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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY	:	
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
MONICA A. INNIS, D.V.M.,	:	
RESPONDENT.	:	

ORDER 0001163

[Division of Enforcement Case #10 VET 061]

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

Monica A. Inniss, D.V.M.
Community Veterinary Clinic
3010 South Chase Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53207

Division of Enforcement
Department of Safety and Professional Services
1400 East Washington Avenue
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board
Department of Safety and Professional Services
1400 East Washington Avenue
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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 (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. Monica A. Inniss, D.V.M. ("Respondent"), was born on March 18, 1955, and is licensed to practice as a veterinarian in the State of Wisconsin (license #3156-50). This license was first granted on July 14, 1988.

2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Veterinary Examining Board is 3010 South Chase Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

3. At all times relevant to this action, Respondent was employed as a licensed veterinarian at Community Veterinary Clinic, located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

4. On October 18, 2010, "Butch," a twelve year old male dog, Jack Russell Terrier, presented for dental prophylaxis and removal of two lipomas.

5. Respondent saw Butch after he was anesthetized and prepared for his dental procedure. Respondent's examination of Butch's dental state revealed mobility, root exposure and advanced gingivitis and periodontitis.

6. After the dental examination, Respondent was informed of blood work done for Butch earlier in the day. Respondent then reviewed the blood work, noting elevation of four values.

7. Respondent decided to extract a total of nine diseased teeth and to not remove the lipomas based on the length of time the patient would need to remain under anesthesia and the Respondent's perception that the lipomas do not pose an immediate threat.

8. Respondent did not consult Butch's owner about the changes in procedures.

9. Anesthetization lowers blood pressure and adds pressure to the patient's kidneys during and after the procedure. Respondent did not conduct pre-operative blood work review to determine the candidacy of a patient for surgery or procedure involving anesthesia.

10. Respondent did not administer intravenous fluids during and after anesthetization, which would have helped relieve insult on the patient's kidneys.

11. At the end of the October 18, 2010 appointment, Respondent recommended a prescription diet to treat the patient's renal failure. On October 27, 2010, Butch presented for a reexamination of his kidney values. Respondent reviewed that day's bloodwork and recommended a more aggressive treatment with fluids, which Respondent should have recommended at the October 18th appointment.

12. Respondent did not perform additional tests during either appointment to determine whether the cause for Butch's renal failure is a treatable condition, such as leptospirosis, lyme disease, or pyelonephritis.

13. Respondent's failure to perform pre-operative blood work review and additional tests to determine the cause of the patient's renal failure deviated from the standard practice and minimum competence in veterinary medicine.

14. Respondent's veterinarian records for this patient were deficient in that information such as who approved or performed which duties is not discernible.

15. Respondent's record keeping deviated from the standard practice and minimum competence in the practice of veterinary medicine.

CONCLUSION 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 above in paragraphs 5-12 constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § VE 7.06(1) and subjects Respondent to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 453.07(2)(a).

3. The conduct described above in paragraph 14 violated Wis. Admin. Code § VE 7.03(2), which constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § VE 7.06(15) and subjects Respondent to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 453.07(2)(a).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Monica A. Inniss, D.V.M. (license #3156-50) is REPRIMANDED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

2. Respondent's license to practice veterinary medicine is LIMITED by the condition that, within one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall obtain and successfully complete, (1) at least two (2) hours of education in record keeping; (2) at least six (6) hours of education in the areas of anesthesia and renal disease; and (3) at least two (2) hours of education as it relates to communication with clients and staff.

- a. Respondent shall locate and have the Board or its designee pre-approve the educational programs prior to Respondent completing them.
- b. Within 30 days after Respondent has completed each educational program, Respondent shall submit to the Department Monitor proof of her attendance and that she has successfully completed the educational program.
- c. Respondent cannot apply these hours of education to the biennial continuing education requirements.
- d. The Limitation shall be removed from Respondent's license after she has satisfied the Board or its designee that she has successfully completed all of the ordered education.

- e. Requests for pre-approval of education and proof of successful completion shall be submitted to the Department Monitor at the address below.
- f. Respondent is responsible for all costs of compliance with this Order.

3. Respondent shall, within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, pay costs of this proceeding in the amount of SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$600.00). Payment shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services, and mailed to:

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

4. 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 provide evidence of satisfactory completion of the education, or pay the costs as set forth above in a timely matter, the Respondent's license (#3156-50) may, in the discretion of the board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has paid costs and submitted evidence of satisfactory completion of the education.

5. This Order shall become effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

By:
A Member of the Board

10-19-11
Date