

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, a ¾ time technical records specialist, and additional 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)

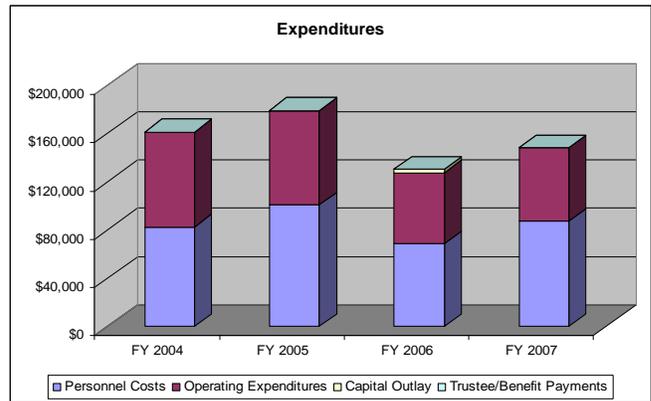
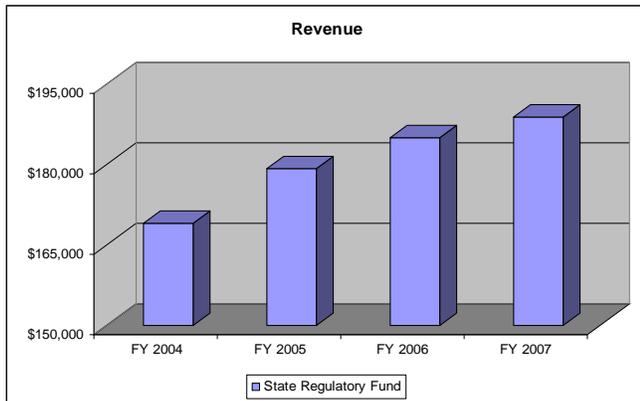
Veterinary Medicine – determine qualifications for issuance and renewal of licenses, set grounds for discipline, establish standards of professional conduct. (Title 54, Chapter 21, Idaho Code)

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 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
State Regulatory Fund	\$169,100	\$179,200	185,100	188,900
Total	\$169,100	\$179,200	185,100	188,900
Expenditure	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Personnel Costs	\$82,700	\$100,600	68,500	87,600
Operating Expenditures	\$78,700	\$78,600	58,900	60,800
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	3,100	0
Trustee/Benefit Payments	\$0	\$0	0	0
Total	\$161,400	\$179,200	130,500	148,400



Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
New Veterinary Licenses Issued	47	65	47	63
New Veterinary Technician Certifications Issued	7	20	26	25
New Euthanasia Technician Certifications Issued	13	24	17	15
New Euthanasia Agency Certifications Issued	1	2	1	2
Veterinary License Renewals	1064	1070	1060	1089
Veterinary Technician Certification Renewals	145	148	170	187
Euthanasia Technician Certification Renewals	70	79	75	56*
Euthanasia Agency Certification Renewals	17	17	17	17
Written Complaints Received	49	48	25	20
Complaints Prosecuted**	11	4	8	4
Warning Letters and Letters of Caution Sent	10	8	16	7

* Due to a statute change in 2007 regarding eligibility of certified euthanasia technicians (CETs), several CETs became ineligible for certification and their certifications were not renewed. This statute change accounts for the lesser number of CETs.

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

Performance Highlights

The Board has completed investigations into all backlogged complaints and is current on all investigations. The Board continues to review its complaint, investigation, and disciplinary processes and procedures to determine if the system is meeting both current and future needs.

The Board office has streamlined and increased efficiency allowing the reduction of personnel hours required for successful office operation. The Board now employs one full-time and one 3/4-time employee, instead of two full-time employees.

The Board is considering reactivating the Certified Euthanasia Task Force (CETF) to guide the certified euthanasia program for the future. Reactivation of the CETF would also take a burden off Board members by allowing CETF members to perform all required annual Certified Euthanasia Agency inspections.

The Board also revised several of its statutes and rules to provide better clarity for its licensees and certifiants regarding the standards set in Idaho. Statutes and rules that are as clear as possible better enable the Board's licensees and certifiants to understand how to be in compliance.

Part II – Performance Measures

Performance Measure	2004	2005	2006	2007	Benchmark
1. Review and process new applications from veterinarians and veterinary technicians	54	85	73	88	100 %
2. Review and process renewal applications from veterinarians and certified veterinary technicians	1209	1218	1230	1276	100 %
3. Review and process new applications from euthanasia technicians and euthanasia agencies	14	26	18	17	100 %
4. Review and process renewal applications from euthanasia technicians and euthanasia agencies	87	96	92	73	100 %
5. Triage formal written complaints and send to appropriate person in a timely manner	49	48	25	20	100 %
6. Approve continuing education courses	52	51	63	78	100 %
7. Fulfill requests for license verifications and public record lists of licensees	122	128	154	145	100 %

Performance Measure Explanatory Note:

In number 4 above, a statute change in 2007 removed eligibility for non-law enforcement certified euthanasia technicians to euthanize animals under the indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian. This statute change ensures that each certified euthanasia technician has appropriate oversight by the Board. The change also precludes employees of private veterinary hospitals from becoming certified euthanasia technicians. The original intent of the certified euthanasia program was to assist municipalities by providing a cost effective manner to deal with the issue of humanely ending the lives of homeless animals. The 2007 statute change brings the program back to its original intent.

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