

Veterinary Medical Board
2005 Evergreen Street Room: 2250
Sacramento, CA 95815-3831

Executive Officer Susan Geranen,

Re: Opposition to Proposed Changes to Regulation 2037

RE: Opposition to Veterinary Medical Board's attempt to regulate the use of scalers by non-veterinarian personnel to remove plaque and tartar from pet's teeth surfaces and SB 544 and SB 697 that will help the VMB to criminalize non-veterinarians and their valuable services.

I believe this is an attempt to continue to remove choice from the public in the event SB 544 and SB 697 passes. If you take away the tools of the service provider, you remove the quality of the service.

The advisory committee that recently approved changes to the VMB regulatory language that describes what tools can and cannot be used by non-veterinarian personnel is blatantly favoring their member's interest and not the interest of the public by creating a barrier to care.

By not approving these changes, you will be allowing quality affordable services to continue to be available to the public and their pets, as well as protecting the livelihood of very caring, well-trained non-veterinarians. As well as protecting the rights of pet owners to choose what is best for them and their pets.

They VMB has been after non-veterinarians, "unlicensed" persons", for decades in their attempts to create a monopoly on all animal related services especially pet teeth cleaning. Please stop this nonsense by dropping these changes.

Sincerely,

CC: Governor Jerry Brown
The CA State Legislature
Director of DCA, Brian Stiger
Office of Administrative Law