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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

JAGMOHAN SINGH, BVS
RESPONDENT

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
LS0404305VET

(DOE 00 VET 002 and 02 VET 034)

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

Jagmohan Singh BVS
4044 Oakland Ave
Shorewood, Wi. 53211

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, Jagmohan Singh BVS, 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. Jagmohan Singh BVS, Respondent herein, of 4044 Oakland Ave, Shorewood, Wi. 53211, and whose date of birth is August 19, 1961, is duly licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Wisconsin under license number 4738 which was granted on October 15, 1997.
2. A formal complaint is pending in this matter before the Veterinary Examining Board.
3. On May 17, 2002, Keri Brown took her cat Cali to Respondent at Bayshore Veterinary Clinic.
4. The Brown cat was presented with a history of an ovariohysterectomy four years previous and a diagnosed urinary tract infection two weeks prior with treatment by Clavamox. The medication round had ended, the cat was still urinating outside the litter box and blood was present in the urine.
5. Following a physical examination, Respondent diagnosed impacted/infected anal glands which he expressed and Respondent then hospitalized the cat to perform an urinalysis.
6. On May 18, 2002, Respondent noticed significant blood in the cat's urine, and obtained consent from Ms. Brown to take x-rays to rule out kidney stones.
7. The x-rays reveal two staples uniformly located on each side of the cat's abdomen.
8. Respondent reviewed the radiographs and advised the owner that the cat must have eaten staples and recommended a barium series to determine the location of the staples.

9. Following the barium series which revealed the staples remained in place, Respondent recommended exploratory surgery to locate and remove the staples.
10. Ms. Brown initially consented to the surgical procedure, then changed her mind and collected the cat from the clinic for a second opinion before the surgery was done.
11. On May 2, 2002 Ms. Brown presented the cat, along with the x-rays taken by Respondent, to David Rosene, D.V.M. at Shorewood Animal Hospital.
12. Dr. Rosene examined the cat, reviewed the x-rays and determined that the staples were hemi clips used in a previous ovariohysterectomy procedure.
13. Dr. Rosene determined that the cat's bladder was still inflamed, and prescribed an anti-inflammatory in addition to another course of Clavamox. The cat has recovered completely.
14. Respondent did not recognize the staples as hemi clips from the previous ovariohysterectomy and therefore performed an unnecessary barium series on the Brown cat and recommended unnecessary exploratory surgery to locate and remove the hemi clips thereby exposing the cat to all attendant risks of a major abdominal surgery.
15. Respondent was educated at Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, Punjab, India. That educational institution never utilized or taught the use of hemi clips in performing ovariohysterectomy procedures. Respondent believes that the use of hemi clips in ovariohysterectomy procedures in the United States is very limited.
16. The formal complaint also involves allegations that Respondent failed to rule out various differential diagnosis in his treatment of a canine leading to unnecessary treatment; failed to review a radiograph in a timely manner; failed to accurately review a radiograph of the canine's liver, and prescribed steroids prior to ruling out the differential diagnosis of a condition where the use of steroids would be contraindicated. No findings of unprofessional conduct have been made with regard to these allegations.
17. The Respondent has cooperated in the investigation and has voluntarily agreed to the Order contained herein.

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 in failing to recognize the staples as hemi clips from the previous ovariohysterectomy and therefore performing an unnecessary barium series on the Brown cat and in recommending unnecessary exploratory surgery to locate and remove the hemi clips thereby exposing the cat to all attendant risks of a major abdominal surgery constitutes a violation of Wis. Adm. Code Sec. VE 7.06 (1).

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 JAGMOHAN SINGH, BVS to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Wisconsin 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 courses in the following areas: radiology, two hours of pharmacology and four hours of small animal diagnostics. The pharmacology course/s shall include the appropriate use of antibiotics and the use and contraindications for use of steroids. The small animal diagnostic course/s shall include the areas of gastrointestinal parasites, toxic substance ingestion, hepatitis and acute pancreatitis in canines. Evidence of completion of the course "Radiology: Helpful Tips and Interesting Cases" by Jacob Odders, D.V.M. shall qualify as completion of the radiology requirement.

2. Within six 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. With regard to the reeducation set forth in paragraphs one and two above, Respondent will be responsible for locating courses satisfactory to the Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board or its designee, for providing adequate course descriptions to the Department Monitor and for obtaining the required pre-approval of the courses from the Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board prior to commencement of the programs. The Board may reject in whole or in part any educational opportunity which is nominated by Respondent when, in the Board's judgment, the syllabus or description of the course or other educational opportunity is insufficient to fulfill the purpose for which Respondent nominates it by reason of the educational opportunity's scope, content, method of instruction, or degree of participation required of students. The Board shall not unreasonably deny an educational opportunity suggested by Respondent
4. Within 30 days after the courses identified in paragraphs one and two above are concluded, Respondent shall file with the Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board certifications from the sponsoring organization of his attendance at the required courses. In the event the courses approved by the Board as meeting these requirements are self directed courses, Respondent shall provide an Affidavit indicating that he has completed the requirements of the course.
5. Following completion of the radiology course, Respondent shall meet with a board certified radiologist approved by the Board, to review and discuss Respondent's radiographic findings on radiographs selected by the radiologist. The Respondent shall ensure that the radiologist shall prepare a written report for the Board of the results of this review and Respondent's understanding of radiographic principles within thirty days of conclusion of the review.
6. Within nine months or within thirty days of completion of the courses set forth in paragraphs one and two above, whichever is earliest, Respondent shall engage the services of a veterinarian who shall be preapproved by the Board, to serve as a monitor under this Order. The monitor shall have no business or social relationship with the Respondent and shall sign the agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A. In the alternative, the Respondent may elect to utilize the services of a monitoring veterinarian provided by the Board. The monitoring shall involve the following conditions:
 - a) Within thirty days of completion of all educational components of this Order, Respondent shall identify for the monitor all patient records created by Respondent since completion of the educational programs. Within thirty days thereafter, the monitor shall select at random ten records and shall meet with Respondent to discuss those selected records. This discussion shall include inquiry into the presenting symptoms, medical history, clinical observations, physical examination, and Respondent's rationale for any diagnostics considered and ordered, differential diagnoses and treatment recommendations. The Monitor shall also inquire into the success or failure of the treatment, any complications and Respondent's recommendations regarding those complications. In the case of a chronic condition or ongoing treatment, the Monitor shall inquire regarding Respondent's continued treatment plan. The Monitor shall also review any consent forms obtained or discharge instructions provided with regard to any of these patients. The Monitor shall also review the records to determine compliance with the requirements of Wis. Adm. Code Sec. VE 7.03.
 - b) In the event the Monitor notes any significant concerns with Respondent's evaluations, diagnostics or treatment recommendations, the Monitor shall notify the Board in writing immediately.
 - c) It is the responsibility of the Respondent to arrange scheduling of this review with the Monitor and it shall be conducted no later than sixty days after completion of the educational programs.
 - d) Within fifteen days of the review, the Respondent shall ensure that the Monitor reports in writing to the Board his/her findings with regard to the adequacy of Respondent's evaluations, diagnostics, and treatment recommendations and the adequacy of the patient records.
7. All costs of the educational courses, monitoring, approvals and reporting functions shall be the responsibility of the Respondent. Respondent shall ensure timely payment of any bills submitted to him for these services within thirty days of receipt unless other arrangements are made with the agreement of the individual billing for the services.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that certifications, affidavits, reports or other documents required to be filed with

the Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board be filed with:

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

All certifications, affidavits, reports or other documents required to be filed with the Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board will be deemed filed with the Veterinary Examining Board upon receipt by the Department Monitor.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall appear before the Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board, if an appearance is requested by the Board, at the conclusion of the education program to establish that he has complied with all of the terms of this Final Decision and Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that upon satisfaction of all the terms of this Final Decision and Order, Respondent will receive a full and unrestricted license.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall pay costs in the amount of eleven hundred fifty dollars (\$1150.00) payable to the Department of Regulation and Licensing, 1400 East Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin 53708 within thirty days of the effective date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Count II of the Complaint is hereby dismissed.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 29th day of September, 2004.

WISCONSIN VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

Larry Mahr
A Member of the Board