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

AGREED ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") considered the matter of the license of Kristin Hummel, D.V.M. ("Respondent").

Respondent, without admitting the truth of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set out in this Order, waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Order. Accordingly, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and enters this Order as set forth below.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent, Kristin Hummel, D.V.M., of Conroe, Texas, holds Texas veterinary license 13859.
2. On September 18, 2016, Valerie Mojica presented her two year old terrier mix, named Boston, to Respondent at Becker Animal Hospital in San Antonio, Texas, for a neuter procedure.
3. Boston was anesthetized, intubated, and connected to a non-rebreathing system and Cardell multiparameter monitoring system.
4. A ECG and pulse oximeter probe were connected to Boston, and initially emitting normal readings. Approximately five minutes into preparing Boston for the procedure, the pulse oximeter read 85% and the ECG began reading abnormally. Respondent replaced the pulse oximeter probe and applied water to the tongue and then replaced the ECG leads. Boston's heart rate was 60 beats per minute. The pulse oximeter and ECG readings did not improve. Respondent rechecked Boston's pulse and noted that he was in cardiac arrest. Respondent attempted CPR and the pulse oximeter read 75%. At this time, it was discovered that the non-rebreathing circuit was closed. Respondent opened the circuit.
5. Respondent administered epinephrine 0.1mls through Boston's endotracheal tube and placed an intravenous catheter in the left cephalic vein. Respondent attempted CPR again and the pulse oximeter read 73%. Respondent administered epinephrine 1.0mls and Dopram 1.0mls intravenously. Respondent continued CPR and administered Lidocaine 1.0mls and Dopram 1.0mls intravenously. The pulse oximeter stopped reading and Boston had no corneal reflexes. Respondent attempted CPR for another five minutes but could not revive Boston.

6. Respondent accepted responsibility for failing to ensure the non-rebreathing circuit was open prior to intubation. Following Boston's death, Respondent instituted protocols to prevent reoccurrence, including creating a surgery checklist and retraining staff to confirm with each veterinarian that they have made sure the valve is open prior to intubation.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 801, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter. Respondent is required to comply with the provisions of the Veterinary Licensing Act, Chapter 801, Texas Occupations Code, and with the Board's Rules. Respondent received notice as required by law.
2. Respondent has violated Board Rule 573.22, Professional Standard of Care, of the Board's Rules of Professional Conduct.
3. Respondent has violated Section 801.402(6) of the Veterinary Licensing Act, Texas Occupations Code.
4. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Texas Occupations Code, Sections 801.401(a), and 801.451.
5. Pursuant to Board Rule 575.25, Respondent's violations are Class B violations, and Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under that Rule.

TERMS OF ORDER

Now, therefore, the Board and Respondent agree to the following terms:

1. REPRIMAND
 - a. Respondent is hereby informally reprimanded by the Board. This informal reprimand will not be published in the Board's newsletter and will not be routinely reported to the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) for inclusion in the national reporting database. A copy of this informal reprimand will be forwarded to the AAVSB if specifically requested by that organization.
2. ADHERENCE TO THE LAW AND BOARD RULES
 - a. Respondent shall abide by the Board's Rules of Professional Conduct, the Texas Veterinary Licensing Act, and the laws of the State of Texas and the United States.
 - b. Respondent shall cooperate with the Board's attorneys, investigators, compliance officers and other employees and agents investigating Respondent's compliance with this Order.
 - c. Failure by Respondent to comply with the terms of this Order, or with any other

provisions of the Veterinary Licensing Act or the Board Rules, may result in further disciplinary action.


The effective date of the terms of this Order shall be the date it is adopted by the Board, unless stated otherwise.

RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Order. I have reviewed this Order and understand the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of law set forth herein. I neither admit nor deny the violation(s) herein. I understand that this Order contains the entire agreement, and there is no other agreement of any kind. I waive the right to any further proceedings, including a formal hearing, and the right to seek judicial review of this Order.

I understand that this Order is subject to approval by the Board. I understand that the terms and conditions of this Order become effective upon approval by the Board. A copy of the approved Order will be mailed to me. By signing this Order, I agree to satisfactorily comply with the terms and conditions of the Order in a timely manner. I understand that if I fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, I will be subject to investigation and appropriate disciplinary action as a result of my noncompliance.

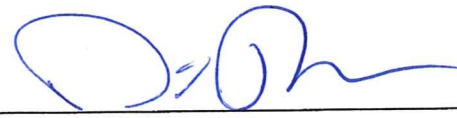
Signed this 24 day of February, 2018.



Kristin Hummel, D.V.M.

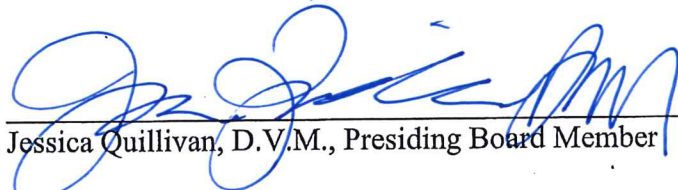
Sworn and subscribed before me this 24th day of February, 2018.





Notary Public

THEREFORE, the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners does hereby adopt this Order. This Order is effective and final on this 10 day of April, 2018.



Jessica Quillivan, D.V.M., Presiding Board Member