

1 474, Florida Statutes, may, at the request of the owner or
2 caretaker of an animal, provide animal health care services
3 that include, but are not limited to:

4 (a) Providing an opinion about the condition of the
5 animal to its owner or an authorized agent of the animal's
6 owner. Providing such an opinion does not constitute a
7 diagnosis.

8 (b) Making suggestions to the owner of the animal or
9 an authorized agent of the animal's owner regarding
10 nonpharmaceutical, nonprescription, or nonsurgical substances,
11 services, or devices to address the animal's condition and
12 providing the substance, service, or use of a device that was
13 suggested.

14 (c) Providing traditional large-animal health care
15 services that include, but are not limited to, dehorning,
16 castration, dentistry, or inoculation for noncommunicable
17 diseases.

18 (d) Providing services and solutions that promote
19 wellness, enhance healing, or address emotional or mental
20 states of the animal.

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22 A person who provides animal health care services as permitted
23 by this subsection is not engaged in the practice of
24 veterinary medicine, as defined in section 474.202, Florida
25 Statutes, and shall, if not acting as an employee of the
26 animal's owner, be considered an independent contractor.

27 (3) A person who provides the animal health care
28 services permitted under subsection (2) may not:

29 (a) Claim to be a veterinarian or offer a diagnosis.

30 (b) Warrant or represent that the animal health care
31 services provided will cure any condition.

1 (c) Violate animal cruelty laws, including, but not
2 limited to, section 828.12 or section 828.24, Florida
3 Statutes.

4 (d) Provide an animal health care service without
5 first:

6 1. Discussing his or her suggestions for such service
7 with the animal's owner or with an authorized agent of the
8 animal's owner; and

9 2. Offering the animal's owner or the authorized agent
10 of the animal's owner the option to seek the opinion or advice
11 of a licensed veterinarian.

12 (4) A person who owns an animal may:

13 (a) Attend to, or authorize an employee to attend to,
14 the ills or injuries of that animal.

15 (b) Act to, or authorize an employee to act to,
16 promote the wellness of, or to prevent illness of, that
17 animal, including, but not limited to, the castration or
18 dehorning of a herd animal.

19 (5) Notwithstanding any provision of this section or
20 of chapter 474, Florida Statutes, a person may:

21 (a) At the request of the owner or caretaker of an
22 animal, provide advice as to that animal's nutritional
23 requirements or as to communication with that animal, or
24 provide hoof care services to that animal; or

25 (b) Offer unsolicited advice as to nutrition for an
26 animal.

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28 A person who provides such advice and who is not a
29 veterinarian licensed under chapter 474, Florida Statutes, may
30 not claim to be a veterinarian.
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