

## PRACTICE FACILITY ANNUAL DECLARATION FORM

### APPENDIX: Terms Related to Scope of Practice

#### Introduction

By Laws Part 3 <https://www.cvbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Part-3-Accreditation-and-Naming.pdf> and Schedule D <https://www.cvbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Schedule-D-Accreditation-Standards.pdf> describe facilities and scope of practice. This Appendix presents the revised terminology for “Facility Type” and “Veterinary Services” to assist the Designated registrants with the revised Declaration Form.

Questions or comments may be directed to the CVBC Facilities department at [facilities@cvbc.ca](mailto:facilities@cvbc.ca).

Detailed definitions are on the CVBC website at: [https://www.cvbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Facility-Terminology\\_v2-for-membership-Oct-21-2022.pdf](https://www.cvbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Facility-Terminology_v2-for-membership-Oct-21-2022.pdf)<sup>4</sup>

#### Facility Type

Schedule D defines several “facility types”:

- Self-standing facility: “Non-ambulatory facility within, on or from which veterinary medicine is conducted.”
- Ambulatory facility: “Any vehicle in, on or from which veterinary services are provided, and includes the permanent base of operations.”
- Primary Care facility: “A facility owned and/or operated by a registrant from which a patient may be referred for emergency treatment.”
- Emergency Facility: “A veterinary medical facility whose primary function is receiving, treating and monitoring of emergency patients during specified hours of operation, with a veterinarian and sufficient staff in attendance at all hours of operation and sufficient instrumentation, medications, and supplies available to provide appropriate care.”
- Specialist Facility: “Facility owned and/or operated by a Specialty Private Practice member to which a patient may be referred for treatment.”
- Tertiary Care Facility: A Center, e.g. of a specialty critical care practice

By Laws Part 3 defines two special cases of practice categories:

- Consulting Practice: “consulting practice” means a veterinary practice in which a registrant provides veterinary services to other registrants or practice facilities, including online, and does not have its own premise, structure, vehicle or facility.
- Philanthropic practice: “philanthropic practice” means the humanitarian provision of veterinary services.... Part 3 describes the process for “Philanthropic accreditation” of a facility.

The following Facility Type categories have been added/updated:

- A subcategory for practices that encompass both ambulatory and self-standing hospital facilities: “Where the practice includes both ambulatory and self-standing hospital facilities, equipment and supplies may be shared between the fixed and ambulatory practices so long as patient needs are met in a timely manner, including emergencies, and standards for both fixed and ambulatory facilities are met.”

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<sup>4</sup> See also [Self-Assessments – College of Veterinarians of BC \(cvbc.ca\)](#)

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- Subcategories for type of office associated with an ambulatory/mobile practice. These include: a public office which the public can access to pick up medications or drop off diagnostic samples; and a non-public office for administration where no clients are seen.
- Category for Veterinary Specialists' disciplines and species specialization under the Specialists Facilities. An increasingly diverse range of boarded Veterinary Specialists are practicing in BC.

## Veterinary Services

Schedule D describes veterinary services: "...veterinary services which may include but are not limited to:

- Physical examination of the patient.
- Patient treatments.
- Medical procedures.
- Preparation, packaging and/or processing biological samples.
- Obtaining images of diagnostic quality.
- Storage, handling and dispensing of drugs and biologicals.
- Anesthetic procedures.
- Surgical procedures.
- Dental procedures.
- Emergency services.
- Ambulatory services.
- Patient confinement and accommodation."

Various procedures are further defined and/or detailed in Schedule D (e.g., dental procedures and complementary and integrative medicine)

The following Veterinary Service categories have been added/updated:

- Complementary or alternative medicine: "A group of treatments or therapeutic options that lie outside the mainstream of conventional medicine." These could also include Integrative Medicine: "The diagnosis and treatment involving the combination of complementary and conventional medicine."
- Mobile clinic (under the category "Ambulatory services"): "A temporary, non accredited, third party hosted location to which clients come to meet with the registrant for veterinary services"
- Mobile-euthanasia only (under "Ambulatory services"): "A limited scope mobile service with focus on security of control drugs and proper care of remains."
- Telemedicine services
- Population Medicine: "includes but is not limited to herd health, shelter medicine, wildlife, small animal breeders' animals, aquaculture and apiculture"
- Other (describe) services: to capture unanticipated and/or future veterinary services.