DOCKET NO. 2010-04

IN THE MATTER § TEXAS STATE BOARD OF
OF THE LICENSE OF § VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS
BYRON K. JONES, D.V.M. §

AGREED ORDER

On this, the 26 day of October, 2009, came on to be considered by the Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") the matter of the license of BYRON K. JONES, D.V.M. ("Respondent"). Pursuant to Section 801.2056, Texas Occupations Code, a committee of the Board's staff met on August 26, 2009 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 801.2056 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. The Board has jurisdiction over the subject matter and Respondent. Respondent has received all notice which may be required by law and by the Board's rules. All jurisdictional requirements have been satisfied.

2. As the result of notification by the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Board determined that Byron K. Jones, D.V.M., of the Southridge Animal Hospital, Sugar Land, Texas, failed to notify the Board of his arrest for a misdemeanor relating to the practice of veterinary medicine on January 21, 2001.

3. Dr. Bryon Jones admitted he was arrested for a misdemeanor in January 2001. TBVME records do not show any notification to the Board by Dr. Jones of his arrest.

4. In addition, based on information received from the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, Dr. Jones could not account for 651 dosage units of Hydrocodone 7.5/500 from June 15, 2007 through March 12, 2008. Dr. Jones admitted to keeping inaccurate controlled substances record keeping. According to the voluntary sworn statement provided by Dr. Jones to TBVME, he had been prescribed Hydrocodone for pain post-operatively after multiple knee injuries. From
had been prescribed Hydrocodone for pain post-operatively after multiple knee injuries. From January 2007 until March 2008, Dr. Jones admitted in his sworn statement to TBVME that he purchased Hydrocodone and self-medicated as needed two tablets twice daily periodically for pain.

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, 2 and 3, Respondent has violated Rule 573.69, REPORTING OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, of the Board’s Rules of Professional Conduct, which states that a licensee shall report to the Board any arrest for, or a conviction for, any misdemeanor related to the practice of veterinary medicine, or any conviction for a felony.

3. Based on Finding of Fact 4, Respondent has violated Rule 573.50, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES RECORD KEEPING FOR DRUGS ON HAND, of the Board’s Rules of Professional Conduct, which states that a licensee shall maintain at their place of business records of all scheduled drugs listed in the Texas Controlled substances Act in their possession.

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

4. Based on Conclusions of Law 2 and 3, 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, and in the manner set out in Section 801.401 DISCIPLINARY POWER OF BOARD.

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

The Board ORDERS that Respondent pay, within 45 days of the date of this Order, an ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY of one thousand dollars ($1,000.00). If Respondent fails to pay the administrative penalty within 45 days of the date of this Order, Respondent’s license shall be suspended until the penalty is paid.
I, BYRON K. JONES, D.V.M., HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING AGREED ORDER. I UNDERSTAND THAT 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.

Byron K. Jones, D.V.M.  9/17/09

DATE

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF Bexar

BEFORE ME, on this day, personally appeared Byron K. Jones, D.V.M., known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing Agreed Order, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes stated therein.

Given under the hand and seal of office this 17 day of Sept., 2009


Notary Public

SIGNED AND ENTERED by the TEXAS STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS on this the 26 day of October, 2009.

Bud E. Allredge, Jr., D.V.M.  
President of the Board