AGREED ORDER 2009-47

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

AGREED ORDER

On this, the 11th day of June, 2009, came on to be considered by the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") the matter of the license of CHRISTIE CORNELIUS, D.V.M. ("Respondent"). Pursuant to Section 801.2056, Texas Occupations Code, a committee of the Board's staff met on March 27, 2009 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 an informal conference under §801.408 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 her understanding of the alleged violations and the adequacy and sufficiency of the notice mailed to her.

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 follows:

Findings of Fact

1. The Board has jurisdiction over the subject matter and Respondent. Respondent has received all notice that may be required by law and by the Board’s rules. All jurisdictional requirements have been satisfied.

2. The Texas Department of Public Safety notified the Board that Respondent’s controlled substances registration expired on February 28, 2008. A new registration was issued to Respondent on September 10, 2008; however she was without a controlled substances registration for six months and ten days. Respondent stated that her failure to renew her registration was due to an oversight and took personal responsibility.

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 and 2, 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 she is currently registered with the DEA and the DPS.

3. Based on Conclusions of Law 1 and 2, Respondent has violated §801.402(6) of the
Veterinary Licensing Act, 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
§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 1-3, Respondent may be disciplined in the manner set out
in §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, an enforcement action against
Respondent will be initiated per the Board’s Rules and Act.

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 her understanding of the Agreed
Order, the notice, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law herein set forth, and agrees that she
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 her right to a hearing and any right to seek judicial review of this Order.
Respondent acknowledges that she is entitled to be represented by an attorney of Respondent’s
choice at her 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, CHRISTIE CORNELIUS, 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.

CHRISTIE CORNELIUS, D.V.M.  4-21-09  
Date

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF Harris

BEFORE ME, on this day, personally appeared CHRISTIE CORNELIUS, D.V.M., known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing Agreed Order, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purposes stated therein.

Given under the hand and seal of office this 21st day of April, 2009.

Notary Public

KATHLEEN ANN BUCHANAN
Notary Public, State of Texas
My Commission Expires January 31, 2010

SIGNED AND ENTERED by the TEXAS BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS on this the 11th day of June, 2009.

Bud E. Alldredge, Jr., D.V.M.
President of the Board