DOCKET NO. 2016-059

IN THE MATTER OF § TEXAS BOARD OF
THE LICENSE OF § VETERINARY
BRADEN BOENING, D.V.M. § MEDICAL EXAMINERS

AGREED ORDER

On this the ___ day of April, 2016, came to be considered by the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (“Board”) the matter of the license of Braden Boening, D.V.M. (“Respondent”). Pursuant to Section 801.408 of the Texas Occupations Code, and Board Rule 575.29, an informal conference was held on February 22, 2016. Respondent attended the informal conference. The Board was represented at the conference by the Board’s Enforcement Committee.

Respondent, without admitting the truth of the findings and conclusions set out in this Agreed Order, wishes to waive a formal adjudicative hearing and thereby informally dispose of the issues without a formal adjudication. Respondent agrees to comply with the terms and conditions set forth in this Order. In waiving an adjudicative hearing, Respondent acknowledges his understanding of the alleged violations and the adequacy and sufficiency of the notice provided to him.

Upon the recommendation of the Enforcement Committee and with Respondent’s consent, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and enters this Agreed Order as set forth below.

Findings of Fact

1. Respondent, Braden Boening, D.V.M. of Floresville, Texas, holds Texas veterinary license 12875.

2. The Board has jurisdiction over the subject matter and Respondent. Respondent received notice, which may be required by law and by the rules of the Board. All jurisdictional requirements have been satisfied under Tex. Occ. Code Ann. Title 4 (“Act”). By entering into this Agreed Order, Respondent waives any defect in the notice and any further right to notice and hearing under the Act; Tex. Gov’t Code Ann. §§ 2001.051-054; and the Rules of the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (“Board Rules”) (22 Tex. Admin. Code, Chapter 575).

3. On October 29, 2014, Adela Pedraza presented her Chihuahua, Vinnie, to Dr. Braden Boening at Animal Crossing Veterinary Clinic for leg surgery. She believed that the surgery
would be performed on the left leg; however, Dr. Boening had determined that the condition of
the right leg was more severe and performed the surgery on the right leg. Dr. Boening failed to
obtain consent to perform the surgery on the right leg.

Conclusions of Law

1. Respondent is required to comply with the provisions of the Veterinary Licensing Act,
Chapter 801, Texas Occupations Code, and with the Board’s Rules.

2. Based on the above Findings of Fact, Respondent has violated Rule 573.22,
PROFESSIONAL STANDARD OF CARE, of the Board’s Rules of Professional Conduct, by
failing to obtain the client’s consent to perform treatment.

3. Based on Findings of Fact 1 through 3 and Conclusions of Law 1 through 2, Respondent
has violated Sections 801.402(6) of the Veterinary Licensing Act, Texas Occupations Code, and
is subject to disciplinary action by the Board:

801.402. GENERAL GROUNDS FOR LICENSE DENIAL OR DISCIPLINARY
ACTION. A person is subject to denial of a license or to disciplinary action under Section
801.401 if the person:

(6) engages in practice or conduct that violates the board’s rules of professional
conduct.

4. Based on Conclusions of Law 1 through 3, Respondent is subject to disciplinary action
under Section 801.401 of the Veterinary Licensing Act, Texas Occupations Code:

801.401. DISCIPLINARY POWERS OF BOARD. (a) If an applicant or license holder is
subject to denial of a license or to disciplinary action under Section 801.402, the Board
may: (a)

(1) refuse to examine an applicant or to issue or renew a license;
(2) revoke or suspend a license;
(3) place on probation a license holder or person whose license has been
suspended;
(4) reprimand a license holder; or
(5) impose an administrative penalty.

Mitigating Factor

In determining the appropriate sanction in this matter, the Board considered the following
mitigating factor: Respondent’s client consent form has been revised to allow for noting
procedures.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD AND RESPONDENT AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

Based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Board ORDERS that Respondent receive an INFORMAL REPRIMAND.

The Board further ORDERS that:

1. Respondent shall abide by the Rules of Professional Conduct, the Texas Veterinary Licensing Act, the laws of the State of Texas, and the laws of the United States.

2. Respondent shall cooperate with the Board's attorneys, investigators, compliance officers and other employees and agents investigating Respondent's compliance with this Agreed Order.

3. Failure by Respondent to comply with the terms of this Agreed Order or with any other provisions of the Licensing Act or the Board Rules, may result in further disciplinary action.

Respondent, by signing this Agreed Order, acknowledges his understanding of the Agreed Order, the notice, and Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth herein, and agrees that he will satisfactorily comply with the mandates of the Agreed Order in a timely manner or be subject to appropriate disciplinary action by the Board.

Respondent, by signing this Agreed Order, waives his right to a formal hearing and any right to seek judicial review of this Agreed Order. Respondent acknowledges that he had the right to be represented by legal counsel in this matter.

RESPONDENT WAIVES ANY FURTHER HEARINGS OR APPEALS TO THE BOARD OR TO ANY COURT IN REGARD TO ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS AGREED ORDER. RESPONDENT AGREES THAT THIS IS A FINAL ORDER.

The effective date of this Agreed Order shall be the date it is adopted by the Board.

Signature page follows.
I, BRADEN BOENING, D.V.M., HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING AGREED ORDER. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING IT, I WAIVE CERTAIN RIGHTS. I SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS ORDER CONTAINS THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND THERE IS NO OTHER AGREEMENT OF ANY KIND, VERBAL, WRITTEN OR OTHERWISE.

Braden Boening, D.V.M.

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF WILSON

BEFORE ME, on this day, personally appeared Braden Boening, D.V.M., known to me as the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing document, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes stated therein.

Given under the hand and seal of office this 10th day of March, 2016

Anna R. Rubio
Notary Public

SIGNED AND ENTERED by the TEXAS BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS on this the 19 April, 2016.

Roland Lenarduzzi, D.V.M., Board President