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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
 : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
CARIANN L. TURBEVILLE, D.V.M. :
RESPONDENT. :
 : ORDER 0001024

[Division of Enforcement Case #07 VET 66]

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

Cariann L. Turbeville, D.V.M.
Verona Veterinary Medical SVC
655 Half Mile Road
Verona, WI 53593

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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. Cariann L. Turbeville, D.V.M. ("Respondent") was born on June 12, 1970, and is licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the state of Wisconsin pursuant to license number 4966-50. This license was first granted on May 21, 1999.

2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing is Verona Veterinary Medical SVC, 655 Half Mile Road, Verona, WI 53593.

3. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was working as a veterinarian at Verona Veterinary Medical Service, SC in Verona, Wisconsin.

4. On December 11, 2007, Client CB brought her five month old English Springer Spaniel puppy "Betel" in for an ovariohysterectomy, umbilical hernia repair, and amputation of a congenitally deformed left foreleg. Betel's pre-anesthetic blood work was normal. A physical exam showed that the deformed left foreleg was fused at the elbow and the distal aspect of the scapula, and all other systems were normal.

5. Respondent premedicated Betel with acepromazine 0.1mg IM (0.01ml at 10mg/ml), butorphanol 4mg IM (0.4ml at 10mg/ml), and Rimadyl 55mg SQ (1.1ml at 50 mg/ml) followed by inducing anesthesia with Telazol 28mg IV (0.28ml at 100mg/ml combined tiletamine/zolazepam). Respondent also administered cefazolin 280mg (2.8ml at 100mg/ml) due to the open wound present in the left foreleg. Betel was maintained on isoflurane throughout the surgeries.

6. Respondent performed the ovariohysterectomy first, during which she found several anatomical abnormalities. Respondent then completed the umbilical hernia repair and then performed the amputation of the left forelimb at the level of the shoulder. She placed a Penrose drain and then closed the amputation wound. Throughout the surgery, there was a moderate amount of bleeding, but not an amount that would be considered excessive. Betel's heart rate, blood pressure, ECG, respiration rate were all normal during the procedures.

7. After the surgery was completed, Client CB was informed that Betel had recovered from the anesthesia, was fine, and was ready to be picked up. When Client CB arrived to pick up Betel, respondent informed CB that Betel had started hemorrhaging, with frank blood suddenly coming from the drain. Respondent immediately applied pressure and placed a pressure bandage on the site of the drain. Betel had lost an estimated 80-100 ml of blood. Respondent advised CB to take Betel to the Veterinary Emergency Service in Middleton ("EVS") for 24 hour care and monitoring. Prior to transport, blood was drawn to recheck the PCV and TP which were 31% and 6.0 respectively. Betel had strong synchronous femoral pulses, a heart rate of 96 bpm. Respondent concluded Betel appeared to be stable for transport.

8. When the Client CB arrived at EVS, Betel was not breathing. Emergency Veterinary Service staff began CPR, but could not resuscitate her. Dr. Leslie Estelle performed a necropsy which revealed large blood clots were found at the site of the forelimb amputation, especially over the supraglenoid tubercle of scapula and cranial to coracoids process of the scapula. There was no exact cause of death determined. However, Dr. Estelle concluded given the significant hemorrhaging, it is highly probable that Betel was in shock and bled to death.

9. Respondent failed to properly identify, and adequately treat the patient for hemorrhagic shock and failed to monitor the recovering patient.

10. Respondent failed to place another IV catheter and start the patient on IV fluids prior to transport.

11. Respondent's conduct in providing care and treatment to Betel failed to meet the minimum standards of acceptable veterinary practice and evidence a lack of knowledge or the ability to apply professional principles and skills in the following manner:

- a. Respondent's failure to treat the patient for hemorrhagic shock;
- b. Respondent's failure to properly prepare the patient for transport.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §453.07(2), and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation and Order, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. Respondent's conduct of failing to treat the patient for hemorrhagic shock and failure to properly prepare the patient for transport as described in paragraphs 9-11, above, constitutes a violation of Wis. Admin. Code §VE 7.06(1).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Respondent's license to practice veterinary medicine in the state of Wisconsin shall be LIMITED to require that, within nine (9) months of the date of this Order, Respondent shall locate and successfully complete:

- a. a minimum of ten (10) hours of continuing education in the area of monitoring post operatively and identifying and treating hemorrhagic shock. The course(s) attended in satisfaction of this requirement may not be used to satisfy the statutory continuing education requirements for licensure.

2. Respondent shall be responsible for locating the course(s) required under this Order, for providing adequate course descriptions to the Department Monitor, and for obtaining pre-approval of the courses from the Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board, or its designee, prior to commencement of the programs.

3. Within thirty (30) days following completion of the course(s) identified in paragraph 2 above, Respondent shall file with the Department Monitor certifications from the sponsoring organization(s) verifying her attendance at the required courses.

4. All costs of the educational programs shall be the responsibility of the Respondent.

5. Upon successful completion of the educational programs, submission and approval of the records and payment of the costs set forth below, Respondent's license to practice veterinary medicine shall be restored to unlimited status.

6. Respondent shall, within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, pay COSTS of this proceeding in the amount of SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00) dollars. Payment shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing, and mailed to:

Department Monitor
Division of Enforcement
Department of Regulation and Licensing
P.O. Box 8935
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7. 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 timely submit payment of the costs or fails to comply with the ordered continuing education as set forth above, the Respondent's license (# 4966-50) may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the payment of the costs or completion of the continuing education.

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

Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board

By: Mathina Greedm JD
A Member of the Board

8/3/11
Date