

**TENNESSEE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS
POSITION STATEMENT**

**THE “AGRICULTURAL ANIMALS” EXEMPTION TO THE PREMISES PERMIT
REQUIREMENT UNDER T.C.A. § 63-12-139(g)**

Under T.C.A. § 63-12-139(g), “any practitioner who provides veterinary services solely to agricultural animals and does not maintain a veterinary facility for the receipt of patients shall not be required to obtain a premises permit, but must provide for appropriate equipment and facilities as established by the board.”

It is the position of the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners that this exemption only applies to on-farm calls in the context of a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship. For purposes of this position statement, “farm” means a fixed location where the agricultural animal patient is regularly kept and maintained.

Adopted by the Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners on July 29, 2014.