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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :

LIANE A. WILKINSON, D.V.M.
RESPONDENT.

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
LS0702211VET

Division of Enforcement Case # 04 VET 017

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

Liane A. Wilkinson, D.V.M.
W4726 5th Avenue
Trego, WI 54888

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final decision of this matter, subject to the approval of the Veterinary Examining Board. The Board has reviewed the attached Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Liane A. Wilkinson, D.V.M., ("Respondent") was born on July 29, 1959, and is duly licensed as doctor of veterinary medicine in the state of Wisconsin pursuant to license number 4334. This license was first granted on June 9, 1995.
2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board is W4726 5th Avenue, Trego, Wisconsin 54888.
3. At all times relevant to this action, Respondent was working as doctor of veterinary medicine at Creatures Great & Small, in Spooner, Wisconsin.
4. On April 5, 2004, client FW brought her Pekinese to Respondent's clinic, to arrange to have the dog's teeth cleaned.

5. Respondent suggested that Respondent should spay the dog at the same time, as long as the dog was going to be anesthetized to have its teeth cleaned, and that by doing both procedures at one visit, client FW would save the cost and avoid the risk of a second anesthesia for the dog.

6. Client FW agreed to have both procedures performed at the same visit, and made an appointment to have Respondent perform the procedures on April 20, 2004. Client FW delivered the dog to Respondent's clinic on April 20, 2004, and returned to pick up the dog late that afternoon.

7. When Client FW returned to pick up her dog on the afternoon of April 20, 2004, Respondent informed client FW that the dog had been spayed, but that she had not cleaned the dog's teeth because she had run out of time to do both procedures.

8. Respondent explained that the dog was in heat, and that had made the surgery more time consuming; and that she had been called out on large animal calls she had not expected.

9. The dog was not fully conscious, and Client FW was reluctant to take the dog home because she was concerned about the dog's condition and her ability to care for the dog as it recovered from the anesthesia.

10. Respondent offered to keep the dog at the clinic, but informed Client FW that there would not be anyone at the clinic to monitor the dog's condition. Client FW took the dog home with her.

11. Client FW called Respondent during the evening, concerned about the dog's condition; after a brief conversation about the dog's condition, Respondent reassured the client that the dog was doing fine.

12. Respondent offered to clean the dog's teeth in a second operation at a reduced cost, waiving the charges for the anesthesia. Client FW declined, and took the dog elsewhere for further treatment.

13. Respondent's records for this dog did not fully describe the circumstances of the surgery, or the dog's condition, or Respondent's rationale for choosing to perform the surgery when she did not have sufficient time to permit the dog to be recovered from the anesthesia before it would be discharged to the owner or left unobserved; nor did the records suggest why Respondent choose to do the surgery she had suggested to the client, instead of the dental cleaning the client had requested; nor did the records describe or suggest Respondent's rationale for deciding that subjecting the dog to two episodes of anesthesia was preferable to deferring both procedures to a later date.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §453.07, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation and Order, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. The conduct described in paragraphs 5 through 14, above, constitutes a violation of Wis. Stat. § 453.07(1)(f).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Liane A. Wilkinson, D.V.M., is REPRIMANDED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT

2. The license previously granted to Liane A. Wilkinson, D.V.M., is LIMITED by the conditions that, **within twelve months of the date of this Order:**

- a. She complete continuing veterinary medicine education in the topics of surgical monitoring and care (4 hours); canine reproduction (4 hours); canine dental care (4 hours); client communications and professional responsibility (4 hours), and veterinary medical documentation and record keeping (8 hours).
- b. Respondent shall be responsible for locating courses to fulfill the required continuing education order.
- c. Respondent shall obtain Board approval for any course she intends to take in compliance with this order, before she takes the course. The Board may reject any course, and may accept a course for less than the number of hours for which Respondent seeks approval. Respondent is responsible for all costs associated with the compliance with this order. No part of the continuing education required by this order may be applied to the continuing education required for renewal of the Respondent's credential or to any other continuing education requirement imposed on Respondent by the Board.

- d. All requests for approval of courses for compliance with this Order shall be addressed to

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- e. Respondent shall submit satisfactory evidence of completion of the continuing education within thirty days of completing the continuing education. Certificates of completion of the continuing education shall be sent to

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3. Subject to the increase that may be required by sub-paragraph a, below, **within six months of the completion of the continuing education required by this Order**, Respondent shall provide the Board with her records of the next ten surgical cases she performs following her completion of all of the continuing education required by this Order. The Board or its designee will review those records to evaluate Respondent's practice and compliance with the standards of the profession following her completion of the education required by this Order. **At least three of the surgical records Respondent submits for evaluation under this paragraph of this Order shall describe treatment of animals that received more than one procedure under a single session of anesthesia.** Respondent shall clearly describe the indications for each procedure performed, and shall not perform any procedure that is not requested by the owner and clearly justified by the animal's condition.
- a. In the event that the next ten surgical cases Respondent has following completion of the continuing education required by this Order do not include at least three cases involving multiple procedures under a single session of anesthesia, Respondent shall submit records of as many surgical cases as may be required to include three cases of multiple procedures on a single animal in a single surgical episode.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

4. Respondent shall, within 180 days from the date of this Order, pay costs of this proceeding in the amount of Eight Hundred (\$800.00) dollars. Payment shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing, and mailed to:

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5. 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 or fails to comply with the ordered continuing education, the Respondent's license(#4334) SHALL BE SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of this Order.

6 This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board

By: Robert Spencer
A Member of the Board

2/21/07
Date