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STATE OF OHIO  
**Executive Department**  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
*Columbus*

I, Mike DeWine, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby appoint Ray A. Hephner, from Walton Hills, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, as a Member of the State Veterinary Medical Licensing Board for a term beginning February 9, 2024 and ending at the close of business December 31, 2025, replacing John S. Walkenhorst, whose term expired.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed, at Columbus, this 9th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty Four.



Mike DeWine  
Governor

Ray A. Hephner, DVM

### **Education**

The Ohio State University

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

May 1976

B.S. Agriculture, Major – Animal Science

May 1974

Maple Heights High School

May 1969

### **Experience**

#### **Equine Ambulatory (self employed) Northeastern Ohio**

1980 – Present

- Clients/Patients include : Backyard pleasure horses, Dressage show horses, Amish buggy and draft horses, Cleveland Mounted Police, Ringling Brothers

Track Veterinarian – Northfield Park

1983 – 1996

- officiated at more than 27,000 Standardbred races

Track Veterinarian – Thistledown

1986 – 1988

- officiated at more than 3,000 Thoroughbred races

Animal Emergency Clinic

1982

- small animal emergency service

Emergency Pet Clinic

1978 – 1982

- First full time small animal emergency veterinarian in Northeastern Ohio

American Horse Show Association

1977 – 1978

- Drug testing at horse shows across the country

Animal Medical Center (Everett, Pennsylvania)

1977

- Mixed practice – dairy cattle, beef cattle, horses, small animals

Geneva Animal Hospital (Geneva, Ohio)

1976

- Mixed practice – small animal, horses, dairy cattle, goats

Sea World (Aurora, Ohio)

Summers 1973&1974

- Animal keeper, spotlight operator, Dancing Waters operator

### **Professional Organizations**

Ohio Veterinary Medical Association – Legislative committee, Veterinary Practice Act

Task Force, Midwest Veterinary Conference – Equine committee

American Veterinary Medical Association – Committee on Human Animal Bond

American Association of Equine Practitioners

Northeastern Ohio Equine Practitioners – charter member, past president

### **Professional Interests**

Preventive medicine, lameness, reproduction, nutrition, dentistry, surgery, ophthalmology, dermatology, geriatric medicine, endocrinology

### **Community Service**

Cleveland YMCA Camps Branch – board member, president

## GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

**Appointment Date:** 2/9/2024

**Name of Appointee:** Ray A. Hephner

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**Term Begins:** 1/1/2023

**Term Ends:** 12/31/2025

**Party Affiliation:** Republican

**Senate Confirmation:** Appointed by the Governor, confirmed by the Senate

**Financial Disclosure:** Public disclosure required

**Vice:** John S. Walkenhorst