DOCKET NO. 2008-65

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

AGREED ORDER

On this the 19th day of June, 2008, came to be considered by the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") the matter of the license of Jimmy Gleason, D.V.M. ("Respondent"). Pursuant to Section 811.408, Texas Occupations Code and Board Rule 575.27, an informal conference was held on May 20, 2008. The Respondent was not represented by counsel. 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 their understanding of the alleged violations and the adequacy and sufficiency of the notice provided to them.

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. On Tuesday, May 29, 2007, John Hughes of Whiteface, Texas, presented "Tick", a three year-old Quarter Horse gelding to Jimmy Gleason, D.V.M., Levelland, Texas, of West Plains Veterinary Hospital as the horse had a swollen chest and was having difficulty breathing. "Tick" had been showing these symptoms for 8-9 days. Dr. Gleason examined "Tick" and thought that "Tick" had an abscess and attempted to drain it using a needle and syringe. Dr. Gleason missed the abscess and drew only blood. Dr. Gleason then used a sonogram to locate "Tick’s" abscess but missed it again on his second attempt to drain it. Dr. Gleason passed a stomach tube on "Tick" revealing no evidence of blood, pus, feed, or anything else, when the tube was removed. "Tick" had a temperature of 102 degrees F. Dr. Gleason kept "Tick" in care at his facility overnight. On Wednesday, May 30, 2007, in the morning, Dr. Gleason checked on "Tick" but did not give any antibiotics or an anti-inflammatory. Dr. Gleason did not have time to treat "Tick" that day, due to having a vaccination clinic later that day in another town until 6:00 p.m. Mr. Hughes returned to the clinic at 6:00 p.m. that evening and Dr. Gleason again told him he
did not have time to treat “Tick.” Dr. Gleason assured Mr. Hughes that he would pass a trachea scope on the following day. On Thursday May 31, 2007, Dr. Gleason attempted to pass a trachea scope under anesthesia with the horse lying down. Dr. Gleason passed an endoscope through the upper airway and detected a narrowed airway. “Tick” developed a respiratory compromise due to the narrowed airway and was not able to be resuscitated. Post examination findings revealed an abscess causing pressure on “Tick’s” trachea.

2. Dr. Gleason’s failure to provide antibiotics or an anti-inflammatory to treat “Tick” does not represent the same degree of humane care, skill, and diligence in treating patients as is ordinarily used in the same or similar circumstances by average members of the veterinary medical profession in good standing in Levelland, Texas or similar communities. Dr. Gleason’s failure to timely treat “Tick” caused undue pain and suffering to “Tick.”

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 573.22, PROFESSIONAL STANDARD OF HUMANE TREATMENT, of the Board’s Rules of Professional Conduct, which requires veterinarians to exercise the same degree of humane care, skill and diligence in treating patients as is ordinarily used in the same or similar circumstances by average members of the veterinary medical profession in good standing in the locality or community in which they practice, or in similar communities.

3. Based on Finding of Fact 1 and 2 and 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.

5. Based on Conclusions of Law 1 through 4, 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.

6. Based on Conclusions of Law 1 through 5, Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Section 801.408 (e) of the Veterinary Licensing Act, Texas Occupations Code:

801.408 (e) At an informal proceeding under this section, and on agreement with the license holder, the board may order the license holder to refund an amount not to exceed the amount a client paid to the license holder instead of or in addition to imposing an administrative penalty under this chapter. The board may not require payment of other damages or estimate harm under this subsection.

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

Based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Board ORDERS that Jimmy Gleason, D.V.M., be INFORMALLY REPRIMANDED.

In addition, the Board ORDERS that Jimmy Gleason, D.V.M. pay restitution to John Hughes, in the amount of one hundred and ninety dollars ($190).

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 provisions of the Licensing 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, and Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law herein set forth herein, 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 formal hearing and any right to seek judicial review of this Agreed Order. Respondent acknowledges that they 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. 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 effective date of this Agreed Order shall be the date it is adopted by the Board.
I, JIMMY GLEASON, D.V.M., HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING AGREED ORDER. I UNDERSTAND 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.

Jimmy Gleason, D.V.M.

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Date

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF Hockley

JENNIFER BRYSON
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
April 26, 2010

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

Given under the hand and seal of office this 9th day of June, 2008.

Notary Public

SIGNED AND ENTERED by the TEXAS BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS on this the 19th day of June, 2008.

Bud E. Allredge, Jr., D.V.M., President

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