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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

WILLIAM A. CROFT, JR., D.V.M.,
RESPONDENT.

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

0003194

Division of Legal Services and Compliance¹ Case No. 13 VET 015

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

William A. Croft, Jr., D.V.M.
521 Hilltop Dr.
Madison, WI 54114-1213

Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board
P.O. Box 8366
Madison, WI 53708-8366

Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190
Madison, WI 53707-7190

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 Veterinary Examining Board (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, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent William A. Croft, Jr., D.V.M. (dob July 24, 1942) is licensed in the State of Wisconsin to practice veterinary medicine, having license number 1098-50, first issued on January 1, 1970, and current through December 14, 2015. Dr. Croft's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 521 Hilltop Drive, Madison, Wisconsin 54114-1213.

¹ The Division of Legal Services and Compliance was formerly known as the Division of Enforcement.

2. Respondent is not now and never has been licensed to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Wisconsin.

3. On May 14, 2012, after a hearing on the merits, an administrative law judge, on behalf of the Secretary of the Department of Safety and Professional Services, issued a special order as follows:

Respondent William A. Croft, Jr., [shall] hereby cease the practice of medicine in the State [sic] of Wisconsin as that [phrase] is defined by Wis. Stat. § 448.01(9), until such time as he may become licensed pursuant to the requirements of Wis. Stat. § 448.05, and [Wis. Admin. Code ch. MED 1]. Specifically, Respondent shall cease from engaging in the following activities: (1) examining into the fact, condition or cause of human health or disease (as disease is defined in Wis. Stat. § 448.01(2)) and treating, operating, prescribing or advising for same, by any means or instrumentality; (2) applying principles or techniques of medical sciences in the diagnosis or prevention of any of the conditions described in (1); and (3) offering, undertaking, attempting or doing or holding himself out in any manner as able to do any of the acts described in Wis. Stat. § 448.01(9).

4. On or about October 2012, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Respondent took a urine sample from an adult male human being, A.F. In the context of a worker's compensation issue, Respondent analyzed A.F.'s urine, reviewed A.F.'s medical records, and examined biopsies of A.F.'s lung and thyroid goiter.

5. On October 26, 2012, in a resulting pathology report, Respondent wrote, *inter alia*:

This mediastinum growth represents ectopic thyroid adenoma. This encapsulated thyroid tumor is composed of follicles with normal structure and highly undifferentiated immature follicles of thyroid tumor tissue. The immature tissue cells are not allowed to form normal follicles cells due to inhibition of protein synthesis. There also is a severe deposition of fibrin within the arteries of the tumor tissue. The pathology clearly demonstrates exposure to highly irritating exopoxides of Trichothecene Mycotoxins resulting in a cellular changes [sic] that of **Stage II** of Mycotoxicosis within the ectopic tumor tissue. Rupture arteries is common due to the degeneration of the vascular walls due to mycotoxins [sic]. These chemicals are cumulative in the biological effects [of A.F.] and have caused moderate degeneration of his body tissue or his body due to exposure to the Trichothecene Mycotoxins.

Emphasis in original.

6. Respondent concluded that A.F. was being exposed to high levels of Trichothecene Mycotoxins, and the results of the urinalysis indicated that "there is systemic yeast infestation within A.F.'s body. He further advised A.F. that:

There is no safe level of Trichothecene Mycotoxins. The central nervous system, including the brain and spinal cord, and the lungs are primary target organs with inhalation Mycotoxicosis. This Mycotoxin can affect every cell in the body, but the brain, lungs, immune system, gastrointestinal system and reproductive system are especially susceptible. The health effects on the body are **cumulative** and exposure should be avoided at all costs.

Emphasis in original.

7. On June 27, 2013, Respondent admitted that he continued to examine human urine and biopsies to determine whether or not there was evidence of epoxide exposure and the stage of illness within the human body.

8. Respondent neither admits nor denies these facts but agrees that they are sufficient to support the Conclusions of Law and Order below. Respondent has decided to resolve this matter through stipulation.

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 pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. The conduct described in Findings of Fact ¶¶ 4-6 constitutes the unlicensed practice of medicine and surgery, as defined by Wis. Stat. § 448.01(9).

3. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, ¶¶ 4-6, William A. Croft, Jr., D.V.M. violated the terms of the May 14, 2012 special order enjoining him from engaging in the unlicensed practice of medicine and surgery. By violating the terms of the May 14, 2012, special order, Respondent has committed unprofessional conduct in violation of Wis. Stat. § 453.07(1).

4. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, William A. Croft, Jr., D.V.M. violated Wis. Admin. Code § VE 7.06(21), by exceeding the scope of veterinary practice by providing medical treatment to humans.

5. As a result of the above violations, William A. Croft, Jr., D.V.M. is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 453.07(2).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. The license to practice veterinary medicine in the state of Wisconsin issued to Respondent William A. Croft, Jr., D.V.M., (license number 1098-50), is **SUSPENDED** indefinitely.

3. The **SUSPENSION** is hereby **STAYED** and shall remain stayed unless and until the Board receives evidence sufficient to satisfy the Board or its designee that Respondent has held himself out as authorized to perform acts that constitute the practice of medicine and surgery, or engages or attempts to engage in the practice of medicine and surgery in any jurisdiction in which he is not licensed to do so.

4. Respondent's license to practice veterinary medicine in the state of Wisconsin is further **LIMITED** as follows: Respondent shall, upon request of the Board or its designee, with or without advance notice, make available to the Board or its designee any files pertaining to

individual clients and/or allow inspection of any business with which Respondent is associated that concerns mycotoxin, mold, or any sample(s) of human tissue. This LIMITATION is permanent.

5. Within 90 days from the date of this Order, William A. Croft, Jr., D.V.M. shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$850.00.

6. Payment of costs (made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services) shall be sent by Respondent to the Department Monitor at the address below:

Department Monitor
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

7. Violation of any of the terms of this Order, including any conduct that constitutes the practice or attempted practice of medicine and surgery, 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 costs as ordered or violates any terms and conditions of the Order, Respondent's license (no. 1098-50) may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with payment of costs and complied with the terms and conditions of the Order.

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

WISCONSIN VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

by: Wesley S. Eghrd DVM
A Member of the Board

4-30-14
Date

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STIPULATION

0003194

Division of Legal Services and Compliance¹ Case No. 13 VET 015

Respondent William A. Croft, Jr., D.V.M. and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services stipulate as follows:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.

2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:

- the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondent, at which time the State has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence;
- the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Respondent;
- the right to call witnesses on Respondent's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
- the right to testify on Respondent's own behalf;
- the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision;
- the right to petition for rehearing; and
- all other applicable rights afforded to Respondent under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.

3. Respondent is aware of Respondent's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation.

4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board (Board). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

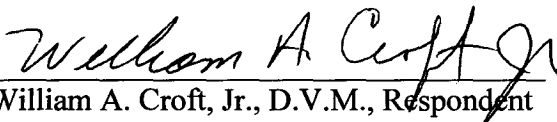
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5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

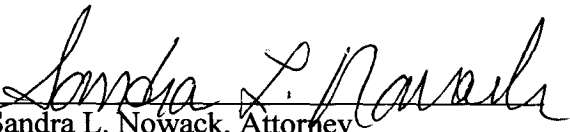
6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Board ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Board may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Board should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

7. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.


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