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[Veterinary Practice Act](#)

## NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE BOARD

Beginning on May 20, 2024, Dr. Pam Johnson will assume the position of Executive Director for the Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Johnson is a graduate of the University of Minnesota, College of Veterinary Medicine in 1998. She completed a two-year Equine Field Medicine internship at The Ohio State University from 1998-2000. She practiced equine ambulatory medicine until 2010 when she received a master's degree in public health from the University of Minnesota. After spending 18 months at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center working as pandemic flu planner for the hospital, she began her public health career in Food Safety with USDA/FSIS. Dr. Johnson is also a Lieutenant Colonel in the US Army Reserve Veterinary Corps and has been on 4 overseas military deployments conducting global veterinary stability operations. She lives in the metro area and enjoys spending time at her cabin in northern Minnesota with her husband and two dogs.



## DR. KATHLEEN JOST APPOINTED TO THE BOARD



Kathleen Jost graduated from Washington State University in 1998. She has been practicing mixed animal medicine in western Minnesota for over 25 years. She has medical and surgical experience in a wide range of animals including agricultural, companion and exotics. When not in the clinic or out on farm calls, Dr. Jost enjoys spending time on the farm with her husband, two children and many animals.



The Board is very grateful to Dr. Christopher Powers for his five years of service as a Board Member.

The mission of the Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine is to promote, preserve, and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public and animals through the effective control and regulation of the practice of veterinary medicine.



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILSON RETIREMENT



Dr. Julia Wilson is retiring after 11 years as Executive Director for the Board. She will serve as Executive Director Emeritus until the end of June to ensure a smooth transition.



## SCAM ALERT!

### PHISHING SCAM! PHONE SCAM! LETTER SCAM!

The MN Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board) does not discuss or request any confidential matters over the phone. Due to the Minnesota Data Practices Act, all confidential communications with the Board are handled through written correspondence to a licensee's mailing address on file with the Board. Be wary of **phone calls** demanding confidential information such as Social Security numbers or threatening legal or criminal action against you. Scammers are able to mimic known phone numbers in your caller ID making it appear that the Board is calling you. You are encouraged to hang up and contact the Board directly if you receive a suspicious call. If a caller threatens that your license will be taken away unless you "pay now"; do not pay. The Board will never call you to request money. You may find more information in this [Press Release from the DEA](#).

New Information has been reported that these scammers have morphed different Boards' letterhead and even the Executive Director's signature. If you receive a threatening letter from the Board demanding action for which you have not received prior notice, call the Board directly before taking any action demanded in the letter. If possible, retain information pertaining to the suspected scam as evidence for any potential action by law enforcement.

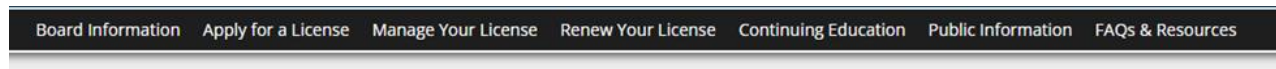


## LICENSE LOOK-UP: Animal Chiropractors, Pharmacies, Pharmacists, Drug Manufacturers and Distributors

Veterinarians and the public can readily find licensing information for other Minnesota professions and businesses on the respective government websites. These websites also contain the directions to file a complaint for these.

A Minnesota-licensed chiropractor can only work on animals if registered as an animal chiropractor with the Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners. To attain this registration, a chiropractor must become certified by an approved animal chiropractic educational provider. Continuing education on topics of animal chiropractic are required for renewal of this registration as well. Additionally, a veterinarian must first refer the animal to the chiropractor and the chiropractor must keep medical records for all animal patients.

<https://mn.gov/boards/chiropractic-examiners/>



[Manage Your License](#)



[Apply for a License](#)



[Public Information](#)



[Look Up a License](#)

### Public Information

- Look Up a License
- File a Complaint
- Statutes & Rules
- Rules Promulgation
- Disciplinary Actions
- List Requests

### Look Up A License

Primary Source Verification: The Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners (MBCE) requires primary source verification directly from any institutions providing education, examinations, licensure and certification. Follow these [License Verification Instructions](#). License information displayed on this Board website has been designed and implemented to meet primary source verification requirements. Information displayed reflects information in the Board of Chiropractic Examiner's database, is secure, updated as changes occur, and considered primary source verification of a Minnesota license.

**Request a License Verification**

**Look Up a License**

**mn MINNESOTA BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS**

#### CREDENTIAL SEARCH

LAST/ORG NAME

FIRST NAME

CREDENTIAL TYPE

Doctor of Chiropractic  
 Acupuncture Registration  
 Professional Firm  
 Animal Chiropractor  
 Graduate Preceptorship

Continued...

## LICENSE LOOK-UP Continued...

Leaving out any name will bring you to the names of all chiropractors that are registered with the Board and what type(s) of registrations the chiropractor has (n=77 as of 4/18/2). **Note: Chiropractors cannot legally perform acupuncture on animals nor can human acupuncturists.**

After selection of a specific chiropractor, you can view their license profile as well as check for any public disciplinary action.:

**PROFILE**

NAME [REDACTED] BIRTH YEAR 1980 GENDER Female PUBLIC ADDRESS [REDACTED]

**CREDENTIALS**

DC Active as of 12/18/2018	TYPE	ISSUE DATE	NUMBER	EXPIRE DATE
Doctor of Chiropractic	05/01/2006	[REDACTED]	12/31/2024	

**PUBLIC ACTIONS**

No items to display

**REGISTRATIONS**

Cancelled	TYPE	ISSUE DATE	NUMBER	EXPIRE DATE
Acupuncture Registration	05/17/2006	[REDACTED]	09/15/2013	
Active	Professional Firm	09/15/2006	[REDACTED]	12/31/2024
Active	Animal Chiropractor	10/01/2008	[REDACTED]	12/31/2024

License verification and public disciplinary action is available for any pharmacies, pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, manufacturers and wholesale drug distributors that do business in the State of Minnesota. This method is useful as well to determine if a pharmacy is licensed to do compounding of medications.

<https://mn.gov/boards/pharmacy/>

**NEW! Online Verification Link**

**VERIFY License or Registration Status**

This service is for the verification of the license/registration status of pharmacists, interns, technicians, pharmacies, drug wholesalers, drug manufacturers, third party logistic providers, medical gas dispensers, and controlled substance researchers.

**LICENSE SEARCH**

This service allows for the verification of the licensure / registration status of pharmacists, interns, technicians, pharmacies, drug wholesalers, drug manufacturers, and medical gas distributors.

The Board of Pharmacy's online disciplinary history is temporarily unavailable. To inquire about discipline on a licensee or registrant, please email Board staff at [pharmacy.board@state.mn.us](mailto:pharmacy.board@state.mn.us). This message will be updated once disciplinary

For businesses with multiple licensed facilities, such as Walgreens or Wal-Mart, please add a percent (%) at the end of the name (e.g. Target%). You can also enter part of a name, followed by a percent, to broaden the scope of the search (e.g. with a last name that begins with John). You can search using any of the fields.

LAST/ORG NAME	FIRST NAME	CITY	COUNTY	LICENSE TYPE
				Pharmacist Pharmacy Technician Pharmacy Preceptor Manufacturer

Searching with just the "Pharmacy" license type yields entities for which additional information can be gleaned. Many pharmacies have or have had multiple registrations. Expired registrations are also listed. A pharmacy may also be doing business under a different name. This can be ascertained by incorporating the percentage sign % before and after the name.

LAST/ORG NAME

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If information beyond what is displayed is needed, please contact the Board of Pharmacy via email: [pha.inspector.hlb@state.mn.us](mailto:pha.inspector.hlb@state.mn.us)



## UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA INSTITUTIONAL LICENSE



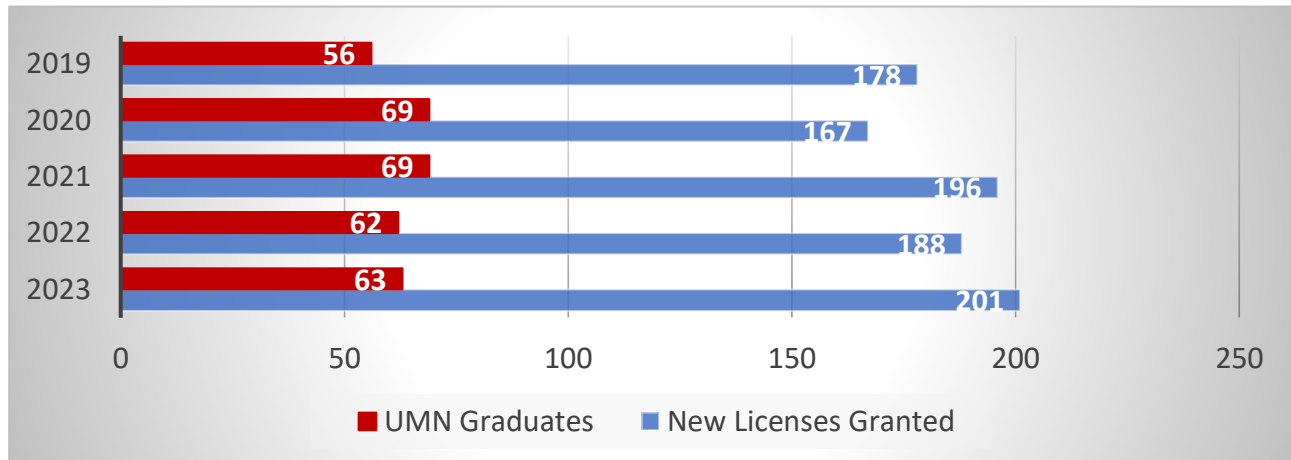
Minnesota's College of Veterinary Medicine and other medical divisions of the University of Minnesota employ veterinarians in a wide variety of roles. In the current legislative session, UMN has introduced a bill that would broaden opportunities for the University to hire veterinarians that are ineligible for a regular license. These are veterinarians that did not graduate from a veterinary college that is accredited by the AVMA and have not passed the national veterinary examination (NAVLE). These individuals will not need to go through either of the alternative pathways for licensure for foreign graduates: AVMA's ECFVG program or the American Association of Veterinary State Board's PAVE program. All other requirements for Minnesota licensure must be met: Reference letters, diploma, criminal background check, jurisprudence examination, and verification of licensure in good standing in any other states or Canadian provinces where this individual has been licensed, including other universities. A veterinarian with an institutional license will be subject to all forms of regulatory oversight by the Board..

When the bill becomes law, this license category, termed "institutional license", will include not only faculty but also interns and residents at the Veterinary Medical Center that are not eligible for a regular license. UMN then assumes the responsibility of determining whether the individual is qualified for the job. Individuals with this category of license are limited to practicing within the confines of the University and their job description. A veterinarian that "steps over the line" would be practicing veterinary medicine without a license, a gross misdemeanor.

Why is this change necessary? UMN, like other U.S. universities, is struggling to attract well-qualified veterinarians to fill open positions. Competition with the quickly growing number of new veterinary colleges as well as the growing number of private practices with internships and residencies also contribute to this hiring challenge.



## ARE UMN GRADUATES STAYING IN MINNESOTA?



## MODIFIED LIVE VETERINARY VACCINES: RESTRICTIONS ON DISPENSING AND PRESCRIBING

Did you know that there is a specific regulation under the **Board of Animal Health** pertaining to veterinary modified live vaccines? <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/1721.0670/>

This restriction limits what can be dispensed (distributed) to or prescribed for clients. Providing the vaccines for a person to administer to their own animals or to groups of animals at a rescue or shelter can therefore be problematic. Veterinarians are advised to seek input from the Board of Animal Health at the number in this rule to avoid potential violations.

### 1721.0670 RESTRICTIONS ON SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN VACCINES.

A. The following vaccines may be sold or distributed **only** to veterinarians, pharmacists, or companies that only sell to veterinarians:

- (1) rabies vaccine;
- (2) Brucella abortus vaccine;
- (3) Mycobacterium paratuberculosis vaccine; and
- (4) other vaccines determined by the board to be too dangerous for non-veterinarian use. A list of restricted vaccines is available through the Internet at <http://mn.gov/bah> or by **calling the board office at 651-296-2942**.

B. The following vaccines may be sold only to veterinarians, or by **written prescription** to non-veterinarians:

- (1) anthrax vaccine;
- (2) modified live vaccines for any species of animal that is commonly maintained in the home of the owner whether or not the particular animal is so housed; and
- (3) other vaccines that are restricted by the board for use in a disease control program.

## GROWING NATIONAL LEGAL PROTECTIONS TO PREVENT AND PROSECUTE ANIMAL FROM CRUELTY



Veterinarians in Minnesota as well as most other states are often the first to suspect or recognize some form of animal cruelty in their patients. Veterinarians in Minnesota are mandated reporters of animal cruelty detected during the course of their veterinary work as well as even suspected cruelty in companion animals. The report must be made to law enforcement or humane agents. Additionally, there is a strong evidence linking domestic violence and animal cruelty which may be uncovered by the ensuing law enforcement's investigation. Many mass shooters first tortured or killed animals. Hence, in an increasing number of regions, the FBI is tracking animal abuse cases. Through continuing education, social workers are increasingly aware of this link and likely to recognize and report its co-occurrence.

Recent legislative successes have improved the protections for animals in the US as well as in other countries. This summary was compiled by the National LINK Coalition: [National Link Coalition](#)

### 2023 LINK Highlights – By The Numbers:

- 49 – states in which sex with animals is now illegal.
- 43 – states where veterinarians are permitted or required to report suspected animal abuse.
- 40 – states where pets can be included in domestic violence protection-from-abuse orders.
- 272 – domestic violence shelters in the U.S. that accept pets.
- 38 – domestic violence shelters in other countries that accept pets.
- 137 – bills introduced in legislatures addressing animal abuse's links with other violence.
- 16 – number of these bills that were signed into law.
- 72 – cases of animal abuse linked with other crimes reported in mainstream news media.

## BUILDING LEASES, LANDLORDS, AND DECLAWED OR DEBARKED ANIMALS

Veterinarians are often asked questions about the impact of declawing or debarking on the animal's wellbeing as well as any influences on the home environment. The animal owner may not be aware that landlords cannot legally bar an animal's owner from leasing a property on the basis of the declawing or debarking status of the animal. Here are the details: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/504B.114>

### 504B.114 PET DECLAWING AND DEVOCALIZATION PROHIBITED.

**Subdivision 2. Prohibitions.** A landlord who allows an animal on the premises shall not:

- (1) advertise the availability of a real property for occupancy in a manner designed to discourage application for occupancy of that real property because an applicant's animal has not been declawed or devocalized;
  - (2) refuse to allow the occupancy of a real property, refuse to negotiate the occupancy of a real property, or otherwise make unavailable or deny to another person the occupancy of a real property because of that person's refusal to declaw or devocalize an animal; or
  - (3) require a tenant or occupant of real property to declaw or devocalize an animal allowed on the premises.
- Any requirement or lease provision that violates this subdivision is void and unenforceable.

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## Tips: Who Else to Call?

**Board of Animal Health:** reportable diseases, rabies certificates, MN health certificates, animal identification, commercial dog and cat breeders

**Board of Chiropractic Examiners:** human chiropractors working on animals

**Board of Pharmacy:** compounding, drug label requirements, pharmacy or pharmacist complaints, license verification, prescription monitoring program

**DEA:** controlled substances, DEA registration

**MVMA:** veterinary technician credentials and CE

**USDA/APHIS:** federal accreditation, health certificate requirements

**DNR:** wildlife questions

**FDA:** Veterinary feed directives, AMDUCA

**MN Pollution Control Agency:** disposal of medications and other substances from a veterinary practice

## Contact Information for Related Agencies

### **Minnesota Board of Animal Health:**

625 Robert Street North, St. Paul, MN 55155

<http://mn.gov/bah/>

Phone: (651) 296-2942 Fax: (651) 296-7417

### **Drug Enforcement Administration:**

100 Washington Avenue South, Suite 800 Minneapolis, MN 55401

[www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/index.html](http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/index.html)

DEA Regional Field Office at (612) 344-4136

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608-662-0600

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