

DOCKET NO. 2015-194

IN THE MATTER OF	§	TEXAS BOARD OF
THE LICENSE OF	§	VETERINARY
MICHAEL RAINEY, D.V.M.	§	MEDICAL EXAMINERS

AGREED ORDER

On this the 13 day of October, 2015, came to be considered by the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Board) the matter of the license of MICHAEL RAINEY, D.V.M. (Respondent). Pursuant to Section 801.408, Texas Occupations Code and Board Rule 575.29, an informal conference was held on August 28, 2015. The Respondent appeared at the informal conference, and was represented by counsel, Ms. Calcena Svatek. 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. Respondent, MICHAEL RAINEY, D.V.M. of Fort Worth, Texas, holds Texas veterinary license 12152.
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 April 8, 2013, Ms. Heather Albarran presented her two year old dog, Hercules, to Respondent at the Alvarado Veterinary Clinic in Alvarado, Texas ("Clinic"). Hercules was suffering from appetite loss, vomiting, and diarrhea.

4. Respondent performed a Parvovirus SNAP test, which was positive. Ms. Albarran decided to euthanize Hercules. Ms. Albarran left the room. A few minutes later, Respondent brought Hercules's collar and leash to Ms. Albarran, and told her Hercules had gone peacefully.
5. Ms. Albarran's invoice shows that she paid \$123.75 for Respondent's services that day, including \$43.75 for "Euthanasia and Cremation."
6. Respondent treated Hercules for Parvovirus. Respondent later gave Hercules to a technician at the Clinic to take to a rescue group.
7. On December 7, 2014, the Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter called Ms. Albarran's husband and informed him that they had a dog with a microchip registered to him. Ms. Albarran confirmed through photographs that the dog was Hercules. Ms. Albarran and her husband picked Hercules up from the shelter the next day.

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 above Findings of Fact, Respondent has violated Rule 573.27, HONESTY, INTEGRITY AND FAIR DEALING, of the Board's Rules of Professional Conduct, by failing to euthanize Hercules after agreeing to euthanize and charging the client for euthanasia.
3. Based on the above Findings of Fact, Respondent violated Rule 573.52, VETERINARY PATIENT RECORDKEEPING, of the Board's Rules of Professional Conduct, by failing to state in the records that Hercules was not euthanized, but was instead treated and rehomed.
4. Based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, Respondent has violated Sections 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 the above Conclusions of Law, 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 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 the above Conclusions of Law, 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 further ORDERS that Respondent pay, within forty-five (45) days of the date the Board approves this Order, an administrative penalty in the amount of ONE THOUSAND (\$1,000.00). If Respondent fails to pay the administrative penalty within forty-five (45) days of the date the Board approves this Order, enforcement action will be taken. Further, if Respondent fails to pay the administrative penalty within 45 days of the date that the Board approves this Agreed Order, the Board may apply any payment to the Board to renew a license to pay any outstanding administrative fee owed to the Board.

In addition, the Board ORDERS that Respondent complete an additional THREE (3) hours of continuing education in ETHICS within one year of the date the Board approves this Order. Documentation of the completion of the continuing education penalty shall be received within forty-five (45) days after one year of the date the Board approves this Order. If Respondent fails to provide documentation of completion within forty-five (45) days of one year of the date the Board approves this Order, Respondent's license may be suspended until the continuing education penalty is completed and documentation is received by the Board.

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, MICHAEL RAINEY, 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.

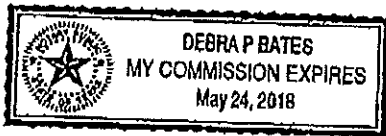

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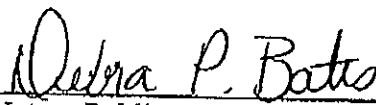
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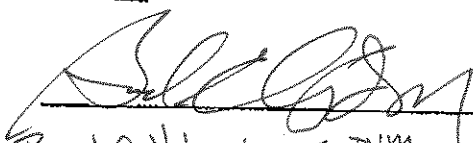
BEFORE ME, on this day, personally appeared MICHAEL RAINEY, D.V.M., known to me as the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing document, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes stated therein.

Given under the hand and seal of office this 22nd day of September, 2015




Notary Public

SIGNED AND ENTERED by the TEXAS BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS on this the 13th October, 2015.


Budalldredge Jr DVM, Board President