

RVT Standards of Conduct

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In order to maintain a high standard of integrity, skills and competence for the public, the employer, and the Registered Veterinary Technician, "RVT", adherence to these standards is required, and the Texas Veterinary Medical Association Technician Oversight Committee may deny an application or withdraw its approval of a previously granted registration for any of the causes listed as grounds for denial or revocation. The TVMA Technician Oversight Committee, in consultation with a designated RVT representative, may from time to time alter or amend the Standards of Conduct and Grounds for Denial or Revocation when deemed necessary in the best interests of the public, the employer, and the RVT.

AS A DESIGNATED REGISTERED VETERINARY TECHNICIAN BY THE TEXAS VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, I PLEDGE MYSELF TO:

1. MAINTAIN HIGH STANDARDS OF PERSONAL CONDUCT AND MORAL CHARACTER.
2. MAINTAIN A HIGH LEVEL OF SKILL AND COMPETENCE IN MY DUTIES AS A REGISTERED VETERINARY TECHNICIAN.
3. UPHOLD ALL LAWS AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO MY ACTIVITIES AS A REGISTERED VETERINARY TECHNICIAN.

GROUND FOR DENIAL OR REVOCATION OF "RVT" DESIGNATION.

1. Conviction of a felony or any offense involving moral turpitude.
2. Use of drugs or any alcoholic beverage to the extent and in a manner dangerous to himself, any other person, any animal, or the public, or to any extent that such use impairs his ability to perform the work of an Registered Veterinary Technician with safety to animals involved and to the public.
3. Impersonating a veterinarian.
4. Using fraud, deception or misrepresentation in the application for Registered Veterinary Technician Registration.
5. Willful, unauthorized communication of information received in personal confidence during duties as an Registered Veterinary Technician.
6. Gross incompetence or gross negligence in duties as an Registered Veterinary Technician; and/or continuous negligence or irresponsibility in the performance of these duties.
7. Working as an Registered Veterinary Technician in any employment not supervised by a bonafide graduate doctor of Veterinary Medicine; or employment by any veterinarian or the individual engaging in veterinary practice without a license to practice.
8. Denial, removal, or impending removal of the Registered Veterinary Technician's Accreditation by any State or Federal authority:
9. Performing tasks that can only be performed by licensed veterinarians according to the Veterinary Practice Act or Veterinary Rules of Professional Conduct.
10. Performing tasks without the appropriate level of supervision according to Rule 573.10 of the Veterinary Rules of Professional Conduct.

Before any denial or revocation shall become effective, the RVT shall be notified of the alleged cause and given an opportunity to refute the charges and to present information which may be relevant. Fees paid by the RVT less than six months prior to notice of charges will be refunded if and when denial or revocation takes effect.