



College of Veterinarians of British Columbia

Practice Facility Accreditation Committee Policy: Single Accreditation for Multiple Business Entities

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Preamble

All veterinary practice facilities require accreditation. Some facilities choose to utilize different practice facility (“marketing”) names (each individually approved by the CVBC) for different portions of a single business entity. For example, a clinic or hospital may have a mobile practice at the same business address with a different business name, for marketing purposes

Where the fixed facility and mobile service are truly parts of a single operation/business entity with a single business address, shared ownership, management, veterinarians, staff and resources, it is not required that they be treated as separate entities for accreditation purposes. The CVBC bylaws recognize that a single practice entity can include both a fixed facility and a mobile component, and that those components may have different scopes of practice. Therefore, where all fundamental components of the practice facilities are shared except business name and all applicable accreditation standards are met, it is reasonable to allow both businesses to be recognized under the umbrella of a single accreditation with two different names.

Under a unified accreditation the two business names are recognized to represent a single practice facility entity (a single inspection is conducted, a single annual accreditation fee is assessed, a single annual self-assessment is performed, and a single Annual Declaration must be submitted to the office). The inspection of these two businesses will occur during the same visit, a single accreditation is required and the mobile unit may share drugs and supplies with the fixed facility, once the Registrar or Deputy Registrar approves the arrangement.

Policy

The Committee authorizes the Registrar or Deputy Registrar to:

1. (for new practice facility applications) Consider requests to register two practice facility names for a single practice facility entity; and
2. (for existing accredited practice facilities that are currently treated as separate entities), Approve requests to amalgamate under a single accreditation with one or more “doing business as” names where the Registrar or Deputy Registrar is reasonably satisfied that the two businesses are truly operating as separate branches of a single practice facility entity.

In these instances, the Registrar may then issue a single practice facility accreditation certificate bearing one or more practice facility names.

Authority

CVBC Bylaw s. 1.50(2)(d):

1.50 (2) The practice facility accreditation committee has the applicable statutory responsibilities set out in sections 3 and 70 of the Act, including:

- (d) to prepare policies and procedures for approval by the council for the effective administration of the practice facility inspection and accreditation sections of Part 3 of the bylaws;

This policy was passed by Council on December 6, 2019 pursuant to Bylaw s. 1.2(4) following its proposal by the Practice Facility Accreditation Committee under the authority of Bylaw s. 1.50(2)(d)."