

# NORTH CAROLINA VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD

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April 9, 2025

Re: Annual Report / July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 N.C. General Statute § 93B-2(a)

Dear Sir:

Please let this letter serve as the annual report, other than the annual financial report, for the fiscal year 2023-2024 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: 5,779
  - B. Technicians: 2,240
- (2) The number of persons who applied to the Board for examination:
  - A. Veterinarians: 432
  - B. Technicians: 199
- (3) The number of persons who were refused examination:
  - A. Veterinarians: 2
  - B. Technicians: 0

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- (4) The number who took the examination:
- A. Veterinarians: 416
  - B. Technicians: 186
- (5) The number to whom initial licenses were issued:
- A. Veterinarians: 416
  - B. Technicians: 186
- (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: 93
  - B. Technicians: 0
  - C. Unlicensed: 4
- (7b) The number of disciplinary actions taken against licensees, or other actions taken against non-licensees, including injunctive relief:
- A. Veterinarians: 23 (17 Letters of Caution, 5 Letters of Reprimand, and 1 Injunction)
  - B. Technicians: 0
  - C. Unlicensed: 4 (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: 220
  - B. Technicians: 86

- (9) The number of licenses terminated for any reason other than failure to pay the required fee:
- A. Veterinarians: 1  
B. Technicians: 0
- (9a) The number of applicants for a license and, of that number, the number granted a license.
- A. Veterinarians: 432/416  
B. Technicians: 199/186
- (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: 1/1 license granted  
B. Technicians: 0
- (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.
- None.
- (10) The substance of any anticipated request by the Board to the General Assembly to amend statutes:
- GS 90-181.10 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.
- GS 90-187.5 Change "revoked" to "expired".  
Change the wording of the statute to allow for the use of expired for individuals who license or registration expires.

- (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 stylized flourish at the end.

Keith West  
Executive Director