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I have devoted a number of years to learn and perfect my skills in veterinary dentistry. There is so much more to an extraction procedure than just removing a tooth.

Most veterinarians are not familiar with it let alone veterinary technicians and assistants. Very loose single rooted tooth removed without checking the effect of bone loss on adjacent teeth is a mistake. A lot of veterinarians may be happy to allow technicians to perform those tasks but that is due the fact that they do not understand dentistry themselves.

Unless a thorough evaluation via oral examination and intraoral radiographs interpreted by a well trained veterinarian, veterinary technicians and assistants should not attempt to perform any procedures other than the dental scaling and polishing.

I would discourage the passing of this new regulation for the sake of the technicians and the patients as well.

Regards

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