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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF QUINN M. COURTNEY, D.V.M. § TEXAS STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

AGREED ORDER

On this the 8th day of June 2000, came on to be considered by the Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board"), the matter of the license of Quinn M. Courtney, D.V.M. (Respondent). Pursuant to the Veterinary Licensing Act (Act), §801.408, Texas Occupations Code, and Board Rule 575.27, Respondent was sent a letter of invitation to appear at an Informal Conference that was held on May 2, 2000. Respondent waived his appearance at the Conference. The Board was represented at the Informal Conference by the 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 Agreed Order. In waiving an adjudicative hearing, Respondent acknowledges understanding of the alleged violations and the adequacy and sufficiency of the notice provided to him.

Upon 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. Quinn M. Courtney, D.V.M., is a veterinarian licensed by the Board to practice veterinary medicine in the state of Texas under license number 6714.

2. The Board has jurisdiction over the subject matter and Respondent. Respondent has

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received all notice which may be required by law and by the Board Rules. All jurisdictional requirements have been satisfied.

3. On March 15, 2000 the Board received a letter from Quinn M. Courtney, D.V.M., stating that he was unable to obtain the minimum continuing education (CE) requirement for calendar year 1999, renewal year 2000.

4. The Respondent did not request a hardship extension of the CE requirements for 1999.

Conclusions of Law

1. Respondent is required to comply with the provision of the Act and Board Rules.
2. Board Rule 573.64 of the Rules of Professional Conduct requires each license holder to attend 15 hours of approved continuing education each year.
3. Based on Findings of Fact 3 and 4, Respondent has engaged in practices which violate the standards of professional conduct set out in Rule 573.64.
4. Based on Findings of Fact 3 and 4 and Conclusions of Law 1 through 3, Respondent is subject to imposition of an administrative penalty under Section 801.451, Texas Occupations Code, because Respondent has violated "this chapter or a rule adopted or order issued under this chapter. . . ."

NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD AND RESPONDENT AGREE AS FOLLOWS:
Based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Board ORDERS that Quinn M. Courtney, D.V.M., be assessed an administrative penalty of two hundred and fifty dollars ($250.00) under the following terms and conditions:

1. Respondent shall pay the administrative penalty within forty-five (45) days of the Board’s approval of the Agreed Order.
2. 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.
3. Respondent shall cooperate with the Board’s attorneys, investigators, compliance officers and other employees and agents investigating Respondent’s compliance with this

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BEFORE ME, on this day, personally appeared Quinn M. Courtney, 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 19th day of MAY, 2000.

[Signature]
Notary Public

SIGNED AND ENTERED by the TEXAS STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS on this the 8th day of JUNE, 2000.

[Signature]
HOWARD HEAD, D.V.M.
President

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