



Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship

Designated Livestock Agent Authorization Form



The California Veterinary Medical Board defines what must be satisfied to establish a valid Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR), and for treatment to be provided to an animal through a valid VCPR. California Code of Regulations Title 16, Section 2032.1:

- (a) It is unprofessional conduct for a veterinarian to administer, prescribe, dispense or furnish a drug, medicine, appliance, or treatment of whatever nature for the prevention, cure, or relief of a wound, fracture or bodily injury or disease of an animal without having first established a veterinarian-client-patient relationship with the animal patient or patients and the client, except where the patient is a wild animal or the owner is unknown.
- (b) A veterinarian-client-patient relationship shall be established by the following:
 - (1) The client has authorized the veterinarian to assume responsibility for making medical judgments regarding the health of the animal, including the need for medical treatment,
 - (2) The veterinarian has sufficient knowledge of the animal(s) to initiate at least a general or preliminary diagnosis of the medical condition of the animal(s). This means that the veterinarian is personally acquainted with the care of the animal(s) by virtue of an examination of the animal or by medically appropriate and timely visits to the premises where the animals are kept, and
 - (3) The veterinarian has assumed responsibility for making medical judgments regarding the health of the animal and has communicated with the client a course of treatment appropriate to the circumstance.
- (c) A drug shall not be prescribed for a duration inconsistent with the medical condition of the animal(s) or type of drug prescribed. The veterinarian shall not prescribe a drug for a duration longer than one year from the date the veterinarian examined the animal(s) and prescribed the drug.
- (d) As used herein, "drug" shall mean any controlled substance, as defined by Section 4021 of Business and Professions code, and any dangerous drug, as defined by Section 4022 of Business and Professions code.

____ (initial) I acknowledge that I have read the above statement pertaining to the California Veterinary Medical Board's definition of a veterinarian-client-patient relationship.

As the parent (or guardian) of _____, who are youth keeping their animal in association with _____ (project, chapter, or club), under the instruction of _____ (Youth Agriculture Leader),

we agree to the following:

____ (initial) We authorize the agent (above-designated leader) to act on behalf of our youth member, as the Client in the above defined VCPR.

____ (initial) We consent the agent will be the authorized client with which to treat livestock pursuant to a valid VCPR.

_____ Signature of Parent or Guardian	_____ Date
_____ Signature of Designated Youth Agriculture Leader	_____ Date

Please note: In signing this agreement, this **does not** authorize the agent to diagnose or treat the animal exclusively. Treatment must be done under direct guidance of a California-licensed veterinarian.

*This document is designed to assist with the decision making and management of a livestock animal or herd. It is not an official or legal document, but rather one of many ways in which to make a VCPR work with your veterinarian. Please consult with your veterinarian directly to discuss how to make a VCPR work.