

WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §30-10-11

§30-10-11. Scope of practice for registered veterinary technician.

(a) A registered veterinary technician may do the following under general supervision:

- (1) Administer anesthesia, including induction, intravenous sedation, and maintenance and recovery from anesthesia;
- (2) Perform dental prophylaxis;
- (3) Establish open airways;
- (4) Administer resuscitative oxygen procedures;
- (5) Administer resuscitative drugs, in the event of cardiac arrest;
- (6) Administer immunizations that are not required by law to be administered by a licensed veterinarian;
- (7) Prepare or supervise the preparation of patients for surgery;
- (8) Assist the veterinarian in immunologic, diagnostic, medical, chemotherapeutic and surgical procedures; and
- (9) Perform external suturing.

(b) A registered veterinary technician may do the following under either general or indirect supervision:

- (1) Perform diagnostic imaging;
- (2) Perform intravenous catheterization;
- (3) Administer and apply medications and treatments by oral intramuscular, intravenous and subcutaneous routes;
- (4) Apply bandages;
- (5) Perform cardiac and respiratory monitoring;
- (6) Perform appropriate procedures to control bleeding;
- (7) Apply temporary splints or immobilizing bandages;
- (8) Perform ear flushing;

(9) Collect specimens; and

(10) Perform laboratory procedures.

(c) A veterinary technician may, without supervision, use emergency treatment procedures when an animal has been placed in a life threatening condition and immediate treatment is necessary to sustain the animal's life. The registered veterinary technician shall immediately take steps to secure the general supervision of a veterinarian.