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As a practicing veterinarian for 27 years, I have seen my share of work done by other practitioners - good and bad. In no way do I think it's appropriate to have non-veterinarians sedating horses for dental procedures. They don't have the ability to address a situation should something go wrong, like a reaction to anesthetic drugs that they aren't legally allowed to use in the first place! It's not a question of whether or not they do a good job. It's allowing illegal access to drugs that can only be prescribed / administered by a licensed veterinarian and I whole-heartedly oppose that! If lay practitioners want to perform equine dentistry, they can do so under the DIRECT SUPERVISION of a licensed veterinarian who can appropriately administer the necessary sedation.