




New York State
Department of Health
Bureau of Emergency Medical Services

POLICY STATEMENT

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**Re: Pediatric Intubation
Training in a Veterinary
Health Facility**

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In 1995 the Public Health Law was amended to allow students who are enrolled in advanced emergency medical technician courses, under very specific conditions, to use animals for intubation training. The intent of the law was to allow for the intubation of an animal [cat] as a method for enhancing pediatric intubation skills. This is a non-mandatory adjunct for any advanced emergency medical technician course which contains a pediatric component. Therefore, if a course curriculum contains a pediatric intubation didactic and performance objectives, the course medical director, in consultation with the instructor/coordinator, should determine whether animal intubation should be included. Even though an optional component, animal [cat] intubation is considered to be a valuable opportunity to assist students in mastering the skill of pediatric intubation.

In order for animal intubation to be permitted there are a number of requirements a course sponsor **MUST** follow. The following is a list of these requirements:

1. The course sponsor is responsible for making the arrangements for pediatric intubation training using animals [cats].
2. The course schedule submitted with a course application must note that animal intubation will be used and at what point in the course it is scheduled.
3. The course sponsor must include a "Declaration of Intent to Use a Feline Model for Pediatric Intubation Training" (DOH-4053) form with the course application and schedule.
4. Each student must successfully complete didactic and manikin training in human intubation which meets the New York State Department of Health curriculum objectives for pediatric endotracheal intubation.
5. A "Medical Director's Authorization for Pediatric Intubation Training in a Veterinary Health Facility" (DOH-4052) must be signed by the Course Medical Director prior to a student performing an animal intubation. This form (with the original signature) **MUST** be kept on file with the course sponsor for a period of at least five (5) years.

[Attachment #1](#) Declaration of Intent to Use a Feline Model for Pediatric Intubation Training (DOH-4053)

[Attachment #2](#) Medical Director's Authorization For Pediatric Intubation Training in a Veterinary Health Facility (DOH-4052)

[Attachment #3](#) Sample "Informed Consent Letter"