DOCKET NO. 2017-148

IN THE MATTER OF § TEXAS BOARD OF
THE LICENSE OF § VETERINARY
LAURI JEHL, 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 Lauri Jehl, 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

3. When Respondent's staff attempted to bathe her, Pussy Willow became agitated, bit the harness restraining her, and jumped out of the tub. Respondent's staff was unable to bathe Pussy Willow and placed her in a cage to dry. Approximately 40 minutes later, Respondent's staff observed blood coming from Pussy Willow's mouth. Respondent stated that Pussy Willow was too distressed to be handled immediately. Respondent did not administer any pain medication at that time.
4. Later that day, Respondent examined Pussy Willow and noted a contusion on the tip of her tongue and a tooth broken off at the gum line. Respondent removed the broken crown and administered a Convenia injection. Respondent states that she examined Pussy Willow an hour after her staff noted the blood, while Ms. Carter states that Respondent told her it was two and a half to three hours before Pussy Willow was examined.
5. On March 23, 2016, Ms. Carter presented Pussy Willow to another veterinarian. The veterinarian confirmed that Pussy Willow had broken a tooth and performed surgery to remove the root.

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.

Certification and signature page follows.
RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Order. I waive representation by counsel. 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 13 day of November, 2017.

[Signature]

Lauri Jahl, D.V.M.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 13 day of November, 2017.

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Notary Public

THEREFORE, the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners does hereby adopt this Order. This Order is effective and final on this 4th day of December, 2017.

[Signature]

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

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Lauri Jahl, D.V.M.