21 NCAC 66 .1106 WATERING

(a) Animals, subject to this Subchapter, shall have continuous access to fresh, potable water, except when directed by a veterinarian to limit access.

(b) Veterinary care for a specific animal that requires water to be withheld, given in intervals, or any variation other than continuous access by an animal, can only be prescribed by a veterinarian and shall be documented in writing by the facility. The documentation shall include:

(1) the original veterinary directive signed by the veterinarian issuing it;
(2) the printed name of the veterinarian;
(3) the reason for the restriction;
(4) the specific watering directions;
(5) the origination and review dates of the directive;
(6) the facility shall have the veterinarian review and renew this directive every 30 days until it is no longer required;
(7) the date of the cessation of the directive; and
(8) documentation by the facility of each watering as prescribed by the veterinarian.

(c) Water in receptacles shall be changed daily and whenever visibly soiled.

(d) Watering receptacles shall be durable and kept clean and sanitized.

(e) Damaged receptacles shall be replaced.

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