



# Indiana Board of Veterinary Medicine

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Dear Colleague,

The Indiana Board of Veterinary Medicine (“Board”) is committed to upholding the highest standards in veterinary practice and ensuring compliance with the Veterinary Practice Act; specifically, Ind. Code § 25-38.1-4-1. As part of our regulatory responsibilities, we want to remind all licensed veterinary professionals about the title protections afforded to Registered Veterinary Technicians (RVTs) in Indiana.

Under Indiana law, only individuals who hold a valid RVT certificate issued by the Board may use the title "tech" or "technician" in a veterinary setting. This designation is reserved exclusively for those who have met the educational, examination, and registration requirements established by the Board.

It is important to note that:

- If a veterinarian employs a non-registered veterinary professional, that individual may not be referred to as a “tech” or “technician.”
- Veterinary assistants, regardless of their experience or training, may not be called “tech” or “technician.”
- Even individuals with a degree in veterinary nursing may not use the title “tech” or “technician” unless they hold a valid RVT certificate issued by the Board.
- RVT title protection extends to practice/clinic websites, including staff bios, and name tags. No individual who is not an RVT may be labeled as a “tech” or “technician” in any format.

Failure to adhere to these title protections may result in disciplinary action by the Board, which may include, but is not limited to, a fine of up to \$1,000 per violation. We encourage all veterinary employers to ensure compliance with these regulations to maintain clarity in professional roles and uphold the integrity of our field.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued dedication to the veterinary profession. If you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the Board.

Sincerely,

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