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BEFORE THE VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

STATE OF WISCONSIN

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

(92 VET 26)

ERIK HAUKAAS, D.V.M. RESPONDENT.

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The parties to this action for the purposes of sec. 227.53, Wis. Stats., are:

Erik Haukaas, D.V.M. 109 10th Avenue West Ashland, Wisconsin 54806

Veterinary Examining Board 1400 E. Washington Avenue P.O. Box 8935 Madison, WI 53708-8935

Department of Regulation and Licensing Division of Enforcement 1400 E. Washington Avenue P.O. Box 8935 Madison, WI 53708-8935

The parties in this matter, Erik Haukaas, D.V.M., Respondent and Pamela M. Stach, Attorney for the Department of Regulation and Licensing, agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board. The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Erik Haukaas, D.V.M., 109 l0th Avenue West, Ashland, Wisconsin 54806, whose date of birth is August 9, 1964, is currently licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Wisconsin under license number 3580 which was granted on August 7, 1990.
- 2. A formal investigation entitled 92 VET 26, is pending before the Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board.

- 3. The investigation involves allegations of failure to recognize the presence of osteosarcoma of the distal femur on radiograph review and failure to recognize symptoms of progressing bone tumor upon presentation of the animal subsequent to an unrelated surgical procedure.
- 4. Erik Haukaas, D.V.M. in order to resolve this matter, has voluntarily agreed to participate in a continuing education program in the recognition of subtle bone tumors on radiography and recognition of symptoms of progressing bone tumors.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board has jurisdiction in this proceeding pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 453.04.
- 2. The Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board has the authority to resolve this matter by stipulation without an evidentiary hearing pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 227.44(5).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Stipulation of the parties, as attached hereto, is accepted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that Erik Haukaas, D.V.M. shall participate in and successfully complete a course in the recognition of subtle bone tumors on radiography and the recognition of symptoms of progressing bone tumors to be provided through the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine or another facility approved by the Board. The course shall consist of clinical and, if necessary, classroom or home study of not more than eight hours. A description of the course content and parameters shall be submitted to the Veterinary Examining Board, or its designee, for approval prior to commencement of the program.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the educational program shall be completed within six months of the effective date of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dr. Haukaas shall permit the person/s conducting the programs to provide written evaluation of his participation in and successful completion of the course.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all costs of the program shall be the responsibility of Dr. Haukaas.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the pending investigation 92 VET 26 is closed without further proceedings.

WISCONSIN VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

Gilbert Lewis, D.V.M.

Chairman

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STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

> STIPULATION 92 VET 26

ERIK HAUKAAS, D.V.M.

RESPONDENT.

It is hereby stipulated between Erik Haukaas, D.V.M, Respondent herein, and Pamela M. Stach, Attorney for the Department of Regulation and Licensing as follows:

- 1. Erik Haukaas, D.V.M., 109 10th Avenue West, Ashland, Wisconsin 54806, whose date of birth is August 9, 1964, is currently licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Wisconsin under license number 3580 which was granted on August 7, 1990.
- 2. A formal investigation entitled 92 Vet 26 is pending before the Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board:
- 3. In the interests of resolving the pending investigation, Dr. Haukaas voluntarily enters into this stipulation and agrees to entry of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Veterinary Examining Board.
- 4. Dr. Haukaas understands that by signing this stipulation, he freely, voluntarily and knowingly waives his rights, including the right to a hearing on the allegations against him at which time the State has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence, the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses against him, the right to call witnesses on his behalf and compel their attendance by subpoena, the right to testify, the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs and oral argument to the officials who are to render the final decision; the right to petition for rehearing; and all other applicable rights afforded to Respondent under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes and the Wisconsin Administrative Code.
- 5. Respondent is further aware of his right to seek legal representation prior to signing this stipulation.
- 6. The parties to this stipulation and the Board Advisor may appear before the Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board in support of this Stipulation.
- 7. Violation of the terms and conditions set forth in this Stipulation and Final Decision and Order shall constitute a basis for disciplinary action by the Veterinary Examining Board.

- 8. The Final Decision and Order, if entered by the Veterinary Examining Board shall become effective on the date of signing.
- 9. If any term of this Stipulation or the attached Final Decision and Order is not accepted by the Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board, then no term of the Stipulation of Order will be binding in any manner on any party and the matter will be returned to the Division of Enforcement for further proceedings.

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Pamela M. Stach, Attorney

Department of Regulation and Licensing

I, Erik Haukaas, D.V.M., having read the above Stipulation and attached Final Decision and Order, do hereby freely, voluntarily and knowingly enter into this Stipulation.

Dated: 6/5

Erik Haukaas, D.V.M.

Respondent

STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

ERIC HAUKAAS, D.V.M.,

Licensee

ORDER TERMINATING LIMITATIONS

On June 19, 1997, the Veterinary Examining Board issued its Final Decision and Order in the above-captioned matter. By the terms of the Order, Dr. Haukaas was to complete within six months of the Order an eight hour course in the recognition of subtle bone tumors and the recognition of symptoms of progressing bone tumors, to be provided through the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine.

At its meeting of November 12, 1997, the board considered a letter by Lisa J. Forrest, V.M.D., and R. Tass Dueland, D.V.M., both of the Department of Surgical Services at the School of Veterinary Medicine, attesting to the satisfactory completion by Dr. Haukaas of the required coursework. Based upon that letter, and other information of record herein, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all limitations on the license of Erik Haukaas, D.V.M., are hereby terminated, and Dr. Haukaas is restored to full licensure.

Dated this 18 day of November, 1997.

Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board

Robert Johnson, D.V.M.

Vice-Chairman

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