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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 :  
GERALD J. LEPAR, D.V.M. : LS04120110VET  
RESPONDENT :  
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The parties to this action for the purposes of sec. 227.53, Wis. Stats., are:

Gerald J. Lepar, D.V.M.  
3150 Blossom Drive  
West Bloomfield, Mi 48324

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, Gerald J. Lepar, 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. Gerald J. Lepar, D.V.M., Respondent herein, of 3150 Blossom Dr., West Bloomfield, Michigan 48324, d/o/b August 6, 1957, is currently licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Wisconsin under license number 4806 which was granted on March 14, 1997.
2. An investigation, entitled 01 Vet 038, is pending in this matter before the Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board.
3. On November 15, 2000, a 16 year old male cat owned by TB, was presented at the Crowne Pointe Veterinary Hospital Brookfield, WI, for evaluation of weight and hair loss of approximately five month duration. After evaluation and testing, the cat was diagnosed with diabetes and treatment was initiated.
4. TB's cat received ongoing treatment from Respondent from November 16, 2000 through July 30, 2001.
5. Respondent's treatment of the Breunig cat included individual glucose evaluations but not a glucose curve or fructosamine assay.
6. Respondent contends that he offered the glucose curve and the client declined. The client disputes this assertion and claims no offer was made.
7. Respondent's records do not reflect an offer of a glucose curve as part of the treatment plan for TB's cat. Respondent's records do, however, reflect that on January 13, 2001 and January 31, 2001, Respondent did consider use of a glucose curve as part of the treatment plan.
8. TB, the cat's owner, would increase or decrease the cat's insulin dosage on his own initiative.
9. Respondent's last contact with TB was by telephone on June 18, 2001, after which the client transferred to another veterinary facility.
10. The Respondent has fully 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 constituted a violation of Wis. Adm. Code Sec. VE 7.06 (1) in that he failed to order a glucose curve and/or fructosamine assay to determine to effectively monitor the cat and therefore had insufficient knowledge of the cat's condition to make determinations of the effectiveness of the treatment that was being provided including appropriate dosage amounts of medication.

### ORDER

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED as follows:

1. Within six months of the effective date of this Order, Dr. Lepar shall participate in and successfully complete a minimum of four hours of continuing education in the diagnosis, treatment and monitoring of the diabetic cat with a focus on the importance of a blood glucose curve and fructosamine assay as diagnostic tools and the long term complications associated with diabetes. If, subsequent to June 18, 2001 but prior to the date of this Order, Dr. Lepar has successfully completed courses which may meet the requirements set forth in this paragraph, he may submit a syllabus and completion certification for consideration by the Board.

2. Within six months of the effective date of this Order, Dr. Lepar shall participate in and successfully complete a one hour record keeping course.

3. All courses taken in satisfaction of this Order shall be pre-approved by the Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board or by the Board's designee.

4. With regard to the reeducation set forth in paragraphs one and two above, Dr. Lepar shall 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 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 Dr. Lepar 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 Dr. Lepar 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 Dr. Lepar.

5. Within 30 days after the courses identified in paragraph one above are concluded, Dr. Lepar 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, Dr. Lepar shall provide an Affidavit indicating that he has completed the requirements of the course/s.

6. All costs of the educational programs shall be the responsibility of Dr. Lepar.

7. Respondent shall pay costs in this matter in the amount of \$775 payable to the Department of Regulation and Licensing within sixty days of the effective date of this Order.

8. Submission of all required documentation and payment of costs shall be mailed to:

Department Monitor  
Division of Enforcement  
Department of Regulation and Licensing  
P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935  
Telephone (608) 267-3817  
Fax (608) 266-2264

9. Violation of any of the terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondent's license. The Board in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order. In the event Respondent fails to pay costs as ordered, the Respondent's license SHALL BE SUSPENDED, without further

notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of this Order.

10. This Order is effective upon signing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the pending investigation entitled 01 Vet 050 is hereby closed without further proceedings.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2004.

WISCONSIN VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

Larry Mahr  
A Member of the Board