CA Legislatures Pass a Bill to Protect Our Right to Choose Our Animals' Care Providers

The California Veterinary Medical Board (Board) has already banned independent non-vet dental technicians, chiropractors and acupuncturists from working on animals. Now the Board wants to further limit your choice of animal services to only those provided by licensed veterinarians or their staff.

In 2016, the California Veterinary Medical Board will be coming out with proposed regulations that will limit your freedom to choose the care you want for your animals. This new set of rules will most likely ban non-vet provided acupressure, massage, swim therapy and laser therapy. Future changes could ban low cost vaccination clinics, nutritional advice given by a pet store or supplement supplier, and virtually any kind of animal care activity for companion, farm, and rescue animals, including care that groomers, trainers, pet sitters, farriers, and ranch hands provide. Even vet referrals to a non-veterinarian will be a violation. **The Board claims that the State has to protect your animals from your poor decisions. We disagree!**

Californian legislators: please sponsor/cosponsor an animal version of Senator Burton's Bill, SB577, which passed in 2002 to secure people the freedom of choice for human alternative and complementary care. Animal owners in California want the same freedom to choose care providers for our animals that we now have for ourselves and our children. Why should California regulations be more restrictive and more invasive for our animals than for ourselves and our children?

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