



Veterinary Hospital Licence Types

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Introduction

The Board licenses the premises, including the land, where major surgery (s 64) may be performed as a veterinary hospital. A person must not perform major surgery on an animal except at premises that are the subject of a licence that authorises major surgery of the type concerned to be carried out at those premises (s 65). The holder of a veterinary hospital licence must ensure that a sign is displayed at the premises specifying the type or types of major surgery that are authorised to be carried out (s 68).

Purpose

This policy clarifies the types of hospital licences that the Board will approve. A licence is subject to conditions that are imposed by the Board (s 71). The Board may impose a condition on a licence that the premises to which the licence relates are only to be used for a certain type or types of major surgery (s 71(2)).

Policy

The Board may refuse to grant a licence under s 70(b) if the premises proposed for the veterinary hospital will not be able to provide acceptable levels of care for animals before, during and after major surgery. To assist with compliance with this section, the Board has released minimum guidelines for premises licensed to conduct major surgery on small animals and major surgery on large animals.

1. All hospital licences are subject to the condition of satisfactory assessments of the premises by future inspections
2. The Board may impose a condition that the licensed premises are only used to carry out major surgery on small animals and refer to this as a Small Animal Veterinary Hospital Licence
3. The Board may impose a condition that the licensed premises are only used to carry out major surgery on large animals and refer to this as a Large Animal Veterinary Hospital Licence
4. The Board may impose a condition that the licensed premises are used to carry out major surgery on both small and large animals and refer to this as a Small and Large Animal or Mixed Veterinary Hospital Licence
5. The Board may impose a condition that the licensed premises are used to carry out a limited range of major surgery on small animals and refer to this as a Small Animal Limited Surgery Veterinary Hospital Licence
6. The Board may impose a condition that the licensed premises are used to carry out a limited range of major surgery on large animals and refer to this as a Large Animal Limited Surgery Veterinary Hospital Licence
7. This policy is not intended to limit the conditions which may be imposed on a veterinary hospital licence by the Board

Procedure

- i. In order to grant a Small Animal Veterinary Hospital Licence the Board must be satisfied that the premises for the proposed veterinary hospital meet the minimum guidelines for a small animal hospital licence
- ii. In order to grant a Large Animal Veterinary Hospital Licence the Board must be satisfied that the premises for the proposed veterinary hospital meet the minimum guidelines for a large animal hospital licence
- iii. In order to grant a Small and Large Animal Veterinary Hospital Licence the Board must be satisfied that the premises for the proposed veterinary hospital meet the minimum guidelines for both a small and a large animal hospital licence
- iv. In order to grant a Small Animal Limited Surgery Veterinary Hospital Licence the Board must be satisfied that the premises for the proposed veterinary hospital meet the minimum guidelines for a small animal hospital licence except for the presence of equipment for the taking and processing of radiographs.
 - a. Major surgical procedures at these premises are restricted to procedures which according to current standards do not require radiographs immediately prior to, during or after the procedure.
 - b. This type of licence has previously been referred to as a 'Desexing' licence
 - c. The intent in granting this type of licence is to assist the public and promote animal welfare by providing a low cost option for establishing a desexing facility either standalone or as a branch practice

Monitoring

The monitoring of hospital licence types and compliance with this policy will be achieved through regular inspections of veterinary hospitals by the Hospital Inspector.



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Training and Communication

The Registrar is responsible for ensuring that all persons who are involved in making a decision in relation to veterinary hospital licence types receive training in this policy.

Conflict of Interest

Members of the Board must comply with the Code of Conduct for Board Members in relation to decisions regarding hospital licence types.

Review

This policy shall be reviewed annually or as required to ensure that it remains appropriate to the operations of the Board and compliant with the relevant legislation.