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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
BRIDGET MONTGOMERY-HAMM, D.V.M., :
RESPONDENT. :

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Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Case No. 15 VET 024

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the Stipulation, incorporated herein, as the final disposition of this matter.

Accordingly, the Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board (the Board) adopts the Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

PARTIES

1. The Board is created and attached to the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 15.135(5).

2. Dr. Bridget Montgomery-Hamm, D.V.M. (dob November 8, 1969) (Respondent), is licensed in the State of Wisconsin to practice veterinary medicine, having license number 4359-50, first issued on June 9, 1995, and current through December 14, 2017.

3. The Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (the Department) is E4512 HWY 22-54, Waupaca, Wisconsin 54987.

FINDINGS OF FACT

4. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was employed as a veterinarian at a rural mixed animal practice, Dairyland Animal Health, located in Weyauwega, Wisconsin.

5. On March 23, 2015, Respondent performed a dental procedure on Bubbles, a dog, extracting 16 teeth including maxillary canine teeth. The extraction sites were not sutured closed and Bubbles was not intubated for the procedure.

6. A subsequent provider examined Bubbles on March 25 and 26, 2015, and observed Bubbles in respiratory distress from infection suspected from aspiration during the March 23, 2015, procedure.

7. The individual patient record provided by Respondent for the March 23, 2015, procedure did not include physical examination findings.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

8. The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 89.07(2).

9. The Board is authorized to enter into the Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

ORDER

10. The Stipulation is accepted.

11. Within six months of the date of this Order, Respondent shall, at her own expense, take and successfully complete five hours of education as follows: two hours of record keeping and three hours of basic dental extractions as follows:

a. Each course attended in satisfaction of this Order must be pre-approved by the Board or its designee. Respondent shall be responsible for locating course(s) satisfactory to the Board and for obtaining the required approval of the courses from the Board or its designee. Respondent must take and pass any exam offered for the course(s).

b. Respondent shall submit proof of successful completion of the education in the form of verification from the institution providing the education to the Board at the address stated below.

c. None of the education completed pursuant to this requirement may be used to satisfy any continuing education requirements that have been or may be instituted by the Board or Department.

12. Proof of successful course completion shall be sent to:

Veterinary Examining Board
2811 Agriculture Drive
Madison, WI 53708-8911

13. In the event Respondent fails to timely submit proof of successful completion of the ordered education as set forth above, Respondent's license may, in the discretion of the Board, be suspended without further notice or hearing until Respondent has complied with completion of the education.

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

FOR WISCONSIN VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD:

by: P. C. Johnson DVM

1/25/16
Date

Print name: P C Johnson DVM
A Member of the Board

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STIPULATION

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Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Case No. 15 VET 024

Dr. Bridget Montgomery-Hamm, D.V.M. (Respondent) and the Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board (the Board) stipulate as follows:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Board. 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 Board 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 Board. The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the Final Decision and Order, incorporated herein, 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 proposed form.

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 Board 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 employee of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection and any member of the Board assigned as the case 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, the case advisor may, as a member of the Board, vote on whether the Board should accept this Stipulation and issue the 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 available to the public.


Dr. Bridget Montgomery-Hamm, D.V.M.
E4512 HWY 22-54
Waupaca, WI 54987
License no. 4359-50

1-6-2016
Date

FOR WISCONSIN VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD:

by: PC Johnson DVM
Print name: PC Johnson DVM
A Member of the Board

1/25/16
Date