DOCKETED COMPLAINT No. 1963-1
TEXAS STATE BOARD OF
VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

VS

DOCTOR ROYCE DALE RIDDLE

TEXAS VETERINARY MEDICAL
LICENSE NUMBER 1247

TEXAS VETERINARY MEDICAL
RENEWAL CERTIFICATE (1962)
NUMBER 1136

FINDINGS AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

On this the 21st day of January, A.D., 1963, the Texas State Board
of Veterinary Medical Examiners being in regular meeting at the Driskill
Hotel in Austin, Travis County, Texas, such meeting being called for the
purpose of hearing and considering the above numbered and entitled com-
plaint as well as for the consideration of other business, and the above
entitled and numbered complaint having been previously scheduled for hear-
ing and the said Dr. Royce Dale Riddle having waived service of citation
and accepted service in said cause by sworn instrument dated the 4th day
of December, 1962, and a quorum of the members of the Texas State Board
of Veterinary Medical Examiners being present, to-wit:

Dr. John W. McCoy, President
of Paris, Texas

Dr. Edward D. Drelle, Vice President
of Alice, Texas

Dr. Max A. Fuchar, Secretary
of Orange, Texas

Dr. Horace T. Barrow, Member
of Taylor, Texas

Dr. Victor L. Rothmann, Member
of Mason, Texas

Dr. Billie C. Roberson, Member
of Abilene, Texas

whereupon the President of the Board, Dr. John W. McCoy, ordered the hear-
ing to proceed at which time it was ascertained that Dr. Royce Dale Riddle
was present in person. The Board then proceeded to hear all the evidence
presented by the State and by the said Dr. Royce Dale Riddle. After such
hearing, the Board went into executive session to consider the evidence
and after consideration and deliberation of all the evidence that had been
presented, the Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, on the
same day, Monday, January 21, 1963, all of the above members of the said
Board being present and participating, made the following findings and
orders to-wit:

FINDINGS:

1. The Board finds that all statutory requisites to its jurisdiction

have been met.
The Board is of the opinion that the charges contained in counts number 1, 2 & 3 are true and finds that the said DR. ROYCE DALE RIDDLE, Texas Veterinary Medical License Number 1247, 1962 Renewal Certificate No. 1158 is guilty of dishonest or illegal practices in/or connected with the practice of veterinary medicine in that he did purchase narcotic drugs without first having registered and obtaining a narcotics permit from the District Office of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics, and that during the period from December, 1961, to July 30, 1962, the said DR. ROYCE DALE RIDDLE did administer unto himself narcotic drug or drugs in such quantities and with such frequency so as to become addicted to the said drugs and that the said DR. ROYCE DALE RIDDLE did on or about August 8, 1962, falsely report the loss of narcotic drugs and narcotic records, all within the contemplations of Sections 14 and 15 of Article 7465a, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as charges in said complaint, which complaint is by reference incorporated herein and by such reference is made a part hereof as fully and completely as if here set forth verbatim.

The Board finds that the facts brought out at such hearing justify and require the following orders:

ORDERS

It is ACCORDINGLY, ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that Texas Veterinary Medical License No. 1247 and 1962 Renewal Certificate No. 1158 heretofore issued by the TEXAS STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS to DR. ROYCE DALE RIDDLE be and the same are HEREBY SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY (20) YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS ORDER, PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the execution of this order of SUSPENSION be and it is HEREBY STATED, and the said DR. ROYCE DALE RIDDLE is placed upon PROBATION for a period of twenty (20) years upon the following terms and conditions:

1. The said DR. ROYCE DALE RIDDLE will not engage in any dishonest or illegal practices in/or connected with the practice of veterinary medicine within the State nor violate any of the provisions of Article 7465a, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, or any of the Statutes of Texas or any additions or amendments thereto pertaining to veterinary medicine.

2. The said DR. ROYCE DALE RIDDLE will observe and abide by each of the Rules of Professional Conduct promulgated by the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners of the State of Texas for licensed veterinarians now in effect or placed in effect during said period of suspension or any part of said period.
3. The said DR. ROYCE DAK RIDDLE shall file with the Executive Secretary of the STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS at semi-annual intervals, an affidavit to the effect that he has fully and faithfully complied with the terms and conditions of probation herein imposed. Said affidavits shall be transmitted to the Board offices by Certified United States mail return receipt requested. Said affidavits shall be executed by DR. ROYCE DAK RIDDLE so as to be received in the Board offices on or before the 1st day of January and on or before the 1st day of July of each consecutive calendar year for the period of said probation, the first said affidavit to be received in the Board offices on or before the 1st day of July, 1963.

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that upon full compliance with the terms and conditions herein set forth, and upon expiration of the term of probation, the license of the said DR. ROYCE DAK RIDDLE and the annual renewal certificate then in effect shall be restored to its full privileges, free and clear of the terms of probation herein imposed; PROVIDED HOWEVER, that in the event the said DR. ROYCE DAK RIDDLE violates or fails to comply with any of the terms or conditions of this order during said period of probation, the Board, upon receipt of satisfactory evidence thereof, may forthwith terminate said probation, cancel and revoke said stay of execution and direct that the order of suspension herein made become effective immediately.

Entered this the 21st day of January, A.D., 1963.

[Signatures]

DR. JOHN W. MCCOLL, President
DR. EDWARD D. DWALLE, Vice President
DR. MAY A. PACIAH, Secretary
DR. HORACE T. HARRIS, Member
DR. VICTOR L. ROVEMANN, Member
DR. BILLIE C. ROBINSON, Member

1. ROYCE DAK RIDDLE, have read the foregoing Findings of Fact and Order of the TEXAS STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS and agree that the findings of fact are true and correct and agree to the entry of this order as it is above written.

ROYCE DAK RIDDLE
Signed this the 21st day of January, 1963.
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TRAVIS

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public in and for Travis County, Texas, on this day personally appeared JOE L. PERRY, who after being by me duly sworn upon oath deposes and says that:

The said JOE L. PERRY, being an employee of the Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, did in the course of his employment make certain investigations into the professional conduct of one DR. ROYCE DALE RIDDLE, Texas Veterinary Medical License No. 1247, 1962-1963 Renewal Certificate No. 1158, a practitioner of veterinary medicine in the State of Texas, and in the course of said investigation it has come to the attention of the said JOE L. PERRY that on or about the dates hereinafter specified that the said DR. ROYCE DALE RIDDLE did commit one or more of the following acts, and/or omissions, or a combination thereof or all of same said acts and/or omissions being in violation of Article 7465a of the Civil Statutes of Texas (V. A. T. S.) and within the contemplation of Section 14 and 15 of said statute, as follows, to wit:

1. That during the period of time from on or about December 1961 to July 30, 1962, at Wichita Falls, Wichita County, Texas, the said DR. ROYCE DALE RIDDLE did administer unto himself a narcotics drug known as Demerol in such quantities and with such frequency so as to become addicted to the said drug.

2. That on or about August 8, 1962, the said DR. ROYCE DALE RIDDLE reported a loss of narcotic drugs and narcotic records from his clinic located at 2704 Avenue U, Wichita Falls, Wichita County, Texas, to the Police Department of the City of Wichita Falls, when in fact said drugs and records had not actually been lost.

3. That during the month of July, 1962, the said DR. ROYCE DALE RIDDLE did purchase the narcotic drug known as Demerol without first having registered and obtaining a narcotics permit from the District Office of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics.

The above complaint, containing three (3) counts, is submitted to the Executive Secretary of the Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners this the 30th day of November, A.D., 1962.

[Signature]
JOE L. PERRY
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TRAVIS

Sworn and subscribed to before me by JOE L. PERRY, this the 20th
day of December, A.D. 1962, to certify which witness
my hand and seal of office.

[Signature]
Notary Public in and for
Travis County, Texas