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STATE OF WISCONSIN

BEFORE THE VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

In The Matter Of The License of _____ :
 ORDER : FINAL DECISION AND
 CARLA D. CHRISTMAN, D.V.M. :
 LS0211135VET :
 :

Division of Enforcement Case #98 VET 024

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

Carla D. Christman, D.V.M.
11 N. Washington Street
Deerfield, WI 53531

Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board
P. O. Box 8935
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The Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board received a Stipulation submitted by the parties to the above-captioned matter. The Stipulation, a copy of which is attached hereto, was executed by Carla D. Christman, D.V.M., personally on her own behalf, and by Michael J. Berndt, attorney for the Department of Regulation and Licensing, Division of Enforcement. Based upon the Stipulation of the parties, the Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Carla D. Christman, D.V.M., 11 N. Washington Street, Deerfield, WI 53531,

was born April 1, 1971, and has been licensed (#4476-50) to practice veterinary medicine in the state of Wisconsin since May 21, 1996.

2. An informal complaint received by the Veterinary Examining Board alleges Dr. Christman performed on April 7, 1998, a routine spay on a 9 month-old Yorkshire terrier. At about 2:30 p.m. the dog was anesthetized for surgery by another veterinarian. Approximately 15 minutes later Dr. Christman performed the surgery without complication. Upon completion of the surgery at approximately 3:30 p.m., the dog, which was described as sleeping deeply, was placed by Dr. Christman in its cage. Dr. Christman had a 4:00 p.m. appointment elsewhere and so finished her paperwork and left the clinic around 3:40 p.m. She did not check the dog again before she left.

3. The clinic closed at 4:00 p.m. As part of her duties, the receptionist checked the animals being kept overnight before she left. At this time the dog appeared to be sleeping deeply but when she placed her hand on the dog she could detect no breathing or movement. Another veterinarian was called in to find the dog was dead, as records indicate, at 4:20 p.m.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board has jurisdiction in this proceeding pursuant to Chapter 453, Stats.

2. The Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board has authority to resolve this proceeding by stipulation without an evidentiary hearing pursuant to § 227.44 (5), Stats.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the stipulation of the parties is approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to the Stipulation of the parties, that within six months of the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall participate in and successfully complete a course in anesthetics. The course must include information on pre-anesthetic patient evaluation to identify risk factors and how to use them to make a choice of an appropriate anesthetic. It also must provide comparative information on the different available anesthetic agents including duration of action, physiologic effects, recovery time and the potential post anesthetic complications. A description of the course content and parameters shall be submitted to the Board, or its designee, for approval prior to commencement of the program.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall pay partial costs in the amount of TWO HUNDRED dollars (\$200.00). Payment shall be submitted within sixty (60) days from the date of this order. Payment shall be made by *certified check or money order*, payable to the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing and sent to:

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the pending investigation, 98 VET 024, shall be, and hereby is, closed without further proceedings.

The rights of a party aggrieved by this Final Decision and Order to petition the Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board for rehearing and to petition for judicial review are set forth in the attached "Notice of Appeal Information."

This Order shall become effective on the date of its signing.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 13th day of November, 2002.

WISCONSIN VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

Diane Scott

Member, Veterinary Examining Board