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## STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF A PETITON FOR AN : ADMINISTRATIVE INJUNCTION INVOLVING :

ADMINISTRATIVE INJUNCTION

JIM BONDOWSKI, RESPONDENT.

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance<sup>1</sup> Case No. 12 UNL 087

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

Jim Bondowski W11687 State Road 21 Coloma, Wisconsin 54930

Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services P.O. Box 8935 Madison, WI 53708-8935

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services P.O. Box 8935 Madison, WI 53708-8935

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department). The Department has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Department adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent Jim Bondowski is not and has never been certified as a veterinary technician or licensed as a veterinarian in the State of Wisconsin.
- 2. The most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) for Respondent is W11687 State Road 21, Coloma, Wisconsin 54930.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Division of Legal Services and Compliance was formerly known as the Division of Enforcement.

- 3. All conduct alleged below occurred within the state of Wisconsin.
- 4. On or about November 2, 2012, Division investigator (consumer protection investigator) reviewed Respondent's website which stated, "Jim is a licensed veterinary technician and also certified as an Equine Massage Therapist. This qualifies him to do chiropractic, acupuncture, acupressure, and massage on horses, dogs and cats."
- 5. Consumer protection investigator called Respondent to follow up on a complaint filed with the Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department). The complaint stated Respondent was advertising veterinarian technician services without a veterinarian license and without veterinarian supervision as required by Wis. Stat. § 453.05(2) (d).
- 6. On or about December 17, 2012, Respondent initially told a consumer protection investigator that he did not know who maintained the website. The consumer protection investigator informed Respondent that his wife maintained the website. Respondent then indicated he was not saying he would not take the website down. He then admitted that the website was old and he had not been to the website in three years.
- 7. On or about December 17, 2012, the consumer protection investigator asked Respondent when he would remove the website or incorrect portion of the website. Respondent did not give a date by which he would remove the unlawful information.
- 8. As of January 17, 2013, Respondent continued to maintain a website stating, "Jim is a licensed veterinary technician and also certified as an Equine Massage Therapist. This qualifies him to do chiropractic, acupuncture, acupressure, and massage on horses, dogs and cats."
- 9. On March 22, 2013, the Division confirmed that Respondent is not yet certified as a veterinary technician.
- 10. Respondent, by the conduct described above, has held himself out as a certified veterinary technician, when he is not certified.
  - 11. Respondent offered services that are within the definition of veterinarian medicine.
- 12. No person may engage in veterinarian medicine unless they are licensed as a veterinarian or are certified as a veterinarian technician and practicing under the direct supervision of a veterinarian.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code ch. SPS 3 and Wis. Stat. § 440.21, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation and Order pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).
- 2. The conduct described above constitutes the unlicensed practice of a veterinary medicine, including practice as a veterinary technician, contrary to Wis. Stat. § 453.05(1).

### **ORDER**

- 1. The attached stipulation is accepted.
- 2. Unless and until Respondent is properly certified as a veterinary technician and working under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian, or is himself licensed as a veterinarian by the Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board, Respondent is enjoined and prohibited from practice veterinary medicine, including practice as a veterinary technician, in the State of Wisconsin.
- 3. Violation of this special order may result in a forfeiture of up to \$10,000 for each day of violation. See Wis. Stat. § 440.21(4)(a).
- 4. If the Department determines that there is probable cause to believe that Respondent has violated any terms of this Administrative Injunction, the Department may refer the violations covered by this decision and order to any appropriate prosecutorial unit for review for possible criminal charges.

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Issued at Madison, Wisconsin, this 20th day of May, 2013.

By:

Michael J. Berndt, Chief Counsel On behalf of the Department