



WAC 246-935-050 Animal Health Care Tasks –Tasks vs. Supervision levels

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TASK	LICENSED TECHNICIAN			UNREGISTERED ASSISTANT		
	IMMEDIATE	DIRECT	INDIRECT	IMMEDIATE	DIRECT	INDIRECT
Anesthesia – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Induction ▪ Endotracheal intubation ▪ Maintenance 		✓		<i>Strictly prohibited</i>	<i>Strictly prohibited</i>	<i>Strictly prohibited</i>
Anesthesia – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monitor vital signs 		✓		✓		
Dental Prophylaxis		✓		✓		
Dental Extractions	✓					
Float teeth		✓				
Place intravenous catheter			✓	✓		
Place arterial and central venous catheter		✓				
Suture prepared skin, wounds and gingival tissue		✓				
Intraperitoneal injections		✓				
Intramuscular and subcutaneous injections			✓		✓	
Intravenous injections into uncatheterized veins			✓			
Intravenous injections into catheterized veins			✓		✓	
Biological injections (vaccines)			✓		✓	
Blood administration		✓				
Centesis including fine needle aspirates			✓			
Unobstructed bladder catheterization			✓			
Diagnostic procedures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fecal analysis ▪ Cytologic analysis including urinalysis and hematology 			✓ ✓ ✓ ✓			
Microbiology			✓			
Lab sample collection and test preparation (not evaluation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Venipuncture ▪ Skin scraping (exfoliative) 			✓ ✓ ✓		✓ ✓ ✓	

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Imaging procedures			✓		✓	
Placement and use of nasogastric and orogastric tubes for lavage, gavage or reflux			✓			
Ophthalmological procedures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tear production tests ▪ Topical anesthetics ▪ Fluorescein stain ▪ Tonometry 			✓ ✓ ✓ ✓			
Application of casts and splints		✓				
Bandage application			✓		✓	
Removal of sutures, drains, and staples			✓		✓	
Removal of exposed foreign bodies			✓		✓	
Microchip implantation			✓		✓	
Perform enema			✓		✓	
Perform ear flush			✓		✓	
Perform ECG & blood pressure readings			✓		✓	
Massage, except when otherwise regulated			✓		✓	
Dispense pharmaceuticals per Chapter 246-937 WAC *** Requires Veterinary Medical Clerk registration			per WAC		***	
Controlled Drugs: prepare and administer			✓			
EMERGENCY PROCEDURES	LICENSED TECHNICIAN			UNREGISTERED ASSISTANT		
CPR and first aid in addition to above procedures			✓			
Administer pharmacologic agents & parenteral fluids after communication with DVM			✓			
Non-invasive CPR and basic first aid			✓			✓
Other aid as ordered by DVM as allowed above			✓			✓

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