



VETERINARY PRACTITIONERS BOARD  
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

## Board Communication to Stakeholders Policy

### Third Party communication to the ACT veterinary practitioner registrant database

The Board communicates to all registered veterinary practitioners on the register for a range of reasons. Most communication relates directly to the functions of the Board under section 91 (i) of the *Veterinary Practice Act 2018* - "Giving information to the veterinary profession relating to continuing education issues, developments in the field of veterinary science and disciplinary matters." This policy relates specifically to the situation where the Board is approached by a third party to use the Board's database to disseminate information. It is important that there are clear guidelines as to what the Board would and would not be considered appropriate to circulate, where the secretariat needs to seek Board approval and that these guidelines are applied equitably and consistently.

The Board will in most cases circulate:

- Messages from the ACT government, ACT or federal CVO, federal government departments and other governmental bodies such as Domestic Animal Services if they are relevant and important to registrants. All communication must be approved by the Board before circulation.
- Animal Disease Emergencies. Where possible any alerts should be approved by the Board before circulation however, in the case of an emergency alert of high importance, where the President and Registrar considers that there is not enough time to wait for full Board approval, the President may approve the information to be forwarded immediately. At the same time notifying all Board members that this communication has been forwarded to all registered veterinary practitioners.
- CPD event information from the Board, ACT or Federal Government (e.g. ACT Biosecurity Vet). These notifications should be approved by the Board and preferably included in ACT Board newsletters rather than as individual emails.

The Board will also consider circulating:

- Information from ACT non-for-profit organisations if the Board considers the information relevant and important to the registrants. This information must have Board approval and preferably be included in ACT Board newsletters rather than as individual emails. Examples: Portable wildlife clinic (National Zoo & Aquarium) and ACT Pet Crisis Fund.
- Information from the AVA where the Board considers that the information is relevant and important to the registrants. Must have Board approval and preferably included in ACT Board newsletters rather than as individual emails.



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The Board will not circulate:

- Advertisements for private for-profit organisations, such as veterinary practices, specialities and veterinary pharmaceutical companies – this includes for example – drug launches and job advertisements.
- Surveys may be included in the newsletter where the Board agrees appropriate.