

INTRODUCTION TO THE
LOUISIANA VETERINARY PRACTICE ACT
AND COMPLIMENTARY LAWS
BOOKLET

The document available for download at www.lsbvm.org/practice-act contains three sections of legal information as follows:

I. Louisiana Veterinary Practice Act -- La. R.S. 37:

The Practice Act contains the statutes (laws) passed by the Louisiana legislature to create the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners for the purpose of regulating the profession of veterinary medicine. The Practice Act is sub-divided into sections which cover the practice of veterinary medicine by doctors of veterinary medicine (DVMs), registered veterinary technicians (RVTs), and certified animal euthanasia technicians (CAETs).

II. Louisiana Administrative Code -- (L.A.C.) *Professional and Occupational Standards*

These rules (or regulations) are written and published by the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to enhance and codify its ability to ensure that the statutes of the Practice Act are followed. Although rules carry less weight than statutes, they are still considered legal requirements to be followed by members of the professions governed by the Board.

III. Complimentary Laws – La. R.S.

Other statutes are passed by the legislature which effect those persons regulated by the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. This section contains selected laws in which the Board finds that licensees frequently have questions.

STUDY GUIDE for the *Rules, Practice Act, and Complimentary Laws* COMPONENT of the
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD EXAMINATION

The State Jurisprudence Exam is taken from statutes (laws) found in the Veterinary Practice Act, Board rules (enforceable as law) found in the Louisiana Administrative Code, and statutes (laws) found elsewhere in the Louisiana Revised Statutes which are deemed to be of importance to a newly licensed practitioner of veterinary medicine. The State Jurisprudence Exam is a stand-alone examination which must be passed before a license to practice veterinary medicine in Louisiana will be issued by the Board.

The following study guide indicates the topic areas within the Louisiana Veterinary Practice Act book from which the questions on the state jurisprudence exam are derived. The reference to applicable statutes and rules is provided to assist you in preparing for the examination.

| | Topic Area | Applicable Statutes (La.R.S. 37:) | Applicable Rules (L.A.C.) | # of questions on exam |
|-----|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. | General Information | 1511 to 1513 | <i>n/a</i> | 3 |
| 2. | Powers of the board | 1518 | 101 | 2 |
| 3. | Requirements for licensure | 1514, 1520, 1521 and 1523 | 301, 303, 307 | 2 |
| 4. | Renewal of a license | 1524 and 1525 | 302 and 505-505 | 4 |
| 5. | Discipline and hearings | 1526 | 106 | 6 |
| 6. | Penalties and appeals | 1531 and 1534 | 105 | 1 |
| 7. | Continuing education | 1518 | Chapter 4 | 4 |
| 8. | Veterinary practice standards | 1518 | Chapter 7 | 7 |
| 9. | Peer Assistance program | 1518 | Chapter 9 | 1 |
| 10. | Rules of professional conduct | 1518 | Chapter 10 | 6 |
| 11. | Registered Veterinary Technicians | 1542 and 1544 to 1547 | <i>n/a</i> | 2 |
| 12. | Certified Animal Euthanasia Tech. | 1551 to 1558 | <i>n/a</i> | 1 |
| 13. | Zoo employees | <i>n/a</i> | Chapter 13 | 2 |
| | COMPLIMENTARY LAWS | Applicable Statutes (La.R.S.) | Applicable Rules (L.A.C.) | # of questions on exam |
| 13. | Abandoned Animals Act | 3:2452 - 2454 | <i>n/a</i> | 2 |
| 14. | Professional Veterinary Medicine Corporations | 12:1151 to 1155 and 1160, 1161, 1164 | <i>n/a</i> | 2 |
| 15. | Rabies control | 40:1267 to 1278 | <i>n/a</i> | 2 |