

Meyers, Robert (COE)

INQ 10-36

From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2010 2:50 PM
To: Pizano, Sara (ASD); Kerbel, Dennis A. (CAO)
Subject: RE: double checking

Sara:

The applicable section of the county ethics code to the question in your first paragraph has to do with recommending professional services. As long as you and your staff are merely providing adopters with a list of all vets who have agreed to give new adopters free first exam, I see nothing wrong with this program.

As far as vets handing out their business cards when they interact with public who have brought their pets in for rabies shots, I would conclude that our office has no jurisdiction over these individuals. The vets are not County employees when they are volunteering in your clinic, which means our conflict of interest and code of ethics ordinance would not apply to them. Provided you offer all vets the same opportunity to volunteer in your Rabies Clinic, you would be acting in accordance with the county ethics ordinance.

If you have any additional questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Thanks,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

From: Pizano, Sara (ASD)
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2010 8:40 AM
To: Kerbel, Dennis A. (CAO); Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: double checking

I believe I confirmed this was ok but double checking before I roll out the program. In an effort to get veterinarians more involved and educated about Animal Services, I would like to ask all vets if they would give new adopters a free first exam. For that offer, we would put them on a list available to each adopter and again this would be made available to all vets.

In addition, I want to ask them to volunteer in our Rabies Clinic and again since it would be offered to all vets don't see a problem with them handing out their business cards to the public coming in for a rabies shot.

Please confirm.

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