

DOCKET NO. 2008-28

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| IN THE MATTER | § | TEXAS STATE BOARD OF |
| OF THE LICENSE OF | § | |
| EMILY L. BRITTON, D.V.M. | § | VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS |

AGREED ORDER

On this, the 14th day of February, 2008, came on to be considered by the Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") the matter of the license of EMILY L. BRITTON, D.V.M. ("Respondent"). Pursuant to Section 801.2056, Texas Occupations Code, a committee of the Board's staff met on November 15, 2007 to consider alleged violations of the Veterinary Licensing Act and the Board's rules by Respondent.

Respondent, without admitting the truth of the findings and conclusions set out in this Agreed Order, wishes to waive a conference under Section 801.2056 and thereby dispose of the compliance issues set out below. Respondent agrees to comply with the terms and conditions set forth in this Order. In waiving the right to a conference, Respondent acknowledges their understanding of the alleged violations and the adequacy and sufficiency of the notice mailed to them.

Upon the recommendation of the staff 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. The Board has jurisdiction over the subject matter and Respondent. Respondent has received all notice which may be required by law and by the Board's rules. All jurisdictional requirements have been satisfied.

2. As the result of a compliance inspection by mail, the Board determined that Emily L. Britton, D.V.M., Rochester, New York, could not show proof of current registration with the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS). Dr. Britton was without a DPS registration for approximately one year, from June 2006 – June 25, 2007. As a result of the compliance inspection, Dr. Britton discovered she was not properly registered and promptly took actions to register. Dr. Britton received her DPS registration on June 25, 2007. On August 31, 2007, written notification was sent to Dr. Britton requesting any additional documentation regarding continuing education for that time period. Dr. Britton provided no further documentation regarding her registration with DPS. Dr. Britton no longer practices in Texas as of June 30, 2007.

3. Dr. Britton also dispensed controlled substances to animals for the period of June 2006 through June 25, 2007, when she was not registered with DPS.

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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 Findings of Fact 1, 2 and 3, Respondent has violated Rule 573.43, MISUSE OF DEA NARCOTICS REGISTRATION, of the Board's Rules of Professional Conduct, which states that a licensee may not prescribe, dispense, deliver or order delivered, any controlled substance, unless he is currently registered with the DEA and the DPS.
3. Based on Conclusions of Law 1 and 2, Respondent has violated Section 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 practices or conduct that violates the board's rules of professional conduct.

4. Based on Conclusions of Law 2 and 3, Respondent may be disciplined in the manner set out in Section 801.451, IMPOSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY, of the Veterinary Licensing Act, which authorizes an administrative penalty for violations of the Act and Board rules.

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

The Board ORDERS that Respondent pay, within 45 days of the date of this Order, an ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). If Respondent fails to pay the administrative penalty within 45 days of the date of this Order, Respondent's license shall be suspended until the penalty is paid.

The Board further ORDERS that:

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

order.

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

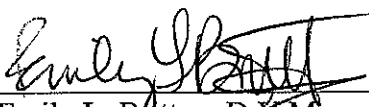
Respondent, by signing this Agreed Order, acknowledges their understanding of the Agreed Order, the notice, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law herein set forth, and agrees that they will satisfactorily comply with the mandates of the Agreed Order in a timely manner or be subject to appropriate disciplinary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

Respondent, by signing this Agreed Order, waives their right to a hearing and any right to seek judicial review of this Order. Respondent acknowledges that they are entitled to be represented by an attorney of Respondent's choice at their expense in any hearing before the Board.

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. NOTHING IN THIS ORDER SHALL BE DEEMED A WAIVER OF RESPONDENT'S RIGHTS UNDER STATUTE OR UNDER THE UNITED STATES OR TEXAS CONSTITUTIONS TO APPEAL AN ORDER OR ACTION OF THE BOARD SUBSEQUENT TO THIS AGREED ORDER EXCEPT AS RESPONDENT MAY HAVE OTHERWISE AGREED TO HEREIN. RESPONDENT AGREES THAT THIS IS A FINAL ORDER.

The date of this Agreed Order shall be the date it is adopted by the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.

I, EMILY L. BRITTON, 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.



Emily L. Britton, D.V.M.

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STATE OF New York
COUNTY OF Monroe

BEFORE ME, on this day, personally appeared Emily L. Britton, D.V.M., known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing Agreed Order, 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 January, 2008

Amy M. Laukaitis
Notary Public

AMY M. LAUKAITIS
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01LA5046591
Qualified in Monroe County
Commission Expires July 17, 2011

SIGNED AND ENTERED by the TEXAS STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS on this the 14th day of February, 2008.

Dr. Pat M. Allen
Patrick Allen, D.V.M.
Vice-President of the Board