

## Policy and Protocol for Referral of Veterinary Patients to Licensed Chiropractors

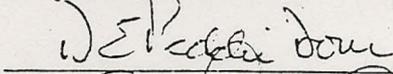
### Policy

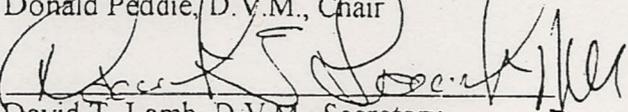
1. The State Boards of Chiropractic and Veterinary Medicine agree that under the conditions set forth below, certain animal patients may benefit from chiropractic treatment, and that consumers should be able to avail themselves of this alternative therapy if medically warranted.
2. The Board of Veterinary Medicine will prosecute the unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine.
3. A licensed chiropractor who treats an animal patient under the terms of a referral as set forth below will not be considered to be practicing veterinary medicine without a license.
4. A licensed chiropractor who treats an animal patient, under the terms of a referral as set forth below, may not do so in his or her regular place of business where he or she sees human patients.
5. The Board of Veterinary Medicine holds the veterinarian fully responsible for all treatment provided by the chiropractor.

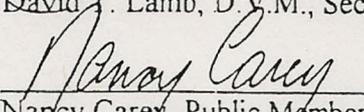
### Protocol

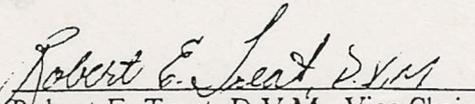
1. Except as set forth in 2 below, a chiropractor shall not initiate chiropractic treatment of an animal unless the chiropractor has received the following referral information from a licensed veterinarian, in writing.
  - A. The name of the patient and the name and address of the patient's owner.
  - B. A description of the patient's condition and the identity of any medication or treatment already undertaken by the veterinarian.
  - C. A treatment plan which sets forth a systematic effort to cure the illness and to relieve symptoms with whatever therapeutic means may be appropriate.
  - D. A means for consultation on an on-going basis to coordinate treatment and to allow the veterinarian to monitor the patient's on-going plan of care.
2. The chiropractor may accept a verbal referral in order to commence treatment, but the information listed in section 1 must be confirmed in writing within 10 days of the verbal referral by the referring veterinarian.
3. After the chiropractor has completed an examination and evaluation, he or she must consult with the referring veterinarian to confirm that chiropractic care is appropriate, to coordinate complementary treatment, and to establish a supervision plan for on-going communication to assure proper patient care.
4. It is the responsibility of the veterinarian to ensure that accurate and complete records of chiropractic treatment are maintained in the patient's veterinary medical record.

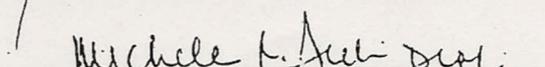
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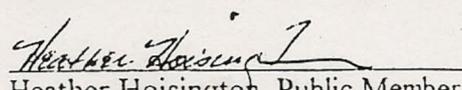
  
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