DOCKET NO. 2015-137

IN THE MATTER OF § TEXAS BOARD OF

THE LICENSE OF § VETERINARY

MARVIN HARE, D.V.M. § MEDICAL EXAMINERS

AGREED ORDER

On this the 21st day of July, 2015, came to be considered by the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") the matter of the license of MARVIN HARE, D.V.M. ("Respondent"). Pursuant to Section 801.2056, Texas Occupations Code, a committee of the Board's staff met on March 10, 2015, 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 801.408 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 his understanding of the alleged violations and the adequacy and sufficiency of the notice mailed to him.

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. Respondent, Marvin Hare, D.V.M. of Freeport, Texas, holds Texas veterinary license 3087.

2. The Board has jurisdiction over the subject matter and Respondent. Respondent received notice, which may be required by law and by the rules of the Board. All jurisdictional requirements have been satisfied under Tex. Occ. Code Ann. Title 4 (Act). By entering into this Agreed Order, Respondent waives any defect in the notice and any further right to notice and hearing under the Act; Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §§ 2001.051-.054; and the Rules of the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Board Rules) (22 Tex. Admin. Code, Chapter 575).

3. On May 22, 2014, a Board Investigator conducted a compliance inspection at the Bellfort Animal Hospital ("Hospital") at 6633 Bellfort St., Houston, Texas 77087. Respondent was practicing veterinary medicine at that location. Respondent told Board Investigators that the owner of the clinic and his boss was Ms. Kathleen Shaw ("Ms. Shaw") a non-veterinarian.
4. Respondent was subsequently very helpful in the Board's investigations of the ownership of the Hospital by Ms. Shaw and the practice of veterinary medicine under Ms. Shaw by the regular veterinarian of the Hospital, Clay McCreary, D.V.M. Respondent asserts that Ms. Shaw previously told him that Dr. McCreary owned the veterinary practice.

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 the above Findings of Fact, Respondent has violated Section 801.506 of the Veterinary Licensing Act, Texas Occupations Code, which prohibits a corporation, organization, partnership, association or other legal entity not owned exclusively by persons licensed to practice veterinary medicine from engaging in the practice of veterinary medicine, and forbids veterinarians from forming or continuing partnerships with persons who are not licensed to practice veterinary medicine if a part of the partnership employment consists of the practice of veterinary medicine.

3. Based on Conclusions of Law 1 through 2, Respondent has violated Section 801.402 (4) 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:

   (4) engages in dishonest or illegal practices in, or connected with, the practice of veterinary medicine...

4. Based on Conclusions of Law 1 through 3, 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:

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

Based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Board ORDERS that Respondent receive a FORMAL REPRIMAND.

The Board further ORDERS that Respondent shall take and pass the Texas veterinary jurisprudence examination within 90 days from the date of this Agreed Order.

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 Agreed 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 his understanding of the Agreed Order, the notice, and Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth herein, and agrees that he 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 his right to a formal hearing and any right to seek judicial review of this Agreed Order. Respondent acknowledges that he 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. 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, MARVIN HARE, 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.

MARVIN HARE, D.V.M.          24 APR. 15
DATE

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF Brazoria

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

Given under the hand and seal of office this 24th day of April, 2015

LORI A WOMACK
Notary Public
My Commission Expires
September 11, 2017

SIGNED AND ENTERED by the TEXAS BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS on this the 21st day of July, 2015.

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

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