

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF
VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

VS

LOUIS E. BUCK, D.V.M.

TEXAS VETERINARY MEDICAL
LICENSE NUMBER 1150

TEXAS VETERINARY MEDICAL
RENEWAL CERTIFICATE (1974)
NUMBER 86

FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

On the 8th day of June, A.D. 1974, the TEXAS STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS, being in regular meeting at THE CASTILLIAN in Austin, Travis County, Texas, such meeting being called for the purpose of hearing and considering the above numbered and entitled complaint, as well as for the consideration of other business, and the above entitled and numbered complaint having been previously scheduled for hearing and Defendant, the said DR. LOUIS E. BUCK, having waived service of citation and accepted service in said cause by sworn instrument dated the 24th day of May, 1974, and the entire membership of the TEXAS STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS being present to-wit:

DR. JOHN E. WILKINS, JR., President	of Greenville, Texas
DR. DAN J. ANDERSON, Vice President	of Fort Worth, Texas
DR. ROY A. RIDDELS, Secretary	of Sherman, Texas
DR. WALLACE H. CARDWELL, Member	of Elgin, Texas
DR. BEN W. HOPSON, Member	of Laredo, Texas
DR. GORDON S. YEARGAN, JR., Member	of Gainesville, Texas

whereupon the President of the Board, DR. JOHN E. WILKINS, JR., ordered the case to proceed at which time it was ascertained that DR. LOUIS E. BUCK was present in person and represented by Counsel, the Honorable Larry Bales. Whereupon the Board then proceeded to hear the evidence presented by the State, and by the said DR. LOUIS E. BUCK, in his behalf. After such hearing the Board went into executive session to consider the evidence and after consideration and deliberation of all the evidence that has been presented, the TEXAS STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS, on the same day, Saturday, June 8, 1974, all of the above members of said Board being present and participating, makes the following findings, to-wit:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Board finds that all statutory requisites to its jurisdiction have been met.
2. That at no time during treatment of the dog belonging to the said MICHELE SANCHEZ did the said DR. BUCK request an x-ray (radiograph) made of said leg on the same day the dog was presented to him for treatment, nor did he make or have made an x-ray for diagnostic and treatment purposes.
3. That the said DR. BUCK utilized an unorthodox and professionally questionable method of casting said broken leg.
4. That the method of immobilizing the casted leg was professionally improper resulting in the leg being unable to heal.
5. That approximately two weeks after DR. BUCK treated, casted and immobilized the leg of said dog an x-ray made by another veterinarian clearly shows that the ends of the broken bone were not properly appositioned.
6. That approximately two weeks after said leg was improperly set and casted it was necessary to insert an intramedullary pin to obtain healing.
7. That on or about November 29, 1973 while in his clinic, the said DR. BUCK directed abusive and profane language to the complainant, MICHELE SANCHEZ when requested by her to make a refund.
8. That the said DR. BUCK did state to the said MICHELE SANCHEZ that "the other Doctors are trying to rip you off."

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. That failure to request the prior x-ray and/or failure to make or have made an x-ray for diagnostic purposes is a violation of Article 7465a, Vernon's Annotated Texas Statutes, Subsection (e) of Section 14 and of Rules of Professional Conduct No. 4, 11, 18 duly promulgated by the TEXAS STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS.
2. That the method of casting and immobilizing said leg was professionally improper and a violation of Article 7465a, Vernon's Annotated Texas Statutes, Subsection (e) of Section 14 and of Rules of Professional Conduct No. 4, 11, 18.
3. That the failure to properly apposition the ends of the said broken bones is a violation of Article 7465a, Vernon's Annotated Texas Statutes, Subsection (e) of Section 14 and Rules of Professional Conduct No. 4, 11, 18.

4. THAT THE ABOVE FOUND ABUSIVE AND PROFANE LANGUAGE IS A VIOLATION OF Article 7465a, Vernon's Annotated Texas Statutes, Section 14 (e) and Rules of Professional Conduct No. 2 and 11.

That the above found statement that "those other Doctors are trying to rip you off" is a violation of Article 7465a, Vernon's Annotated Texas Statutes, Subsection (e) of Section 14 and constitutes unprofessional conduct and is a violation of Rule No. 2 of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

ORDERS OF THE BOARD

It is accordingly ORDERED that Texas Veterinary Medical License Number 1150 and 1974-1975 Renewal Certificate Number 86 heretofore issued by the TEXAS STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS to DR. LOUIS E. BUCK be and the same are HEREBY SUSPENDED for a period of SIXTY (60) DAYS from date of receipt of this order, from which date of receipt time for filing appeal from this order shall run.

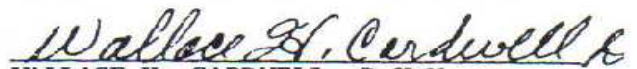
The above findings and orders of the TEXAS STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS are entered as the order of the Board by an unanimous vote of the members of the Board all of whom were present and participating in such hearing, and such findings and orders are hereby made on this the 8th day of June, 1974, at THE CASTILLIAN, Austin, Travis County, Texas.

The Executive Secretary of the Board is ORDERED to prepare the Board's findings and orders in appropriate form and submit the same to the members of the Board for their approval, and signature and to transmit a copy to the said DR. LOUIS E. BUCK at his current address, to-wit:

DR. LOUIS E. BUCK
3116 Wheeler
Austin, TX 78705

MADE the 8th day of June, 1974, and entered the 15 day of July, 1974.


JOHN E. WILKINS, JR., D.V.M.
President


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Member


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Member

THE STATE OF TEXAS X

COUNTY OF TRAVIS X

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public in and for Travis County, Texas, on this day personally appeared BUDDY L. TODD, who after being by me duly sworn upon oath deposes and says that:

The said BUDDY L. TODD, being an employee of the Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, did in the course of his employment make certain investigations into the professional conduct of one DR. LOUIS E. BUCK, Texas Veterinary Medical License No. 1150, 1974-1975 Renewal Certificate No. 86, a practitioner of veterinary medicine in the State of Texas, and in the course of said investigation it has come to the attention of the said BUDDY L. TODD that on or about the dates hereinafter specified that the said DR. LOUIS E. BUCK did commit one or more of the following acts, and/or omissions, or a combination thereof or all of same said acts and/or omissions being in violation of Section and (e) 14(c)/, Article 7465a, Vernon's Annotated Texas Statutes, and of Rules of Professional Conduct No. 4, 11 and 18 as promulgated by the Board in accordance with the law, as follows, to-wit:

That on or about Wednesday the 14th day of November, 1973, MICHELE SANCHEZ presented her Irish Setter dog to DR. BUCK at his office in Austin, Travis County, Texas for treatment of a broken right hind leg. DR. BUCK accepted said dog, kept it over night and when DR. BUCK returned the dog to MICHELE SANCHEZ the next day the leg was wrapped with newspaper and tape and the leg taped to the dog's body. DR. BUCK informed said MICHELE SANCHEZ that it was not necessary to use an x-ray even though he had been informed an x-ray had been made by another veterinarian and was available.

On or about November 20, 1973 the dog was returned to DR. BUCK for the reason the tape had slipped and the dog's leg was hanging. Upon examination DR. BUCK informed MICHELE SANCHEZ that the bone had not slipped out of place and everything was okay.

On or about November 27, 1973 the dog was again returned to DR. BUCK for treatment of a cut and infection. DR. BUCK again retaped said leg and assured said MICHELE SANCHEZ that the leg was doing fine.



On or about November 29, 1973 said MICHELE SANCHEZ took said dog to another veterinarian at which time x-rays were made and the bone pinned with a stainless steel pin. When DR. BUCK was informed of this treatment and a refund requested, he stated "those other doctors are trying to rip you off" and cursed said MICHELE SANCHEZ and J. A. THOMAS and ran them out of the house;


The above complaint is submitted to the Executive Secretary of the Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners this the 24th day of May, A.D. 1974.


BUDDY L. TODD

THE STATE OF TEXAS I

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SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME BY BUDDY L. TODD, this the 24th day of May, A.D. 1974, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.


Notary Public in and for
Travis County, Texas

