

Part 1 – Agency Profile

Agency Overview

The mission of the Idaho Board of Veterinary Medicine is to promote the public health, safety and welfare by safeguarding the people of Idaho against incompetent, dishonest or unprincipled practitioners of veterinary medicine.

The Board's revenues are dedicated funds generated from licensing and certification fees paid by veterinarians, certified veterinary technicians, certified euthanasia technicians, and certified euthanasia agencies. The Board receives sporadic additional revenue in the form of administrative fines and reimbursements for investigatory and legal expenses associated with discipline settlements. These funds are allocated between the Board's four major areas: 1) Investigation and prosecution of complaints, 2) Veterinary licensing, 3) Veterinary technician certification, 4) Euthanasia technician and euthanasia agency certification.

The Board consists of six members; five veterinarians and one public member, appointed by the Governor from various geographic regions of the state. Veterinary members serve a five year term while the public member serves a three year term. Each of the five veterinary members serves four years as a veterinary board member and a fifth year as liaison officer; reviewing and mediating complaints. The board member serving the fourth year of appointment is the president of the board. The Board's office is located in Boise in the Idaho State Department of Agriculture headquarters. The Board's daily business is conducted by a full-time management assistant who hires temporary help as needed.

Core Functions/Idaho Code

Complaint Investigations/Discipline – safeguard the people of Idaho by initiating and conducting investigations on all matters relating to the practice of veterinary medicine, veterinary technology, and euthanizing of animals, and prosecute violations of the Idaho Veterinary Practice Act. (Title 54, Chapter 21, Idaho Code)

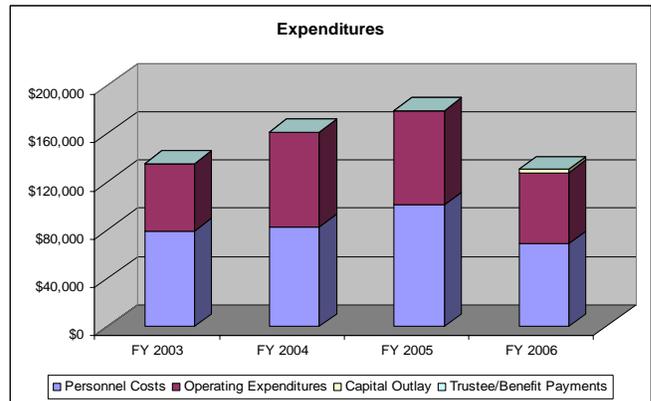
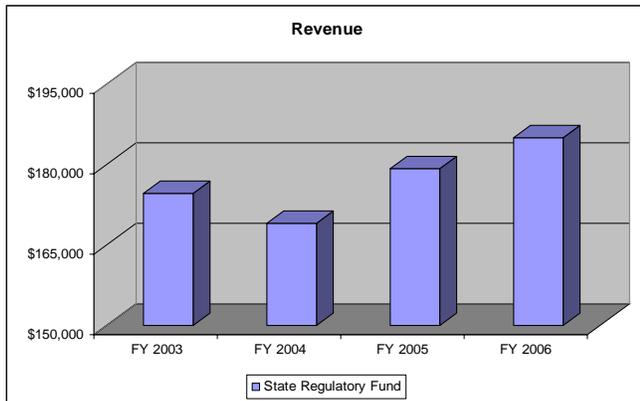
Veterinary Medicine – determine qualifications for issuance and renewal of licenses, set grounds for discipline, establish standards of professional conduct. (Title 54, Chapter 21, Idaho Code)

Veterinary Technology – determine qualifications for issuance and renewal of certifications, set grounds for discipline, and set supervision standards. (Title 54, Chapter 21, Idaho Code)

Certified Euthanasia – appoint Certified Euthanasia Task Force, determine qualifications for certification of euthanasia agencies and euthanasia technicians, grounds for discipline, and provide approved euthanasia training to allow purchase and use of approved drugs by certificants to humanely euthanize animals. (Title 54, Chapter 21, Idaho Code)

Revenue and Expenditures

Revenue	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
State Regulatory Fund	\$174,700	\$169,100	\$179,200	185,100
Total	\$174,700	\$169,100	\$179,200	185,100
Expenditure	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Personnel Costs	\$79,300	\$82,700	\$100,600	68,500
Operating Expenditures	\$55,900	\$78,700	\$78,600	58,900
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0	3,100
Trustee/Benefit Payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
Total	\$135,200	\$161,400	\$179,200	130,500



Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
New Veterinary Licenses Issued	50	47	65	47
New Veterinary Technician Certifications Issued	92	7	20	26
New Euthanasia Technician Certifications Issued	3	13	24	17
New Euthanasia Agency Certifications Issued	0	1	2	1
Veterinary License Renewals	1062	1064	1070	1060
Veterinary Technician Certification Renewals	96	145	148	170
Euthanasia Technician Certification Renewals	85	70	79	75
Euthanasia Agency Certification Renewals	15	17	17	17
Written Complaints Received	61	49	48	25
Complaints Prosecuted*	10	11	4	8
Warning Letters and Letters of Caution Sent	17	10	8	16

* Due to their legal complexity, complaint prosecutions are normally not completed in the fiscal year the complaint was filed.

Performance Highlights

The Board office underwent a process review over the last year which resulted in changes to several office processes; the changes successfully increased efficiency and reduced expenses. The Board revised its pre-screening process for complaints which has reduced the number of complaints forwarded to its investigator; this change has also increased the speed of complaint resolution. A substantial decrease in the number of new written complaints has allowed the Board to make tremendous progress in resolving its complaint backlog.

Part II – Performance Measures

Performance Measure	2003	2004	2005	2006	Benchmark
1. Review and process new applications from veterinarians and veterinary technicians	142	54	85	73	100 %
2. Review and process renewal applications from veterinarians and certified veterinary technicians	1158	1209	1218	1230	100 %
3. Review and process new applications from euthanasia technicians and euthanasia agencies	3	14	26	18	100 %
4. Review and process renewal applications from euthanasia technicians and euthanasia agencies	100	87	96	92	100 %
5. Triage formal written complaints and send to appropriate person in a timely manner	61	49	48	25	100 %
6. Approve continuing education courses	49	52	51	63	100 %
7. Fulfill requests for license verifications and public record lists of licensees	106	122	128	154	100 %

Performance Measure Explanatory Note:

In number 3 above, a major part of the application process for new certified euthanasia technicians is the euthanasia training workshops arranged by the Board of Veterinary Medicine. Each year, announcements are sent to currently certified euthanasia technicians, law enforcement agencies, and animal shelters soliciting interested individuals for euthanasia training. Arrangements are made for Board approved euthanasia training workshops to be provided in the Boise, Pocatello, and Lewiston areas. By holding the training in various geographic areas of the state, the Board allows animal control officers and animal shelter employees to conveniently and inexpensively obtain the necessary training and certification to perform their humane animal control duties.

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Director Attestation for Agency Profile

In accordance with *Idaho Code* 67-1904, I certify the data provided in the Agency Profile has been internally assessed for accuracy, and, to the best of my knowledge, is deemed to be accurate.

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