
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1991 No. 1412

**The Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966
(Schedule 3 Amendment) Order 1991**

Amendment

2. Part I of Schedule 3 to the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 (exemptions from restrictions on practice of veterinary surgery)⁽¹⁾ shall be amended as follows—

(a) in paragraph 2 for the words

“Any medical or minor surgical treatment” there shall be substituted the words “Any medical treatment or any minor surgery”;

(b) after paragraph 5 there shall be added the following paragraph—

“6. Any medical treatment or any minor surgery (not involving entry into a body cavity) to a companion animal by a veterinary nurse if the following conditions are complied with, that is to say—

- (a) the companion animal is, for the time being, under the care of a registered veterinary surgeon or veterinary practitioner and the medical treatment or minor surgery is carried out by the veterinary nurse at his direction; and
- (b) the registered veterinary surgeon or veterinary practitioner is the employer or is acting on behalf of the employer of the veterinary nurse.

In this paragraph—

“companion animal” means an animal kept as a pet or for companionship, not being a horse, pony, ass or mule, nor an animal used in agriculture, as defined in the Agriculture Act 1947;

“veterinary nurse” means a nurse whose name is entered in the list of veterinary nurses maintained by the College.”;

(c) sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph 4 shall cease to have effect from 1st July 1993.