

Objects of the College

Veterinarians Act: Legislative Reform – What do you think?

What is the Concept?

As a part of the College's legislative reform initiative, the College is reviewing the provisions in the Veterinarians Act related to the objects of the College, which outline the various purposes in carrying out the College's principal object to regulate the practice of veterinary medicine in order that the public interest may be served and protected.

It is proposed that changes be made to add to these provisions to ensure that the Act is clear on both the existing and the future proposed roles of the College.

Why is the College Considering Changes to this Concept?

Interestingly, the current College objects do not presently speak to all of the College's roles in protecting the public. It is therefore proposed that the Act be updated and revised to fully reflect the College's role in protecting the public by assuring safe and competent veterinary care. These changes are necessary to ensure that the profession's regulatory authorities are current and flexible to allow it to achieve its goal – safe, quality veterinary medicine.

What is Proposed?

It is proposed that the updated provision of the Act relating to the objects of the College include the following new objects, or purposes, of the College, which are indicated in *italics*:

1. To develop, establish, and maintain standards of knowledge, skill and proficiency among its members.
2. To develop, establish, and maintain standards of qualification for the practice of veterinary medicine.
3. To develop, establish, and maintain standards of professional ethics among its members.
4. *To develop, establish, and maintain programs and standards of practice to assure the quality of the practice of the profession.*
5. *To develop, establish, and maintain standards and programs to promote the ability of members to respond to changes in practice environments, advances in technology and other emerging issues.*
6. *To inspect and accredit veterinary facilities.*
7. To promote public awareness of the role of the College.
8. To perform such other duties and exercise such other powers as are imposed or conferred on the College under any Act.
9. *Any other objects relating to the practice of veterinary medicine that Council considers desirable.*