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TO: Sara Chambers, Boards and Regulations Advisor
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FROM: April Simpson, Alaska Administrative Code Coordinator 
Office of the Lieutenant Governor

DATE: July 17, 2025

RE: Filed Permanent Regulations: Board of Veterinary Examiners

Board of Veterinary Examiners regulations re: Approved Subjects for Continuing Education (12 AAC 68.230)

Attorney General File:	2024200496
Regulation Filed:	7/17/2025
Effective Date:	8/16/2025
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July 16, 2025

The Honorable Nancy Dahlstrom
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Re: *12 AAC 68.230 - Board of Veterinary Examiners - Approved Subjects for
Continuing Education*
Our file: 2024200496

Dear Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom:

The Department of Law has reviewed the attached regulations of the Board of Veterinary Examiners against the statutory standards of the Administrative Procedure Act. Based upon our review, we find no legal problems. This letter constitutes the written statement of approval under AS 44.62.060(b) and (c) that authorizes your office to file the attached regulations. The regulations were adopted by the Board of Veterinary Examiners after the close of the public comment period.

The regulations concern approved subjects for continuing education.

The April 16, 2025 public notice and the July 16, 2025 certification of adoption order both state that this action is not expected to require an increased appropriation. Therefore, a fiscal note under AS 44.62.060 is not required.

We have made a technical correction to conform the regulations in accordance with AS 44.62.060. The correction is incorporated into the attached copy of the regulations.

Sincerely,

TREG TAYLOR
ATTORNEY GENERAL

By: **Rebecca C Polizzotto**
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ORDER CERTIFYING THE CHANGES TO
REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS

The attached two pages of regulations, dealing with approved medical and non-medical subject areas for the purposes of continuing education for licensees, are certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Board of Veterinary Examiners adopted at its July 9, 2025 meeting, under the authority of AS 08.98.050, and AS 08.98.080, and after compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), specifically including notice under AS 44.62.190 and 44.62.200 and opportunity for public comment under AS 44.62.210.

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

Although no public comments were received, the Board of Veterinary Examiners paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

The regulation changes described in this order take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the lieutenant governor, as provided in AS 44.62.180.

DATE: 7/16/2025

Signed by:

Robert Gerlach

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Robert Gerlach, DVM, Chair
Alaska Board of Veterinary Examiners

April Sampson for

FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Nancy Dahlstrom, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on July 17, 2025 at 1:05 p.m., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 - 44.62.120.

Nancy Dahlstrom
for Nancy Dahlstrom, Lieutenant Governor

Effective: August 16, 2025

Register: 255, October 2025

FOR DELEGATION OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY

I, NANCY DAHLSTROM, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, designate the following state employees to perform the Administrative Procedures Act filing functions of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor:

April Simpson, Regulations and Initiatives Specialist

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed and affixed the Seal of the State of Alaska, in Juneau, on May 15th, 2023.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Nancy Dahlstrom", is written over a horizontal dotted line.

**NANCY DAHLSTROM
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

Chapter 68. Board of Veterinary Examiners.

(Words in **boldface and underlined** indicate language being added; words [CAPITALIZED AND BRACKETED] indicate language being deleted. Complete new sections are not in boldface or underlined.)

12 AAC 68.230(b) is amended to read:

(b) **Not less than two-thirds** [NO MORE THAN ONE-THIRD] of the total continuing education contact hours required under this chapter **must be in medical programs** [MAY BE IN NONSCIENTIFIC TOPICS].

12 AAC 68.230 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(c) For the purposes of this section, medical programs include

(1) medical and surgical topics that are evidence-based, including the science of diagnosis, treatment, prevention of disease, and conditions relating directly to patients;

(2) topics in veterinary science that are not specifically clinical in nature but consider the comprehensive range of the practice of veterinary medicine or the practice of a veterinary technician or technologist, including topics related to One Health and public veterinary practice, epidemiology, food safety, public health, animal welfare, antimicrobial stewardship, and in-service training for publicly employed veterinary medical professionals;

(3) medical and surgical subject matter that is case-based, anecdotal, or undergoing scientific investigation; and

(4) programs discussing topics considered integrative, alternative, or complementary, if designed for an audience of veterinary professionals.

(d) Not more than one-third of the total continuing education contact hours required under this chapter may be in non-medical topics.

(e) For the purposes of this section, non-medical topics may include

- (1) practice management;
- (2) regulatory compliance;
- (3) jurisprudence;
- (4) medical records;
- (5) software management;
- (6) the art of veterinary practice;
- (7) communication;
- (8) veterinary ethics; and
- (9) subjects that improve the licensee's professional wellness including

(A) diversity, equity, and inclusion principles; and

(B) mental health, depression, compassion fatigue, burnout, or suicidal

ideation. (Eff. 4/22/83, Register 86; am 12/27/90, Register 116; am 10/21/92, Register 124; am 5/9/98, Register 146; am 4/9/2005, Register 174; am 8/10/2012, Register 203; am 7/1/2022, Register 242; am 8 / 16 / 2025, Register 255)

Authority: AS 08.98.050 AS 08.98.080