

6244.0500 ROLE OF VETERINARIANS.

Subpart 1. **Voluntary consultants.** Licensed veterinarians may serve as voluntary consultants to novice, general, or master class permittees as described in parts 6244.0410 and 6244.0420.

Subp. 2. **Consultation.** Veterinarians are not required to have a department wildlife rehabilitation permit to consult with department rehabilitation permit holders nor to advise the permittees on care and treatment of animals undergoing rehabilitation.

Subp. 3. **Treatment.** Veterinarians may treat wild animals, protected birds, and protected mammals in their office or clinic without possessing a department wildlife rehabilitation permit, provided the animals are not kept at the veterinary office or clinic longer than 48 hours.

Subp. 4. **Longer term.** Veterinarians who have in their possession a wild animal longer than 48 hours are required to either have a novice, general, or master level permit or notify a conservation officer of the possession of an injured or orphaned wild animal.

Subp. 5. **Permit requirements.** Veterinarians may obtain a general class permit by meeting the written test requirements for these permits described in sections 6244.0100 to 6244.2000, and by maintaining satisfactory applicable facilities requirements.

Subp. 6. **Possession of animals.** Veterinarians who have a general or master class rehabilitation permit may possess a sick or injured wild animal, for purposes of treatment. The commissioner shall be notified within 24 hours of receipt of a state or federal endangered or threatened animal.

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