TEXAS STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS
333 Guadalupe, Suite 2-330
Austin, Texas  78701-3998

DOCKET NUMBER 1996-05
CHARLES R. PIPES, D.V.M.
LICENSE NUMBER 4361

NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT

This negotiated settlement has been entered by agreement between Dr. Charles R. Pipes, and Ron Allen, the Executive Director of the Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, in concurrence with the Board Secretary. It is presented to the Board as a recommendation only. If the Board elects to reject or amend this negotiated settlement, the defendant, Dr. Pipes, will be granted a continuance at his option.

Dr. Pipes does not contest the allegations set forth in the Complaint, attached as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein for all purposes, and agrees that (1) the Board may treat the allegations of fact and law as true and (2) the findings shall have the same force and effect as if evidence and argument were presented in support of the allegations. Respondent understands and intends that by so stating, he is not admitting the truth of the allegations, but is merely agreeing that the Board may enter an Order treating the allegations as true without the necessity of receiving evidence in support thereof.

SUMMARY OF CHARGES: Dr. Pipes violated Rule of Professional Conduct 573.40 Labeling of Medications Dispensed by failing to include on the dispensing label the date of delivery or dispensing, patient/client name, species of animal, strength and quantity of the drug dispensed and cautionary statements.

RECOMMENDED DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

Official Reprimand

CONDITIONS:

1. Take and pass the State Board Jurisprudence Examination.

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CHARLES R. PIPES, D.V.M.

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RON ALLEN, Executive Director

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Date

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Date

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The patient name was in fact on the drug envelope. Please delete the word "patient".
DOCKETED COMPLAINT NO. 1996-05

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY § TEXAS VETERINARY MEDICAL
MEDICAL EXAMINERS § LICENSE NO. 4361
vs. § 1995 RENEWAL CERTIFICATE
CHARLES R. PIPES, D.V.M. § NUMBER 0187

COMPLAINT AFFIDAVIT

Before me, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for Texas, on this day personally appeared Mike Carroll, who after being duly sworn, did depose and say:

On or about June 7, 1995, Mike Carroll, being an employee of the Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, did in the course of such employment, make certain investigations into the professional conduct of one Charles R. Pipes, D.V.M., 3046 Lavon Drive, #136, Garland, Texas, 75040, Veterinary License Number 4361, 1995 Renewal Certificate Number 0187, a practitioner of veterinary medicine in the State of Texas. As an employee of the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, I, Mike Carroll, do hereby present the following complaint against Charles R. Pipes, D.V.M.

I.

On or about May 17, 1995, Sandy Dresser took her Yellow Lab "Sassa" to Dr. Charles Pipes, at Country Brook Animal Hospital, 3046 Lavon Drive, #136, Garland, Texas, to be examined for vomiting and not eating.

II.

Dr. Pipes examined the dog and diagnosed Sassa as having a mild gastrointestinal infection (enteritis) due to possible dietary indiscretion (chewing on wood or plastic - causing intestinal irritation, with secondary bacterial infection a possibility). He treated the dog with Tetracycline at the clinic and sent it home with Metronidazole.

III.

On or about May 18, 1995, Sandy Dresser presented Sassa to Dr. David Goodnight. The dog had a temperature of 104.5 and was 5 to 7% dehydrated. Sassa exhibited signs of icterus of the scleras and was very depressed. Dr. Goodnight initiated treatment of Amoxicillin, Baytril, Prednisone, Vitamin K1 and IV fluids. Sassa died during the night before a definitive diagnosis could be made.
IV.

Dr. Pipes failed to include the following required information on his label when he dispensed Metronidazole to Ms. Dresser for Sassa:

Date of delivery or dispensing
Patient/Client name
Species of animal
Strength and quantity of the drug dispensed
Cautionary statements

V.

By failing to include the required information on his dispensing label as described in paragraph IV, Dr. Pipes has violated 573.40 - Labeling of Medications Dispensed, of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

VI.

By violating the above listed Rules of Professional Conduct, Dr. Pipes has also violated Section 14 (a) (5) of the Veterinary Licensing Act, Article 8890.

ARTICLE 8890, SECTION 14
(a) ... the Board may revoke or suspend a license, impose a civil penalty, place a person whose license has been suspended on probation, or reprimand a licensee ... if it finds that a licensee:

(5) has engaged in practices or conduct in connection with the practice of veterinary medicine which are violative of the standards of professional conduct as duly promulgated by the Board in accordance with a law;
The foregoing complaint is submitted to the Secretary of the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners on this the 15th day of December, 1995.

Further, Affiant sayeth not.

Mike Carroll, Affiant

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN TO before me by the said Mike Carroll this the 15th day of December, 1995.

JUDY C. SMITH
Notary Public
STATE OF TEXAS
My Comm. Exp. 09-13-97

Charles A. Adkins, Notary Public in and for Texas
Judy C. Smith

The foregoing Complaint is hereby filed and docketed with the Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners and styled Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners vs. Charles R. Pipes, D.V.M. under Docketed Number 1996-05 this the 18th day of December, 1995

James N. Gomez, DVM, Board Secretary
Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
The foregoing Agreed Settlement, entered into between Dr. Charles Pipes, the Board Secretary, and the Board’s Executive Staff, and having been presented to the Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners as a No Contest Plea, was accepted by the Board, and the Board, on the 7th day of February, 1996, ordered that all penalties and conditions as stated therein be complied with the same as if evidence had been heard and Findings and Orders issued.

Executed this the 7th day of February, 1996.

John A. Wood, D.V.M., President  
2-7-96

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