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§30-10-13. Requirements for certified animal euthanasia technicians program.

(a) The board shall create a certified animal euthanasia technician's program. The board shall design this program to teach applicants for certification record keeping and the legal, safety and practical information needed to become a certified animal euthanasia technician.

(b) (1) The board shall administer written examinations to an applicant for certification. The written examinations shall test the applicant's knowledge of the following:

(A) Animal restraint;

(B) Drug enforcement agency regulations;

(C) Record keeping requirements for controlled substances;

(D) Handling, inventory, security and proper storage of euthanasia drugs, solutions and syringes;

(E) The certification process;

(F) Legal requirements;

(G) Stress management;

(H) Approved animal euthanasia drug usage;

(I) Jurisprudence; and

(J) Other subject areas specified by the board in a legislative rule.

(2) The applicant shall pass the written examinations with a minimum correct score, as determined by the board, in order to be eligible to take the practical skills examination provided in subsection (c) of this section.

(c) In addition to the written examinations provided under subsection (b) of this section, the board shall administer a practical skills examination to an applicant who has successfully passed the written examinations. The board shall conduct the practical skills examination in a manner that tests an applicant's ability to properly restrain an animal, measure a correct dosage of euthanasia solution, locate an injection site and perform an injection. In order to pass the practical skills examination, an applicant shall exhibit to the board that he or she can locate an injection site and perform an injection and also perform euthanasia correctly and humanely.

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(d) An applicant who successfully passes the written examinations and the practical skills examination required by this section shall sign a form authorizing the board to make inquiries through the United States Department of Justice, or any other legal jurisdiction or entity, for the purpose of determining the character and reputation of the applicant and other matters relating to the certification of the applicant.

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