DOCKET NO. 2004-34

IN THE MATTER OF § TEXAS STATE BOARD OF

THE LICENSE OF §

DARRELL KINNARD, D.V.M. § VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

AGREED ORDER

On this the 14th day of October, 2004, came on to be considered by the Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") the matter of the license of Darrell Kinnard, D.V.M. ("Respondent"). Pursuant to Section 801.408, Texas Occupations Code and Board Rule 575.27, an informal conference was held on July 20, 2004. The Respondent attended without counsel. The Board was represented at the conference by the Board's Enforcement Committee.

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 Enforcement 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 June 28, 2003, Desiree Crawford, Crawford Horse Ranch & Rescue, Tool, Texas, presented a horse "Shy Ann" to Darrell Kinnard, D.V.M., Mabank Animal Hospital, Mabank, Texas, for euthanizing due to what Ms. Crawford believed was a previously broken leg. Ms. Crawford paid for the procedure in full on June 28th. A note in the horse's patient records for June 28th says: "Euthanasia...Total $150.00; Burying Animal...Total $50.00."

2. On August 18, 2003, Ms. Crawford received a call from a friend who said that she had learned that "Shy Ann" was alive and standing in a stall behind the Mabank Animal Hospital. Ms. Crawford went to the clinic and asked Dr. Kinnard why the horse had not been euthanized as agreed. Dr. Kinnard told her that the backhoe he used to bury large animals was broken down and unavailable to him.

3. The horse was euthanized on August 21st, 55 days after Ms. Crawford's original request for euthanasia.
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 2 and 3, Dr. Kinnard has violated Rule 573.26, HONESTY, INTEGRITY, AND FAIR DEALING, of the Board’s Rules of Professional Conduct, which states that veterinarians shall conduct their practice with honesty, integrity and fair dealing to clients in time and services rendered.

3. Based on Conclusions of Law 1 and 2, 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 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 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 a civil 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 Darrell Kinnard, D.V.M., be FORMALLY REPRIMANDED.

The Board further ORDERS that Darrell Kinnard, D.V.M., take and pass the Board’s JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION within 45 days of the date of this Order. If Respondent fails to take and pass the jurisprudence examination within 45 days of this Order, Respondent’s license shall be suspended until Respondent does take and pass the examination. Respondent may not re-take the examination any more frequently than 10 working days from the date of his last sitting for the examination. Should Respondent engage in the practice of veterinary medicine when under suspension, he will be subject to immediate disciplinary action.
The Board further ORDERS that the Respondent send to the Board, within six (6) months of the date of this Order, complete PATIENT RECORDS of six (6) separate clients diagnosed and treated after the date of this Order. The Board will review the patient records for compliance with the Board’s Rule 573.52.

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 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, 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 was not 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 HERELN. 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, DARRELL KINNARD, D.V.M., HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING AGREED ORDER. 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.
STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF Henderson

BEFORE ME, on this day, personally appeared DARRELL KINNARD, 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 seal of said office this 4th day of October, 2004.

Notary Public

SIGNED AND ENTERED by the TEXAS STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS on this the 14th day of October, 2004.

Dee A. Pederson, D.V.M., President