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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY	:	
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
	:	LS0301151VET
TED A GREIF, D.V.M.	:	
RESPONDENT.	:	

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

Ted A. Greif, D.V.M.  
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Veterinary Examining Board  
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The parties in this matter, Ted A. Greif, 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. Ted A. Greif, D.V.M., Respondent herein, of 404 West Washington Ave, Valders, Wi 54245, whose date of birth is January 9, 1971, is currently licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Wisconsin under

license number 4549 which was granted on July 28, 1996. Respondent's veterinary practice consists primarily of the care and treatment of food and fiber animals.

2. An investigation, entitled 02 Vet 003 is pending before the Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board.

3. On January 16, 2002, Respondent performed a physical examination on a three year old male neutered Foxhound owned by Beth Goelzer. At the time of the examination, the dog had a history of anorexia, lethargy, concentrated dark urine and no food intake for the previous two days although the dog was still drinking water. There was no history of vomiting or diarrhea.

4. Respondent's records reflect a temperature of 105.2 and a weight of 78.7 pounds. Respondent noted on examination that the dog was lethargic and the mucus membranes were pale. Following an examination of the chest and abdomen, Respondent diagnosed either enteritis or a bacterial infection. Other than a notation of CRT > 2 sec., no further examination results were noted in the record.

5. No radiographic or laboratory diagnostics were performed.

6. Respondent administered an injection of Banamine 0.8 ml. and dispensed Baytril chewables 68 mg BID for ten days.

7. When the dog's condition had not improved by January 21, Ms. Goelzer took him to the Port Cities Veterinary Clinic for further evaluation.

8. Upon presentation the dog was noted to be dehydrated, visibly lethargic, reluctant to move, and clearly depressed. The abdomen was slightly distended. History indicated decreased water intake, not eating but no vomiting, coughing or seizures.

9. Upon examination the dog was noted to have harsh breath sounds in both lungs and decreased cardiac sounds. The dog was very guarded in the abdominal area and working hard to breathe.

10. A diagnostic workup was performed which included a CBC and abdominal and chest x-rays.

11. The CBC revealed significantly elevated WBC with granulocytes, the chem panel showed hyperalbuminemia and significant alkaline phosphate elevations with decreased glucose and moderately increased bilirubin. Abdominal x-rays revealed an abdominal mass in the middle of the abdomen and a notable amount of gas in the colon. The chest x-rays showed an interstitial diffuse pattern on the right and scalloping of the lung lobe edges because of apparent effusion in the chest cavity.

12. A differential diagnosis of lymphosarcoma was made with the possibility of other cancers. Blastomycosis was also suspected. Further diagnostic workup was recommended depending on the owner's choice of treatment options.

13. A plasma transfusion and IV fluids for comfort were recommended. The dog was not considered a surgical candidate and life expectancy was estimated at days to a few weeks.

14. The dog's condition would have been present for at least a few weeks prior to the examination on January 21.

15. The dog was euthanized on January 22.

### 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).

3. Respondent's conduct constituted a violation of Wis. Adm. Code Sec. VE 7.06 (1) in that he failed to properly evaluate the dog's presenting condition on January 16, 2002, by failing to perform necessary diagnostic tests, including radiographs, to determine the cause of the dog's symptoms, reach a correct diagnosis and provide adequate treatment alternatives to the owner.

## **ORDER**

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the license of Ted A. Greif, D.V.M. to practice veterinary medicine shall be LIMITED on the following terms and conditions:

1. Within nine months of the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall participate in and successfully complete a course in the initial evaluation, including appropriate physical examination and diagnostic workup basics, of companion animal patients. The course is to be provided through the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine or another facility acceptable to the Board. The course shall consist of clinical and, if necessary, classroom and/or home study of not more than ten 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. Respondent shall permit and ensure that the person/s conducting the programs provide written evaluation of Respondent's participation in and successful completion of the course.

2. Within nine months of the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall also participate in and successfully complete a course in the maintenance of appropriate medical records which meet the requirements of Wis. Adm. Code sec. VE 7.03 to be conducted through the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine. The course shall consist of clinical and, if necessary, classroom and/or home study of not more than four 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.

3. All costs of the programs shall be the responsibility of the Respondent, Dr. Greif.

IT IS FURTHER ORDRED that Respondent shall pay costs in this matter in the amount of \$150. Costs are payable to the Department of Regulation and Licensing. P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin, 53708-8935 within thirty days of the effective date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the pending investigation entitled 02Vet 003 is closed without further proceedings.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2003.

WISCONSIN VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

Diane Scott

A Member of the Board

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