DOCKET NO. 2016-127

IN THE MATTER OF § TEXAS BOARD OF

THE LICENSE OF § VETERINARY

LINDSAY KLINE, 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 Lindsay Kline, 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, Lindsay Kline, D.V.M. of Houston, Texas, holds Texas veterinary license 13508.

2. On April 4, 2015, Jocelyn Sanchez presented her six-year-old male canine Pomeranian, Icy, to Respondent at the Banfield Hospital (the Clinic) for a dental procedure.

3. Pre-anesthetic blood samples were drawn for a complete blood count (CBC), biochemistry panel, and electrolyte panel. Respondent noted that the platelet count was below the reference range, and asked the technician to re-run the sample. Respondent stated that the second CBC rendered values within normal limits, but the medical records do not reflect this statement. Respondent did not perform a manual platelet count. Respondent then performed the dental procedure.

4. Ms. Sanchez picked up Icy at 2:00 p.m. that afternoon. Ms. Sanchez was not informed of the abnormal test results.

5. On April 5, 2015, Icy was lethargic. Ms. Sanchez removed the catheter bandage and noted that Icy had red spots on his skin. On April 6, 2015, Ms. Sanchez telephoned the Clinic because Icy was not back to normal. She was informed that it usually takes three days for a pet to return to normal after a procedure. On April 7, 2015, Icy acted as if he were in pain when his stomach was touched and he had red spots on his stomach. Ms. Sanchez telephoned the Clinic and was informed that there were no available appointments for a week.

6. On the afternoon of April 7, 2015, Ms. Sanchez took Icy to the Forest West Animal Clinic (FWAC), where another veterinarian examined Icy and recommended blood work and radiographs. On the following day, April 8, 2015, Ms. Sanchez returned to FWAC with Icy and
was advised that Icy needed to be hospitalized because the lab work indicated that his red blood cell count and platelets were extremely low. On April 9, 2015, Icy was given a blood transfusion at FWAC. Ms. Sanchez took Icy home that evening because FWAC did not provide after-hours care. Later that evening Ms. Sanchez took Icy to North Houston Veterinary Specialist Emergency Clinic. Icy had pale gums and his breathing was heavy. Bloodwork indicated that Icy still had a very low platelet count.

7. On the morning of April 10, 2015, Ms. Sanchez returned to FWAC with Icy to continue his blood transfusion. Icy continued to decline and was euthanized.

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 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.

TERMS OF ORDER

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

1. REPRIMAND

   a. Respondent is hereby formally reprimanded by the Board. This formal reprimand may be published in the Board’s newsletter and routinely reported to the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) for inclusion in the national reporting database.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY

   a. Respondent shall pay an administrative penalty of five hundred dollars ($500.00) within 30 days of the date the Board approves this Order. Payment shall be made directly to the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners at 333 Guadalupe Street, Suite 3-810, Austin, Texas 78701. Partial payments will not be accepted.

   b. If Respondent does not timely pay the administrative penalty, the Board may deny a request to renew Respondent’s license until the outstanding administrative penalty is received, pursuant to Board Rule 573.62(b). Any monetary funds paid to
the Board to renew a license shall first be applied to any outstanding unpaid administrative penalties, pursuant to Board Rule 571.57. Additionally, the matter may be referred to the Attorney General for collection, pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Section 801.458.

3. REFUND TO CLIENT

   a. Respondent shall issue a refund in the amount of $61.69, the amount paid by Ms. Sanchez for the visit on April 4, 2015, within 30 days of the date the Board approves this Order. Payment is to be made directly to Ms. Sanchez. Partial payments are not acceptable.

   b. Respondent shall submit documentation of the refund to the Board within 45 days of the date the Board approves this Order. Documentation shall be submitted to the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners at 333 Guadalupe Street, Suite 3-810, Austin, Texas 78701.

4. 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 24th day of March, 2017.

Lindsay Kline, D.V.M.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 24th day of March, 2017.

SEAL:

MARSHA S GREEN
Notary ID # 1838006
My Commission Expires
April 26, 2020

Notary Public

THEREFORE, the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners does hereby adopt this Order. This Order is effective and final on this 8th day of May, 2017.

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

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Lindsay Kline, D.V.M.