

Notice to Bergheim Pet Hospital & Clinic Clients:

If your pet has not received a physical examination within 12 months Dr. Fradkin is unable to dispense vaccination boosters or prescription refills (including heartworm preventive or supplements with active ingredients).

SUBCHAPTER H. PRACTICE BY VETERINARIAN

§ 801.351. EXISTENCE OF VETERINARIAN-CLIENT-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP (a) A person may not practice veterinary medicine unless a veterinarian-client-patient relationship exists. A veterinarian-client-patient relationship exists if the veterinarian:

(1) assumes responsibility for medical judgments regarding the health of an animal and a client, who is the owner or other caretaker of the animal, agrees to follow the veterinarian's instructions;

(2) possesses sufficient knowledge of the animal to initiate at least a general or preliminary diagnosis of the animal's medical condition; and is readily available to provide, or has provided, follow-up medical care in the event of an adverse reaction to, or a failure of, the regimen of therapy provided by the veterinarian.

(b) A veterinarian possesses sufficient knowledge of the animal for purposes of Subsection (a)

(2) if the veterinarian has recently seen, or is personally acquainted with, the keeping and care of the animal by:

(1) examining the animal; or

(2) making medically appropriate and timely visits to the premises on which the animal is kept.

(c) A veterinarian-client-patient relationship may not be established solely by telephone or electronic means.

§ 801.002. DEFINITIONS In this chapter:

(5) "Practice of veterinary medicine" means:

(A) the diagnosis, treatment, correction, change, manipulation, relief, or prevention of animal disease, deformity, defect, injury, or other physical condition, including the prescription or administration of a drug, biologic, anesthetic, apparatus, or other therapeutic or diagnostic substance or technique.