



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 4741-1-17 Home visits for companion animals.

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A veterinary medical home visit occurs when the veterinary health care of companion animals is performed at a private residence.

- (A) There must be a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship established. A physical examination must be performed to establish a valid veterinary-client-patient relationship.
- (B) Procedures requiring deep sedation or general anesthesia must be transported to a standing or mobile facility that meets the requirements of rule 4741-1-03 of the Administrative Code or rule 4741-1-08 of the Administrative Code unless the sedation is part of the euthanasia process. Deep Sedation allows purposeful response to repeated or painful stimulation only. General anesthesia makes the patient unarousable even with painful stimulation.
- (C) Equipment must be of the type and quality to provide for the delivery of basic veterinary medical care.
- (D) There must be proper sterilization or sanitation of all equipment used in diagnosis and treatment.
- (E) All house call veterinary practices that are not extensions of a fixed veterinary care facility shall provide the client with after hours care and/or fixed location veterinary facility names and contact information, which the client can refer to as necessary. The house call veterinarian shall receive a general approval from the veterinary facility to refer future patients to their facility..
- (F) All medical records shall be maintained at a permanent facility in compliance with rule 4741-1-21 of the Administrative Code. The client must be made aware of where the medical records will be maintained and contact information via a printed form.
- (G) The disposal of waste materials shall comply with all applicable state, federal, and local laws and regulations.



(H) All drugs and biologicals shall be stored, maintained, administered, dispensed and prescribed according to the manufacturer's recommendations and in compliance with state and federal laws.

(I) Companion animals shall have the same meaning as defined in section 959.131 of the Revised Code.