DOCKET NO. 2013-180

IN THE MATTER OF § TEXAS BOARD OF
THE LICENSE OF § VETERINARY
ROBERT LANGLEY, JR., D.V.M. § MEDICAL EXAMINERS

AGREED ORDER

On this the 27 day of October, 2017, came to be considered by the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") the matter of the license of ROBERT LANGLEY, JR., D.V.M. ("Respondent"). Pursuant to Section 801.2056, Texas Occupations Code, a committee of the Board's staff met on August 26, 2013 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 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 his.

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. Respondent, Robert Langley, Jr., D.V.M. of Alvin, Texas, holds Texas veterinary license 7764.

2. The Board has jurisdiction over the subject matter and Respondent. Respondent received notice, which may be required by law and by the rules of the Board. All jurisdictional requirements have been satisfied under Tex. Occ. Code Ann. Title 4 (Act). By entering into this Agreed Order, Respondent waives any defect in the notice and any further right to notice and hearing under the Act; Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §§ 2001.051-.054; and the Rules of the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Board Rules) (22 Tex. Admin. Code, Chapter 575).

3. On January 24, 2013, investigators from the Board conducted a compliance inspection on Respondent's clinic, the Dr. Bob's Animal Hospital in Alvin, Texas ("Clinic").

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4. During the compliance inspection, the Board’s investigators noted that the Clinic had 20 ml of Ketamine and 3 ml of Buprenex in inventory, but did not have controlled substance logs for these two drugs.

5. The investigators also noted that while the Clinic had 20 ml of Beuthanasia in inventory, the controlled substance drug log for Beuthanasia indicated that the Clinic had 228 ml in inventory.

6. The investigators noted that the Clinic had 16 ml of Telazol and 70 ml of Dolorex in inventory, but the controlled substance logs for those drugs did not contain balances on hand.

7. The investigators further noted that Respondent stored the controlled substance inventory in a portable safe that was not permanently constructed or attached to the building structure or fixtures so as to prevent it from being physically removed from the premises.

8. On December 8, 2009, the Board entered Agreed Order 2010-12, disciplining Respondent for being habitually intoxicated, chemically dependent, and addicted to drugs.

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 the Findings of Fact 1 through 6, Respondent has violated Rule 573.50, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES RECORDS KEEPING FOR DRUGS ON HAND, of the Board’s Rules of Professional Conduct, which requires veterinarians to maintain at their place of business records of all scheduled drugs listed in the Texas Controlled Substances Act in their possession, including the name of the drug, the date of acquisition, the quantity purchased, the date administered or dispensed, the quantity administered or dispensed, the name of the client and patient receiving the drugs, and the balance on hand.

3. Based on Finding of Fact 7, Respondent has violated Rule 573.61, MINIMUM SECURITY FOR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, of the Board’s Rules of Professional Conduct, which requires veterinarians to maintain their inventory of controlled substances in a substantially constructed cabinet that is permanently constructed or attached to the building structure or fixtures so as to prevent the cabinet from being physically removed from the premises.

4. Based on Findings of Fact 1 through 8 and 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.

5. Based on Conclusions of Law 1 through 4, 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:

(a) refuse to examine an applicant or to issue or renew a license;
(b) revoke or suspend a license;
(c) place on probation a license holder or person whose license has been suspended;
(d) reprimand a license holder; or
(e) impose an administrative penalty.

(d) In addition to other disciplinary actions authorized by this subchapter, the board may require a license holder who violates this chapter to participate in a continuing education program.

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

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

Based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Board ORDERS that Respondent receive a FORMAL REPRIMAND.

The Board ORDERS that Respondent pay, within 45 days of the date of this Order, an ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY of TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2000.00). If Respondent fails to pay the administrative penalty within 45 days of the date of this Agreed Order, Respondent's license may be suspended until the penalty is paid.

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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 Agreed 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 set forth herein, 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 had the right to be 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. 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, ROBERT LANGLEY, JR., D.V.M., HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING AGREED ORDER. I UNDERSTAND 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.

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BEFORE ME, on this day, personally appeared Robert Langley, Jr., 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 hand and seal of office this 28th day of Sept., 2013.

Notary Public

SIGNED AND ENTERED by the TEXAS BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS on this the 27th October, 2013.

Bud E. Alldrige, Jr., D.V.M., President