CHAPTER Vet 500 ETHICAL STANDARDS

PART Vet 501 UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Readopt with amendment Vet 501.01, effective 10-21-22 (Document #13466), to read as follows:

Vet 501.01 Adoption of Principles of Veterinary Medical Ethics. All licensed veterinarians shall comply with the Principles of Veterinary Medical Ethics of the AVMA ***available at https://www.avma.org/resources-tools/avma-policies/principles-veterinary-medical-ethics-avma and as reprinted in Appendix B on July 29, 2026.***

Readopt with amendment Vet 501.02, effective 12-30-16 (Document #12080), to read as follows:

Vet 501.02 Violations of Principles of Veterinary Medical Ethics. Conduct which violates the Principles of Veterinary Medical Ethics of the AVMA ***available at https://www.avma.org/resources-tools/avma-policies/principles-veterinary-medical-ethics-avma and as reprinted in Appendix B on July 29, 2026*** ~~as revised April 2016~~ shall constitute unprofessional or dishonorable conduct pursuant to RSA 332-B:14, II(c).

Readopt with amendment Vet 501.03 and Vet 501.04, effective 10-21-22 (Document #13466), to read as follows:

Vet 501.03 Veterinary Specialists.

(a) No veterinarian shall identify ~~him or herself~~***themselves*** as a member of an AVMA-recognized specialty organization if such certification has not been awarded and maintained. Only those veterinarians who have been certified by an AVMA-recognized veterinary specialty organization shall refer to themselves as specialists.

(b) All licensees shall clearly identify their level of veterinary degree and expertise, whether they are specialists or not, to the client to avoid confusion so that the client may seek an appropriate level of care.

Vet 501.04 Specialty Facilities Naming Guidelines.

~~(a)~~ A facility that ~~provides services by~~ ***employs*** AVMA-recognized board-certified veterinary specialist(s) ~~shall~~ ***may*** be referred to as a specialty ***or*** referral facility.

~~(b) In order to use the term specialty or referral in the name of a facility, more than half of the total average veterinary hours worked per week shall be worked by AVMA-recognized board-certified veterinary specialists as described in Vet 501.03.~~

~~(c) In order to use the terms "specialty", "specialist", "referral", or similar in the facilities name, a facility shall offer AVMA-recognized specialty services provided by an AVMA board-certified veterinary specialist(s) and shall not provide general practice services on a regular basis.~~

APPENDIX A: State Statute(s) Which the Rule Implements

Rule	**State Statute(s)Which the Rule Implements**
Vet 501.01	RSA 332-B:7-a, VI
Vet 501.02	RSA 332-B:14, II(c)
Vet 501.03	RSA 332-B:7-a, VI
Vet 501.04	RSA 332-B:7-a, XII