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December 3, 2025

Re: Annual Report / July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 N.C. General Statute § 93B-2(a)

To whom it may concern:

Please let this letter serve as the annual report, other than the annual financial report, for the fiscal year 2024-2025 for the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board.

The following paragraph numbers conform to the corresponding numbers of the statute:

- (1) The address of the Board and the names of its members and officers: The address of the Board was 1611 Jones Franklin Road, Suite 106, Raleigh, NC 27606; the mailing address was the same. The members, with officer designation, were Azure Holland, D.V.M. President; Allen Cannedy, D.V.M., Vice-President; Robin Lazaro R.V.T., Secretary, Ronald J. Komich, D.V.M., Andrea Gentry-Apple, D.V.M., Edward Faulkner D.V.M., Michael Martin, D.V.M. and Mr. Tim Gold.
- (1a) The total number of licensees supervised by the Board.
 - A. Veterinarians: 5,862
 - B. Technicians: 2,207
- (2) The number of persons who applied to the Board for examination:
 - A. Veterinarians: 433
 - B. Technicians: 225
- (3) The number of persons who were refused examination:
 - A. Veterinarians: 1
 - B. Technicians: 0

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- (4) The number who took the examination:
- A. Veterinarians: 408
 - B. Technicians: 202
- (5) The number to whom initial licenses were issued:
- A. Veterinarians: 408
 - B. Technicians: 202
- (5a) The number who failed the examination:
- A. Veterinarians: 0
 - B. Technicians: 0
- (6) The number who applied for license by reciprocity or comity:
- A. Veterinarians: 0
 - B. Technicians: 0
- (7) The number who were granted licenses by reciprocity or comity:
- A. Veterinarians: 0
 - B. Technicians: 0
- (7a) The number of official complaints received involving licensed and unlicensed activities:
- A. Veterinarians: 118
 - B. Technicians: 0
 - C. Unlicensed: 21
- (7b) The number of disciplinary actions taken against licensees, or other actions taken against non-licensees, including injunctive relief:
- A. Veterinarians: 37 (23 Letters of Caution, 13 Letters of Reprimand, and 1 Consent Order)
 - B. Technicians: 0
 - C. Unlicensed: 21 (Letters informing the individual of the Veterinary Practice Act were sent and follow up was conducted to ensure compliance)
- (8) The number of licenses suspended or revoked:
- A. Veterinarians: 247
 - B. Technicians: 93

- (9) The number of licenses terminated for any reason other than failure to pay the required fee:

A. Veterinarians: 0
B. Technicians: 0

- (9a) The number of applicants for a license and, of that number, the number granted a license.

A. Veterinarians: 433/408
B. Technicians: 225/202

- (9b) The number of applicants with a conviction record and, of that number the number granted a license, denied a license for any reason, and denied a license because of a conviction.

The Board does conduct a criminal background check on all applicants. No person was denied licensure based on the results of a criminal background check.

- (9c) The number of applicants who are active-duty military or military veterans, the number granted a license, the number denied a license for any reason, and a summary of the reasons for denial.

A. Veterinarians: 13 applicants/13 licenses granted
B. Technicians: 2 applicants/2 licenses granted

- (9d) The number of applicants who are military spouses, the number granted a license, the number denied a license for any reason, and a summary of the reasons for denial.

A. Veterinarians: 18 applicants/18 licenses granted
B. Technicians: 9 applicants/9 licenses granted

- (10) The substance of any anticipated request by the Board to the General Assembly to amend statutes:

GS 90-181 Change definition of veterinary technician.
Add to the definition to allow VTS to become registered
and allow graduates of the PAVE program to register as
veterinary technicians.
Add definitions about levels of supervision for veterinary
staff.

GS 90-186 Add summary emergency authority.

GS 90-187.3 Revise requirements for applicants in another state.

GS 90-187.4 Add Temporary Permit provision for veterinarians during a
state of emergency.

GS 90-187.5 Change the wording of the statute to allow for the use of expired for individuals who license or registration expires.

GS 90-187.6 Add Temporary Permit provision for registered veterinary technicians during a state of emergency. Update the types of services veterinary staff can provide.

- (11) The substance of any anticipated change in rules or anticipated adoption of new rules:

Periodic rules review anticipated through December 2027.

Please let me know if any additional information is required.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith West", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Keith West
Executive Director