

Scope of Practice: Veterinarian Technician Providing Emergency Care

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A registered veterinary technician can provide emergency lifesaving aid and treatment to an animal when not in the presence of, but being directed by, a licensed veterinarian.

Emergency Aid

Under conditions of an emergency, a registered veterinary technician may render such lifesaving aid and treatment as may be prescribed under regulations adopted by the board pursuant to Section 4836. Such emergency aid and treatment if rendered to an animal patient not in the presence of a licensed veterinarian may only be continued under the direction of a licensed veterinarian. "Emergency" for the purpose of this section, means that the animal has been placed in a life-threatening condition where immediate treatment is necessary to sustain life.