

Good Samaritan Law: Veterinarian

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A veterinarian, who, in good faith, provides emergency care to an animal when the owner cannot be identified, is not required to establish a veterinarian-client-patient relationship prior to providing the care.

Generally, Good Samaritan laws only offer protection for those individuals who provide care during spontaneous emergencies unrelated to volunteer deployment.

Veterinarian-client-patient relationship requirement; Good Samaritan exception

A licensed veterinarian who in good faith engages in the practice of veterinary medicine by rendering or attempting to render emergency care to a patient when a client cannot be identified and a veterinarian-client-patient relationship is not established is not subject to any disciplinary sanctions authorized by Title 10, section 8003, subsection 5-A based solely upon the veterinarian's inability to establish a veterinarian-client-patient relationship.