

321.443 Veterinary assistants -- Duties.

- (1) A veterinary assistant shall only work in the Commonwealth in the following circumstances:
 - (a) Under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian where a VCPR exists; or
 - (b) Under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinary technician who is under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian where a VCPR exists.
- (2) Duties of a veterinary assistant shall exclude diagnosing, prescribing medication or treatment, and performance of surgical procedures other than castrating and dehorning of food animals.
- (3) A veterinary assistant and the veterinary assistant's employer shall not represent the veterinary assistant as a veterinary technician.
- (4) A veterinary assistant who performs the duties of a veterinary assistant contrary to this chapter or outside the scope defined by the board shall be subject to disciplinary actions in a manner consistent with this chapter applicable to licensed veterinarians.
- (5) A veterinarian shall utilize the service of a veterinary assistant in accordance with the terms and provisions of this chapter and its associated administrative regulations. Unauthorized utilization of veterinary assistants shall be considered as aiding and abetting an unlicensed person to practice veterinary medicine as described in KRS 321.351.

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Legislative Research Commission Note (7/14/92). This statute was created in 1992 Ky. Acts ch. 299, which contains the enrolled text of Senate Bill 250. A committee substitute for this bill was adopted by the House with a floor amendment, and the Senate subsequently concurred in this action by the House; this amended substitute thus became the enrolled version of the bill. In drafting the House Committee Substitute, the original Section 10 of the bill was deleted in its entirety, but internal section references within the bill were not renumbered to reflect this deletion. Therefore, in codifying this statute, the internal section reference within Acts ch. 299, sec. 8, has been changed pursuant to KRS 7.136(1).