

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Health Professions Boards (Procedures) Act 1981
Veterinary Surgeons Act 1965

APPOINTMENTS TO THE VETERINARY SURGEONS BOARD
OF THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

INSTRUMENT NO. 233 OF 1998

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The *Veterinary Surgeons Act 1965* (the Act) provides for the registration of veterinary surgeons.

Section 6 of the Act establishes the Veterinary Surgeons Board (the Board). Section 7 of the Act provides for the constitution of the Board and requires that the Chairperson, who must be registered with the Board and an ACT public servant; two Members registered with the Board who for a period of 3 years immediately preceding appointment have been registered as veterinary surgeons under the law of a State or Territory, be appointed in accordance with the *Health Professions Boards (Procedures) Act 1981*; and two Members be elected in accordance with the *Health Professions Boards (Elections) Act 1980*.

The terms of office for the Chairperson and the two appointed Members on the Board expire on 27 September 1998. Registered veterinary surgeons were notified of the anticipated vacancies in June 1997.

Four persons nominated for the two positions as Members on the Board, however, no applications were received for the position of Chairperson. The position of Chairperson will be re-advertised at a later date.

In order to ensure continuation of Board business, appointments to the two vacant member positions have been made with consideration being given to gender equity and representation from different aspects of veterinary practice.

Dr Lorna Citer is the current Chairperson and has been registered in the ACT since 1982. She is a teacher at the Canberra Institute of Technology (Rural Training Centre) and undertakes locum work as a veterinary surgeon in private practices.

Dr Doyle is a current member of the Board and holds the position of the National Veterinary Officer for the Australian Veterinary Association. He has been registered in the ACT since 1978 and is currently the Deputy Chairperson of the Board.

Appointments to the Board are for a period of three years commencing from the date of the Instruments of Appointment.