DOCKET NO. 2012-94

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

AGREED ORDER

On this the 24th day of July, 2012, came to be considered by the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") the matter of the license of Rohn Hendricks, D.V.M. ("Respondent"). Pursuant to Section 801.2056, Texas Occupations Code, a committee of the Board's staff ("Staff Committee") met on May 2, 2012 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 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 his understanding of the alleged violations and the adequacy and sufficiency of the notice provided 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. On December 14, 2011, the Board received an advertisement that stated: "Tranquilizer Gun. If you have cattle that are causing you major problems. And you want them removed from your herd... I can try to tranquilize them with my dart gun. Mike Grimes... I Mike Grimes am not a Licensed Veterinary. If you (OWNER) wish to have a Veterinary present, that is solely at the owner's expense."

2. On March 7, 2012, the Board received a letter from Mr. Grimes, stating that he uses Xylazine in his dart gun, and that he had purchased the Xylazine from Respondent.

3. In response to a Board inquiry, Respondent stated that Mr. Grimes had been his client for the last five years. Respondent noted that his practice is almost exclusively equine so Respondent treated Mr. Grimes's horses, but did not treat Mr. Grimes's cattle. Respondent also noted that Mr. Grimes used another veterinarian for his cattle.

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4. Respondent admitted, however, that he had dispensed bottles of Xylazine to Mr. Grimes so that Mr. Grimes could use the Xylazine in his dart gun to dart his own wild cattle so that it would be easier to catch and load the cattle.

5. Respondent sent the Board his patient records for cattle and horses belonging to Mike Grimes. The patient records only reflected treatment of horses, and did not mention any treatment of cattle. Respondent’s patient records lacked address and phone number of the client; identification of the patient, including name, species, breed, age sex and description; dosages, concentration, and routes of administration of each drug prescribed, administered and/or dispensed; and other details necessary to substantiate the treatment provided, including the reason for prescribing and dispensing drugs including Xylazine.

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 through 5, Respondent has violated Rule 573.41, USE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, of the Board’s Rules of Professional Conduct, by prescribing, dispensing, or delivering a prescription drug without first having established a veterinarian-client-patient relationship and determined that such prescription drug is therapeutically indicated for the health and/or well-being of the animals.

3. Based on Finding of Fact 5, Respondent has violated Rule 573.52, PATIENT RECORD KEEPING, of the Board’s Rules of Professional Conduct, by failing to record required information in patient records, including the address and phone number of the client; identification of the patient, including name, species, breed, age sex and description; dosages, concentration, and routes of administration of each drug prescribed, administered and/or dispensed; and other details necessary to substantiate the treatment provided, including the reason for prescribing and dispensing drugs including Xylazine.

4. Based on Findings of Fact 1 through 5 and Conclusions of Law 1 through 3, Respondent has violated Sections 801.402 (6) and (13) 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...

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(13) orders a prescription drug or controlled substance for the treatment of an animal without first establishing a veterinarian-client-patient relationship

4. 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:

(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.

5. Based on Conclusions of Law 1 through 4, Respondent may be disciplined in the manner set out in Section 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:

Based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Board ORDERS that Rohn Hendricks, D.V.M., receives a FORMAL REPRIMAND.

The Board further 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, Respondent's license may be suspended until the penalty is paid, any payment by the Respondent to the Board to renew his license will be applied toward the payment of any administrative fee owed to the Board, and further enforcement action may be taken.

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.

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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 his understanding of the Agreed Order, the notice, and Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law herein 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. 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, ROHN HENDRICKS, 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.

[Signature]
Rohn Hendricks, D.V.M.  
May 30, 2013  
Date

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STATE OF TEXAS §
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BEFORE ME, on this day, personally appeared Rohn Hendricks, 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 30th day of May, 2012.

JINA H. MCKINNEY
My Commission Expires August 06, 2014
Notary Public

SIGNED AND ENTERED by the TEXAS BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS on this the 24th day of July, 2012

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