licensees were selected, provided training, and will soon be conducting inspections for the Board.

Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee (MDC) Recruitment of One RVT

In August and September, the Board encouraged its RVTs to apply to the Board’s MDC. The Board’s recruitment post indicated one current RVT vacancy needed to be filled. Applicants were informed that the appointment would be serving through June 30, 2026 and that MDC members could serve up to two full three-year terms. RVTs who were interested in the position were encouraged to apply and information regarding the MDC’s role in advising, assisting, and making recommendations to the Board for the implementation of rules and regulations necessary to ensure proper administration and enforcement of the Veterinary Medicine Practice Act which assists the Board in its examination, licensure, and registration programs.

Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES) Update

In September 2023, the Board informed its licensees that the CURES application login page and account recovery screens would be updated. The Board noted that the [CURES web application URL](#) would not change. The distributed information included informational bulletins and answers to frequently asked questions, which are available on the [Department of Justice CURES Program website](#). CURES users were

encouraged to monitor the website for additional information and instructions prior to the implementation of the change.

Verifying a Veterinary License

During October 2023, the Board and DCA's Office of Public Affairs partnered to begin distributing information to the public on how to verify a veterinary license. Board staff were encouraged to and came up with catchy phrases encouraging the public to verify a license before veterinary services were provided to their animal. Social media graphics are being created to be disseminated to consumers emphasizing the importance of license verification.

Celebrating National Veterinary Technician Week

During the week of October 15–21, 2023, the Board and DCA's Office of Public Affairs will partner again to create social media graphics celebrating RVTs and their dedication to providing California consumers and their animals with much needed veterinary services.