

VIA E-Mail to Phil.Andrews@act.gov.au

Dear Phil

We have received the attached comments from some of our members on the proposed standards, and so I am forwarding these to you on their behalf.

I would also like to submit the following specific comments:

Exemptions to Acts of Veterinary Science:

Section 11.3.1:

(e) scaling, cleaning and polishing of teeth should not be performed without sedation or general anaesthetic, for the sake of the animal's welfare and because the procedures cannot be done to an appropriate standard in a fully conscious animal

(f) power tools should not be used by lay dental providers

(g) grinding and cutting of teeth are not appropriate for the lay provider (see (f) above)

(i) as for (f) and (g), power tools should not be used by lay dental providers

(l) this should be reworded to say ..." castration of animals in compliance with national animal welfare codes or standards"

Note that the spelling of "brachycephalic" is incorrect in section 7.4

Kind regards,
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