

RCVS REGISTER OF VETERINARY PRACTICE PREMISES

ANTICIPATED CHANGES TO THE RCVS GUIDE TO PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT BY RCVS COUNCIL

The following additional guidance on the registration of veterinary practice premises will be incorporated into Part 2H of the *RCVS Guide to Professional Conduct*, subject to Council approval on 6 November 2008. It comprises a description of both the legal requirements for practice premises registration and the professional obligation for record-keeping.

DESCRIPTION OF LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Registration of practice premises

From 1 April 2009, practice premises from which veterinary surgeons supply veterinary medicinal products must be registered with the RCVS as 'veterinary practice premises', in accordance with the Veterinary Medicines Regulations; this Regulation (Regulation 8 of Schedule 3) does not apply to Authorised Veterinary Medicines – General Sales List (AVM-GSL).

Premises likely to be considered as 'veterinary practice premises' are those:

1. from which the veterinary surgeons of a practice provide veterinary services; and/or,
2. advertised or promoted as premises of a veterinary practice; and/or,
3. open to members of the public to bring animals for veterinary treatment and care; and/or,
4. not open to the public, but which are the base from which a veterinary surgeon practises or provides veterinary services to more than one client; and/or,
5. to which medicines are delivered wholesale, on the authority of one or more veterinary surgeons in practice.

Main and branch practice premises from which medicines are supplied are veterinary practice premises that must be registered with the RCVS.

DESCRIPTION OF PROFESSIONAL OBLIGATION

Records

Veterinary surgeons should keep a record of premises and other places where they store or keep medicinal products, for example, homes where medicinal products may be kept for on-call purposes and practice vehicles; the record should be held at the practice's main 'veterinary practice premises' in accessible form.

NB. The proposed *Guide* changes are subject to approval by RCVS Council on 6 November 2008

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